

approval of the item for the Springdale Fire Department; seconded by several and carried.

In connection with the Budget for the City Health Department, the Chair stated that the Mayor made an additional request for an Assistant Health Officer for \$5,200.00, and one additional Sanitary Inspector, both of which requests the Board of Finance denied. William Adriance, 18th District, remarked that the Commissioner said he would need two nurses and one Inspector for the Town area. Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that "we approve the Health Department Budget, as approved by the Board of Finance, reserving the question of health services for the former Town area for our Supplemental Budget"; seconded by Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, and carried.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved the approval of the Board of Recreation Budget, in the amount of \$56,800.62, as approved by the Board of Finance, withholding approval of the \$25,000.00 appropriation for Seasonal Staffs. However, after a remark by Helen Bromley, 20th District, that Mr. Hunt, of the Board of Recreation, is apparently satisfied with the budget as approved by the Board of Finance, Mr. Wofsey restated his motion as follows: "Move the approval of the Board of Recreation Budget, in the amount of \$56,800.62, as approved by the Board of Finance," seconded by several, and carried.

At 1:00 A.M., June 22nd, 1949, Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, moved that we recess until 8:00 P.M. that night at Burdick Junior High School, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette S. Ransohoff
 Clerk.

* Although the Board of Finance certified the Budget in the amount of \$7,251,422.66, due to errors a second certification reads as follows:

"June 21, 1949

RESOLVED that the itemized estimate of expenditures of the Municipality of Stamford for the ensuing fiscal year, July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950 amounting to \$7,837,299.38 is hereby approved by the Board of Finance, and be it further resolved that said approved budget be forthwith transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives for its action thereon.

Respectfully submitted,
 Matthew H. Kenealy, Chairman
 Dr. James J. Costanzo
 Nicholas J. Gorman
 Charles T. McKean
 Walter F. Randall
 Ralph A. Shulman

BOARD OF FINANCE OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1949

The recessed meeting of the Board of Representatives of Stamford, was held at Burdick Junior High School, Stamford, Wednesday, June 22nd, 1949, and was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson, at 8:16 P.M.

Roll Call disclosed that the following eleven members were absent: Louise T. Seeley, Edward Wojciechowski, John Gacher, Patrick Scarella, Clifford Waterbury, Walter F. Seely, Catherine B. Cleary, Robert Shepherd, John M. Conavan, Sewell Corkran and Sherman R. Hoyt.

The Chair stated that he had telephoned Matthew Kenealy, Chairman of the Board of Finance, and suggested to him that as far as we have gone in the Budget we have found a number of items of unwarranted, severe reductions, and asked him if he would call a meeting of his Board to meet with a committee of our Board. Mr. Kenealy was sure that his Board would not change their figures and said that two of the six were away. James N. Mulreed, 4th District, said he felt it hardly fair for members of such an important committee to be absent and unable to perform their functions at such a time as this. Mr. Mulreed then stated that he understood there was a meeting of the Board of Finance Tuesday afternoon, and the Chair explained that four members of the Committee held that meeting to correct inadvertent errors, and it was explained by others of the Board that the two members of the Finance Board who are away are on business. John L. Cameron, 20th District, remarked that we have to accept the fact that we have to present a Supplemental Budget and get it submitted as soon as possible.

The matter of the Interest Supplemental Budget was then presented for consideration, and Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, called the attention of the Board to the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee in this regard, and moved that we reduce the item to \$5,000.00 from the \$9,000.00 approved by the Board of Finance, seconded by Michael Laurenno, and carried.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, moved that the Deficit Appropriation Budget item of zero, as approved by the Board of Finance, be passed, pending approval of our committee which is going to prepare the Supplemental Budget, seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and carried.

The Budget for the Welfare Department was discussed considerably, particularly the Cash Relief and Salary items, and Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Eugene T. Kaminski, 13th District. Michael Laurenno, 3rd District, said he called Mr. Lione, who is a member of the committee, and asked him how he felt about the cut of the cash relief item and was told that Unemployment Compensation only runs for thirteen weeks, and that the Committee is of the opinion that this \$100,000.00 item, approved by the Board of Finance, will have to be supplemented.

