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MAY 2ND, 1949

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of Consolidated Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Monday evening, May 2nd, 1949, at 8 o'clock P.M., with the President of the Board, Mr. Samuel F. Pierson, presiding.

Rev. N. P. Coleman pronounced the Invocation.

In answer to the Roll Call all were present except Mr. Horace Woodbury, John Gasher and Samuel Cook, the latter two arriving late.

The first action was on the Rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut, adapted for use by the Board of Representatives of Stamford. The Rules were distributed to the members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Clifford Waterbury, seconded by Mr. Scarella and carried, that a five minute recess be declared to allow members to read over the Rules.

Following the recess, the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Mr. Michael Wofsey, presented the report of his committee and moved the adoption of his report, which was seconded and carried. A copy of the rules is attached hereto.

The first order of business was the reception of Petitions.

The Clerk read Petition #1, being a request from Mr. Max Spelke, Chairman of Stamford's Exposition of Progress, Inc., to use Woodside Park for said Exposition from September 6 to September 19, 1949. After considerable discussion and explanation pertaining to type of Exposition, portion of Park to be used, Chamber of Commerce approval, public liability insurance, etc., it was moved by Mr. Cameron, and seconded by Mr. Nau that this Petition be committed to the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee. After further discussion, the previous question was moved by Mr. Daniel Miller, duly seconded and carried. The motion was then acted upon and IT WAS VOTED to commit Petition #1 to the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee.

Petition #2 was then read by the Clerk, the same pertaining to the request by Clifford West Henry Chapter No. 13, Disabled American Veterans, to hold an outdoor bazaar on grounds at the corner of Richmond Hill Avenue and West Main Street, on the week of June 20th to June 25th.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Clifford Waterbury, to grant permission for this bazaar. In answer to a suggestion by Mr. Adriance that this be referred to the proper committee, the Chair explained that this bazaar is to be held on private grounds. Thereupon the motion was put to a vote and carried.

Petition #3 was then read, the same requesting permission for the Stamford East Side Athletic Association, Inc. to run a bazaar at Mitchell Field Parking Lot on Magee Avenue from August 25th to September 3rd.

Upon motion made by Mr. ^{CANAVAN}~~Cameron~~, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and carried, IT WAS VOTED that permission be granted.

The Chair then called for the reading by the Clerk of Resolution #1, which Resolution reads as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by Stamford that the Mayor be empowered to sign agreements with the State Highway Department for the allotment of TOWN AID FUNDS and DIRT ROAD FUNDS for purposes approved by the State Highway Department.

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Mr. DeVita made a motion that this Resolution be referred to the Fiscal Matters Committee and the Legislation and Rules Committee, to look into the matter and report back at any next meeting regarding any allotment of funds, which motion was seconded.

A letter from the State Highway Department was read and after a very lengthy discussion and considerable explanation, the previous question was voted. Vote was then taken upon the motion made by Mr. DeVita and the same was defeated.

Mr. Wofsey moved that under Rule #6 concerning suspension, we declare this an emergency, and suspend the rules and stated that he was asking for a suspension of the rules only for the purpose of acting upon this vote. This motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 31 to 7.

The adoption of Resolution #1 was moved by Mr. Wofsey, seconded by Mr. Mulreed and carried.

The Clerk then read Resolution #2, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby approve the following resolution as passed by the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance approve an appropriation of \$20,000. for the purpose of carrying on the operation of the HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE up to July 1st, 1949.

The Chair then introduced Mr. Joseph K. Sherman, Secretary of the Hubbard Heights Golf Course Committee, and asked him to explain to the Board the purpose of this resolution. Mr. Sherman stated, in part, that money had been appropriated to buy the course, but not to operate it and that the income is being deposited in The Springdale Bank & Trust Company, but no part can be used to pay the payroll at the present time. He further stated that the Board of Finance appropriated enough to operate the course for the first ten days but for the past three weeks the men have gone unpaid until today when Mayor Barrett forwarded his own personal funds to pay these men. He said that in addition to necessary supplies and equipment the payroll is about \$3,000. per month, the estimated payroll for three months being \$9,000. An additional \$5,000. is required for additional equipment and that insurance for a five year term amounts to \$4,500.00. Mr. Harrington stressed the importance of requesting sufficient funds of the Budget Committee and inquired what the course will cost to operate for a full year, including next Spring, to which Mr. Sherman said it can be operated for \$25,000. Mrs. Seeley asked whether this is being accounted for under the Town of Stamford or City of Stamford budget, explaining that budgets should be kept separate from now to the 30th of June and Mr. Sherman said that this was something for the Controller's Office to take care of. Mr. Laureno asked where the insurance was placed and he was told that it was handled through the Mayor's office.