Babette S. Kanshoff, 15th District, stated that she felt the budgeting was not fair and that it was not honest budgeting as far as the taxpayer is concerned. She pointed out that \$128,000.00 will be needed for Cash Relief with the present load so the Department is sure to have to ask for additional funds. She referred also to the Salary Item, and said, "Although it looks as if it had been cut from the requested figure of about \$66,000.00 to \$58,000.00, because only \$56,000.00 had been expended in 1948-49, actually the Board of Finance has raised the item by \$2,600.00. She opposed the raise for the reason that we are not raising any other departments, and because the present personnel should be able to handle considerable increased load. Helen J. Bromley, Chairman of the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee, explained the salary item, stating that one worker was under a contract which automatically gives her a \$400.00 yearly increase until she reaches \$4,000.00 per year.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, offered an amendment to the motion, that we withhold our approval of the item of \$100,000.00 approved by the Board of Finance for Cash Relief. This amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion, and the motion, as amended, was carried.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Welfare Department C-3 Hospitals Budget, as approved by the Board of Finance, seconded by Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District. Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, asked where the General Hospitals are located, and Helen Bromley said that that item could mean the Stamford Hospital. The Mental Hospitals are all over the State, some are out of the State. The T.B. Sanatoria are the State ones. The item "Other

Institutions" refers mainly to Nursing Homes where the patients are placed who are not sick enough for hospitals and have no homes. Mr. DeVita then remarked that next year, when the Budget is prepared, he would like to see a breakdown of the general hospitals as to where the money is expended as well as the salary item. Jeanette L. Bell stated, in part, that she agreed with Mr. DeVita and would like to see a breakdown of the item "Other Institutions" as well, so we may know the figure on Nursing Homes, if possible. She stated, further, "I think the heads of these departments owe this Board the courtesy of coming to these meetings to answer questions."

Upon the call for the question, the motion was carried,

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Sunset Home Budget, in the amount of \$44,000.00, as approved by the Board of Finance, seconded by Helen J. Bromley, 20th District. James N. Mulreed, 4th District, remarked about the disallowance of the \$100.00 request for Sundry Charges, and said he felt the people who make up the Budget should clarify such items. George V. Connors, 10th District, suggested that we go on record asking for the next Budget to be broken down and the Chair suggested that "at the end of our approval of our Budget we ask for this.". Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said, in part, "I do not think we necessarily have to wait until next year to get the picture in our minds. When the new fiscal year is set up, and I think it ought to be furnished to the Clerk of this Board, this Budget is finally set up on the books so that when we get requests for further funds we will not have to go through this Budget again. We will then get the pattern of government." Mrs. Bromley emphasized that George Laturney, Director of the Welfare Department, has given her committee wonderful cooperation and that the figures are all broken down in the material furnished her committee.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, stated that he would like to have an Inventory of what our various Departments have on hand, no matter what it is, a rake, a pick, etc., and how many, because at the end of each administration there have been so many stolen, and that this suggestion should be at the end of the Budget, also.

Upon vote on the motion, the same was carried.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, moved that the Clerk send letters as soon as possible to the heads of all Departments, requesting that a copy of the detailed reports on their Budgets be submitted to the Fiscal Committee of this Board, so the five members of that committee can answer the questions of this Board, seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, offered the following amendment to the motion, which was accepted by Mr. Laureno, "that the Clerk write to the Mayor asking him to instruct his Department heads." The motion, as amended, was carried.

Regarding the Police Department Budget, the question was raised by George W. Lockwood, 14th District, as to whether or not the two Inspectors in the Parking Meter Department, and the one Investigator in the Corporation Counsel Department, are regular policemen. Chief John Brennan, being present, was asked by the Chairman to explain the situation. He said that they are three regular policemen and that these men should remain as regular policemen on the regular Police Budget. Previously they were paid by the Board of Finance and the Corporation Counsel, but that he would like them back on the regular payroll so they will not lose their rights.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, inquired of Chief Brennan if these men who were assigned as Inspectors of Meters, while performing their duties as Inspectors, also, at the same time, performed duties as patrolmen, and Chief Brennan said, "Yes."

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, remarked, "Is it the opinion of the Safety Board

and the Chief of Police that they must have those three policemen for regular duties on account of the growth of Stamford? If they agree, we approve as on Page 45 of the Budget, and we still have to leave those other men in the places where they are. I want to say this, that as far as the Inspectors are concerned, they may be special policemen if that is what you are going to be satisfied with. Remember that they are the only men in the center of Stamford. As far as the Investigator for the Corporation Counsel's Office is concerned, it is cheap to have a man at that price. This is the man to make it possible for us to stay within any kind of limits for 'Settlement of Claims Not Arising Out of Contract' in the Corporation Counsel Budget."

Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, remarked, concerning consolidated Police Departments, "this would give three more men right here for the overall coverage."

James W. Harrington, 9th District, expressed his agreement with Mr. Wofsey, stating he was in favor of regular policemen for these jobs, not special policemen, and that we should pay them well, and protect them.

Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, moved that the Police Department Budget be approved, including pages 43, 44 and 45 of the Budget, totaling \$450,853.01, as approved by the Board of Finance. The motion was seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District.

George W. Lockwood, 14th District, offered an amendment, which was accepted by Mr. DeVita, that we withhold approval of the item "Flashlights, Inhalator Supplies, Ammunition and Target Firearms", reduced to \$300.00 by the Board of Finance. The motion, as amended, was carried.

Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, reminded the Board that they had not considered the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee concerning the elimination of the item of \$200.00 for a Dog Warden, but after Chief Brennan's explanation of the item, no further action was taken.

With regard to the Stamford Police Department Precinct #2 Budget, Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, called the Board's attention to the fact that the request for "Special Officers - School Crossings" had been lowered by \$850.00, and said that we will certainly need a lot more protection with the new Dolan School. Paul Osterby, member of the Safety Board, spoke to this question, and said, in part, "it is absolutely necessary that we have special men. We have been using custodians on their off-time to act as officers and some of them do not want to do it. If that item is cut down some crossings will be unprotected. It seems like very foolish economy." Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, remarked that it was necessary to have a Special Officer at Courtland Avenue and Crescent Street. Chief Brennan stated that he would like to go on record as wanting to give Precinct #2 all the men they need.

In answer to a question about pay, Mr. Osterby said that the men in Precinct #2 get the same pay as the men in Precinct #1.

George W. Lockwood, 14th District, said that he would like to call to Mr. Osterby's attention the fact that the men in the City should be taken care of as well as the men in the Town concerning Fire Arms, etc., and Mr. Osterby said that there will be a uniform method.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Stamford Police Department Precinct #2 Budget, as approved by the Board of Finance, in the amount of \$102,053.52, excepting that approval be withheld on the items for "Special Officers for School Crossings", "Nine Additional Patrolmen" and "Uniforms and Equipment for 9 New Men", seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District, and carried.

A ten minute recess was declared and the meeting reconvened at 10:05 with the discussion of the Service Administration, Former City Budget. Ralph Nau, 19th District, stated that he did not see why the Deputy Commissioner could not be eliminated because there is a man of similar caliber in the Town Area, whereupon

the Chair read a letter from Mayor Barrett concerning the Public Works payroll. Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, remarked that the proper designation was "Assistant Commissioner" rather than "Deputy Commissioner". Again Mr. Nau raised the point that there is no need for an Assistant Commissioner, and James N. Mulreed, 4th District, concurred, asking why such a person cannot serve as Assistant for the whole area. Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated that she did not think we needed an Assistant Commissioner and a Supervisor of Highways, and that she feels we could have an assistant and have him perform the duties of the Supervisor of Highways. In answer to Mr. DeVita's question as to whether or not they have definite duties, Mr. Nau said that the Supervisor of Roads can do the Assistant's work. Mr. Harry Cumminger, Superintendent of Streets of the City, being present, his opinion was asked, and he stated that "we do need a Deputy".

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved that the entire Budget, in the amount of \$100,922.60 for Service Administration Former City, as approved by the Board of Finance, be approved by this Board, seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District. Ralph Nau, 19th District, offered an amendment "excepting the \$4,600.00 item for the Assistant Commissioner for the former City Area", seconded by William Adriance, 18th District. Mr. Harrington would not accept the amendment. Under remarks to the amendment, Leonard DeVita, 5th District, stated that "Mr. Cumminger is the only one here who appears to know anything about it, and he said that they need an Assistant. I therefore ask the members to vote against the amendment", whereupon the amendment was voted upon, and defeated by a vote of 14 to 11, 2 not voting.

The motion was then acted upon, and duly adopted.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Budget for Public Works (Former Town Area), as approved by the Board of Finance, in the amount of \$63,850.00, seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District. After several suggested amendments, Michael Mofsey, 1st District, offered a substitute motion, "that we pass, without approval, the entire section of the Budget for Public Works (Former Town Area)", seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and carried.