Under suspension of rules Mr. Scarella then moved that we approve Resolution #2 as presented by the Finance Board, which motion was seconded and carried.

The Clerk then read Resolution #3, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby approve the following resolution as passed by the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance approve a special appropriation of \$12,500. for Cash Relief (C-1, TW-1) for the WELFARE DEPARTMENT, up to July 1, 1949.

The Chair requested Mr. George Laturney, Welfare Director, to explain the request. Mr. Laturney stated that due to the increased unemployment load of the past month additional funds were required.

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Under Suspension of Rules, Mr. Wofsey moved the approval of Resolution #3, which motion was seconded and carried.

Resolution #4 was then read by the Clerk, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby approve the following resolution as passed by the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance approve the transfer of the sum of \$1,500. from "Canvass and Electors' Account" to Controller's Account, CP-3. "Record Books, Checks, Stationery, etc.".

Upon motion made by Mr. Clifford Waterbury, seconded by Mr. Stephen Kelly, IT WAS VOTED that this Resolution be referred to the Fiscal Matters Committee.

The Clerk read Resolution #5, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby approve the following resolution as passed by the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance approve an appropriation of \$4,500. for Election expenses.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey, seconded by several, IT WAS VOTED to submit this Resolution #5 to the Fiscal Matters Committee.

Resolution #6 was read by the Clerk, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby approve the following resolution as passed by the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED that an appropriation of \$4,500. for the purchase of a new bookkeeping machine be approved by the Board of Finance.

Upon motion duly made, and seconded by Clifford Waterbury, IT WAS VOTED that this Resolution #6 be referred to the Fiscal Committee.

Resolution #7 was then read by the Clerk, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to hold a session to examine the qualifications of electors and admit to the electors' oath those who shall be found qualified, upon the Third Thursday in every month beginning May, 1949 and monthly thereafter, between 3 o'clock P.M. and 8 o'clock P.M., until this authority is amended or rescinded by the Board of Representatives, of which notice will be given in the manner prescribed by law.

After considerable discussion & upon suspension of rules, Mr. Miller moved the adoption of Resolution #7, which motion was seconded by Mr. Corkran & carried.

Resolution #8 was read by the Clerk, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD that the following seal be adopted as the seal of Stamford, to wit: A shield divided into four quarters, the first quarter representing the coat of arms of Stamford, in Lincolnshire, England, the second quarter representing in peaceful profile the Indian and the Settler, the third quarter representing an old grist mill and fields of grain, and the fourth quarter representing two crossed keys, one of ancient design and the other of modern design, above

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the shield an ancient ship and below the shield in a scroll the words, "Stamford, Connecticut", and between the scroll and the shield the figures "1641".

Upon motion made by Mr. Canavan, seconded by Mr. John Cook, Resolution #8 was adopted.

The Clerk then read Resolution #9, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD that the present Town Meeting Funds be made available for the current expenses of the Board of Representatives incurred in administering the business of said Board, such as secretarial help, postage and supplies.

After some discussion and under suspension of rules, a motion was made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mrs. Seeley that Resolution #9 be adopted.

Resolution #10 was then presented by Mr. Kelly as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Board of Representatives of Stamford, Connecticut, that all preliminary work, such as surveying, estimating, laying out, and other such details incidental to the proposed Cove Sewer Project, be started as soon as possible to provide sanitary and storm sewers, sidewalks, curbing and garbage collection for Cove Road, from Seaside Avenue to Weed Avenue intersection, for Weed Avenue from Cove Road intersection to Boston Post Road; for Dora Street, entire length; Dean Street, entire length; Euclid Avenue, entire length; the section known as Cove cottages, entire length; and the section of Charles Street, not already provided with the above mentioned improvements; in order to completely eliminate a hazardous unsanitary condition which has existed in this area for well over a score of years.

Upon motion made by Mr. Scarella, and duly seconded, IT WAS VOTED to refer Resolution #10 to the Public Works Committee, to report back at the next meeting.