The Budget of the Service Department and Former Town Planning Department (Engineering) was discussed at length. Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, moved that inasmuch as the Engineering Department will be consolidated and they will not therefore need the \$116.00 item for telephone and \$450.00 for cleaning offices, these two items be deleted, seconded by James N. Mulreed, 4th District. Michael Laureno, 3rd District, asked if any member of the Board understood the appropriation "House Numbers", and Daniel Miller explained that it should be "House Numbering". George V. Lockwood, 14th District, inquired about the Transportation item and upon what basis it is paid, and Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated it was paid on a mileage basis. Upon the call for the question, the motion to delete the two items was defeated.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Budget for the Service Department and Former Town Planning Department (Engineering) in the amount of \$12,672.59, seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District,

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, offered an amendment, "excepting to withhold approval of the House Numbering item", seconded by Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District. Mr. Harrington would not accept the amendment and upon vote thereon, the amendment was defeated. The motion was then acted upon, and carried.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, moved the approval of the Budget, Service - Highways - General Maintenance, in the amount of \$167,171.61, as approved by the Board of Finance, withholding approval of the Wages item, the Asphalt, Road Oil, Tar, Cement, Stone, Gravel, Chloride, etc. item and the item for Sidewalk Material and Supplies, and that these items be placed in the Supplemental Budget; seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District, and carried.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved the approval of the Budget, (Town) Highway Department Public Works, in the amount of \$52,400.00, as approved by the Board of Finance, withholding approval of the item of "Wages of Workmen - Maintenance", and the item for Oiling Highways, Purchase of Sand, Oil, etc. Motion seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District, and carried.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Budget for Public Works, Service (Maintenance, Garage and Blacksmith Shop), in the amount of \$49,328.77, as approved by the Board of Finance; seconded by Daniel Miller 16th District.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, offered an amendment to the motion to withhold approval of the reduction of the item, "Maintenance, Supplies and Repairs", which amendment was accepted by James W. Harrington, and the motion, as amended, was carried.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Budget, Public Works, Service - Bureau of Buildings, in the amount of \$21,085.00, as approved by the Board of Finance, seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District.

Michael Lauren, 3rd District, offered an amendment to the motion, "that the Deputy Building Inspector be deleted", which amendment was seconded by Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, but not accepted by the maker of the motion, Mr. Harrington stating that this Assistant Building Inspector is needed, and Michael Wofsey, 1st District, agreeing with him. Several spoke in favor of the amendment, and upon vote thereon, the same was adopted. Thereupon, the motion, as amended, was adopted.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved the approval of the Budget, Public Works, Bureau of Parks, in the amount of \$70,608.68, as approved by the Board of Finance, withholding our approval of the omission of the item "Liability Insurance" under "Operating of Bathing Beaches", pending a check of the same; seconded By George W. Lockwood, 14th District, and carried.

Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, explained Mayor Barrett's attitude with regard to the Budget, Public Works, Tree Warden, and introduced two motions, which were not seconded, following which James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the approval of the Budget, in the amount of \$27,000.00, as approved by the Board of Finance; seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District, and carried.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, spoke against the deletion by the Board of Finance of the appropriation for Re-appraisal of the Grand List, the requested amount being \$65,000.00, and said this Board should insist that it be inserted in the Budget as speedily as possible. He explained that it is required to be done every ten years, and that the last time it was done was in 1933. He went on to say that the State has called this to our attention from time to time and that they have the technical right to come in and do the work and impose the cost on the municipality. He thereupon moved, "that we place this on the agenda for the Steering Committee, and express specifically our disapproval of the deletion of this item by the Board of Finance". This motion was seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and carried.

Under Requested Capital Expenditures 1949-1950, Parking Meters, Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, read from the report of the Fiscal Committee that portion concerning Parking Meters, and the committee's recommendation that the sum of \$7,250.93 be taken out of the Capital Budget. He thereupon moved the disapproval of this request, seconded by James N. Mulreed, 4th District, and carried.

Following this vote, there was still discussion on the subject, Leon C. Staples, 7th District, stating that a Budget should reflect an accounting system, and that "somebody has got to authorize the purchase of these machines and the cheapest way to do it is to authorize this money and put the money you receive in

the General Fund and there you have a debit and credit". John E. Charleson, 6th District, inquired who would have the authority to purchase parking meters if we do not approve of this appropriation, and Hunt Sutherland stated that it was self-amortizing.

Leon C. Staples, 7th District, moved that the question of expenditure for Parking Meters be recommitted to this Board for further consideration, seconded by Helen J. Bromley, 20th District. The vote thereon being 13 to 13, the Chair announced his vote as being in favor of recommitting, the motion to recommit thereby carrying.

After further discussion, Daniel Miller, 16th District, moved the disapproval of the first two items under "Parking Meters", being the \$1,586.15 item and the \$1,664.78 item, and the approval of the third item for the purchase and installation of the 40 Parking Meters, which was seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and carried.

With regard to the item, "Register of Deeds and Mortgages", a request for \$9,615.00 for microfilming 641 record books, Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that we withhold our approval of the action of the Board of Finance in disapproving this request, seconded by Helen Peatt, 16th District, and carried.

Concerning the item, "Printed Index to Land Records", a request for \$7,000.00 for Series 6, covering years 1941 to 1949, Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that we withhold approval of the action of the Board of Finance in disallowing this request, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and carried.

Regarding the request for the Hubbard Heights Golf Club, in the amount of \$10,470.00, it was moved by George V. Connors, 10th District, that we withhold approval on the denial of the requested amount by the Board of Finance, seconded by Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, and carried.

John W. Cook, 15th District, moved approval of the amount appropriated for the Stamford Fire Department by the Board of Finance, excepting that we withhold approval of the denial by the Board of Finance of the item; "New 65 ft. Junior Aerial Truck", seconded by Ralph Nau, 12th District, and carried.

George W. Lockwood, 14th District, in regard to the request for the Police Department (City), said, in part, "I happen to be familiar with the cars and with the equipment. If they need new cars they need new equipment. Some of those cars have gone almost 200,000 miles, many of the tires are almost worn out, and they need radio equipment for their cars". He thereupon moved to withhold approval of the action of the Board of Finance on the first five items requested, seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District. Upon vote, the motion was defeated.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, moved that we withhold approval on the denial by the Board of Finance of the last item requested for "Remodel Police Headquarters and Garage" in the amount of \$15,000.00, seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and carried.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, moved to withhold approval of the denial by the Board of Finance of the first three items of the Sunset Home request, seconded by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, and carried.

Ebette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, moved to withhold approval of the denial by the Board of Finance of the request for two automobiles for the Health Department, seconded by Michael Wofsey, and carried.

Concerning the request for Service Administration, James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved approval of the items granted by the Board of Finance, and that approval be withheld of the items denied by them, seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District, and carried.

Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, moved that approval be withheld on the matter of the denial by the Board of Finance of the request for Highway Department (Town) for a Snogo Snow Loader in the amount of \$12,000.00, seconded by Helen J. Peatt, 16th District. The motion was defeated.

Concerning the matter of the Tom's Road Highway, Daniel Miller, 16th District, explained that this matter was approved by the Planning Commission at a meeting held July 28, 1942, and on that basis, moved that the action of the Board of Finance, in granting \$90,000.00, be approved by this Board, seconded by Michael Wofsey. After considerable discussion in which it was brought out that the land had already been condemned; that there were no sidewalks there and many curves in the road, as well as a high bank which obstructed good vision; that it was a very heavily used road, being the only connecting road from Belltown to Springdale and a vitally necessary improvement; and that the sidewalks with the curbs would be built first so that the children would be taken care of almost immediately, the motion was put to a vote and carried.

Concerning the request for Garbage Collection, it was moved that we strike out the word "Mack" where it appears in this Request, seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District, and carried.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved approval of the request for Sewage Treat and Garbage Incineration as approved by the Board of Finance, excepting that approval be withheld of the last item for Roads Sewage Treatment Plant and City Yard Rebuilding and Resurfacing, which was denied by the Board of Finance; seconded by Helen Peatt, 16th District, and carried.

John W. Cook, 15th District, moved approval of the action of the Board of Finance concerning the request for Service - Parks, excepting to withhold approval of the denial of the Board of Finance of the request for 1 new 12 Ton Dump Truck, seconded by Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, and carried.

Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, explained to the Board that Mr. Hunt of the Board of Recreation, is disturbed about the denial by the Board of Finance for request for a Suburban Automobile, because he is using his own car in connection with his work, and she thereupon moved that we approve the action of the Board of Finance concerning the appropriation for the Board of Recreation, withholding approval of the denial of the Suburban Automobile item, seconded by Helen Peatt, 16th District, and carried.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that the President and the Clerk be authorized to compute the figures and transmit them to the Board of Finance as the official action of this Board; seconded by Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, and carried.

Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District, moved that "we express to the President of this Board our sincere appreciation of his patience during these last three nights", seconded by several and carried.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 A.M., June 23rd, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff,
Clerk.