Resolution #11 was presented by Mr. George Connors, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the property and building, owned by Stamford at the corner of Lockwood Avenue and Lillian Street be fitted up and improved so that it may be used as a recreation center for the children of the taxpayers from the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Districts of Stamford, Connecticut. This property and building, in its present condition, is an eyesore to the neighborhood and would be an ideal location for a much needed recreation center. There are two new housing projects in the immediate vicinity and the need for immediate additional facilities for recreation is imperative.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cameron and seconded by several, it was voted to refer Resolution #11 to the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Patrick Hogan presented a petition requesting the Mayor of Stamford to include in his Budget a sum of money sufficient for a suitable celebration of Independence Day, July 4th.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hogan and seconded, IT WAS VOTED that this Petition #4 be submitted to the Mayor.

A letter from Mayor Barrett concerning his appointment of the following men to the BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY was read:

Michael Drotar - Nathan E. Martin - Paul Osterby

Upon motion made by Mr. Wofsey, duly seconded and carried IT WAS VOTED to place this communication on file.

A communication from Mayor Barrett announcing his nomination of Mr. George Wise as Corporation Counsel was read.

Upon motion of Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Scarella, IT WAS VOTED that this matter be referred to the Appointments Committee.

A letter was read from Mayor Barrett announcing his nomination of the following men for the Board of Taxation:

Dr. Frank J. Sproviero	5 years
William J. Kellow	4 years
John J. McNerney	3 years
Joseph G. Gleason	2 years
Prof. Frederick H. Dutcher	1 year

Upon motion made by Mr. Scarella, seconded by Mr. Clifford Waterbury, IT WAS VOTED to refer this matter to the Appointments Committee.

Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, reported that his committee had approved the name of Mr. Robert Almond as Commissioner of Finance but, in view of the fact that the Charter provides in Section 401 that the Mayor shall submit his nominations to the Board of Representatives at its next regular meeting, and inasmuch as the previous meeting was an organizational one, he feels there is a legal technicality involved.

Mr. Mulreed asked Mr. Miller if Mr. Almond intends to make this a full-time job and if he has indicated that he will serve until the next biennial election. Mr. Miller stated that he did not ask Mr. Almond whether it was his intention to continue in office until the next election.

Upon motion by Mr. Mulreed, seconded by several, IT WAS VOTED that the matter be recommitted to the Appointments Committee.

Mrs. Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Matters Committee, presented a report of her committee.

A request was made that the Chair instruct the Clerk to provide members of the Board with copies of the schedule of events as proposed in the report of the Fiscal Committee.

Mrs. Ransohoff made the following motion, seconded by Mrs. Seeley:

In accordance with Sec. 202.3 -- "When ordered by the Board such records shall be filed with the Town Clerk" inasmuch as the meetings are public, that a summary of the Minutes and specific action by the Board be automatically filed with the Town Clerk, unless otherwise specified.

An amendment to substitute was proposed by Mr. Cameron, and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, IT WAS VOTED:

A copy of the Minutes of every meeting shall be filed with the Town Clerk after the same have been approved by the Board, unless otherwise specified.

Upon motion made by Mr. Wofsey, seconded by several, and carried, the Minutes as submitted were approved.

Petition #5, of The Aviglianese Society, was read asking for a permit to hold a bazaar on the dates of June 3, 4 and 6th to 11th inclusive on the grounds on top of Richmond Hill Avenue, owned by Mr. Domenick Rosa. Upon motion made by Mr. Wofsey and duly seconded, IT WAS VOTED that permission be granted.

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Upon motion made by Mr. Wofsey, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, IT WAS VOTED that we have an additional regular meeting on May 16th, 1949

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same was adjourned at 10:10 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff, CLERK

Notes:

Resolutions referred to Fiscal Matters Committee given to Mrs. Seeley May 2nd, 1949.

Mayor's letter re nomination of Mr. Wise as Corporation Counsel and letter re Board of Taxation given to Mr. Miller May 2nd, 1949.

Resolution #10 re Cove Sewer Project mailed to Mr. Woodman May 3rd, 1949

Stamford Exposition of Progress Petition mailed to Mrs. Bromley May 3rd, and Resolution #11 re Recreation Center at Lockwood Avenue and Lillian Street mailed to Mrs. Bromley May 4th, 1949.
