

OCTOBER 3, 1949

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Monday, October 3, 1949. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson at 8:22 PM EST.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, immediately rose and stated that under the present arrangements it was impossible to proceed with the meeting. THE MOTION WAS MADE that the meeting be adjourned until adequate facilities were provided for the meeting of this board.

Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District seconded the motion.

Sherman R. Hoyt, 19th District, stated that this meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting and an adjournment would call everybody here out again, including members of the public present.

Sewell H. Corkran, 18th District, seconded Mr. Hoyt's remarks.

Mr. Mulreed remarked that we have been kicked around long enough that it was a scheduled meeting, prior notice had been properly given and we have the right to expect to be set up in the way that we can properly operate.

The President called for a rising vote. The motion was LOST, 12 for 19 against.

Mr. Pierson, President, declared a 10 minute recess to see if we could get a more suitable set-up. The meeting was called to order again at 8:39 by the President. The Reverend Thorpe Bauer of the Glenbrook Union Memorial Church pronounced the invocation.

Roll call was taken, 35 present, 5 absent, attendance sheet attached.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, spoke of some habitual absentees in this body and suggested that if any one knows of a legal excuse for a member being absent, that it be stated.

Reginald Neuwien, superintendent of schools, offered the library of the school for this meeting. He stated it would seat 65 people.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, made a MOTION that we remain in the auditorium for this meeting. This motion was seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District and PASSED.

The President presented the minutes of the September 12 meeting for acceptance. On page 69 the minutes were corrected to read Lawn Avenue and not Hamilton Avenue in the third from the last paragraph. That the paragraphs on page 70 following resolution #24 by Mrs. Seeley and Helen J. Peatt be reversed.

On page 71 Mr. Mulreed requested that an addition to the minutes be added after the last paragraph on page 71 as follows: Mr. Mulreed then stated that he felt that the five assistants being requested for the Personnel Director were a lot more than needed; that present employees have been with the City a long time, that the City would not have the turnover that is found in an industrial plant, and that if he voted for this appropriation, it would be for setting up the new system in its first year and not as a precedent for next year's budget in this department."

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, stated he thought Patrick Hogan, 10th District

should be given more credit for the handling of the petition from the Oak Park Project.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that the minutes of the September 12 meeting be accepted with corrections and additions. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Mr. Pierson announced that two messengers were provided by Mrs. Paul Moser of The Social Studies Department at High School and if one board member wishes to send a note to another, these will be delivered at each meeting by the messengers.

The following petitions were read:-

PETITION NO. 40 "We have completed the construction of thirty-three homes, all of which are sold and occupied in our development of River Bend on Cold Spring Road. Severance Drive has been graded, rolled, oiled and sanded according to your City Road Specifications and we respectfully request that the City of Stamford now accept same as public highway."

PETITION NO. 41 "The undersigned, being property owners on John's Road, situated in the City of Stamford, respectfully petition your Board to accept said John's Road as a Street". (There were 11 signatures).

PETITION NO. 42 "About two months ago I handed in a petition signed by all the property owners of Van Buren Circle concerning the finishing of the road of Van Buren Circle. When I came to City hall of Stamford last Friday, September 9, to inquire about the decision, I was informed that the petition was handed over to you, the President of the Board of Representatives, for a final decision. I trust that the City will cooperate with us and hope that we will have good news within the very near future."

Samuel F. Pierson stated the Steering Committee discussed these and that they should be turned over to the Planning Board. Mr. Wofsey, 1st District, suggested that John's Road be renamed so as not to become confused with John Street.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, made a MOTION that the board recommend that the name of the street be changed to some other name than John's Road. It was seconded and PASSED.

PETITION NO. 43 A letter was read from Gustavus A. Ahrens who desired permission to erect a small building to sell cigarettes, candy, papers, etc., at the Bus Station for which privilege he would pay rent to the City for this.

Mr. Pierson stated that such a concession would have to be put out to bids. Mr. Ahrens was given to understand this and still wishes to have a chance to operate such a stand. The Steering Committee felt that this should be referred to the Planning Board and Planning and Zoning Committee.

Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District, MOVED that the matter be turned over to the Planning Board and our Planning and Zoning Committee. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Mr. Harrington stated that application after application for this sort of thing had been turned down by the old City Council and would like to amend the motion that we decline this application at this time.

Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, stated he thought no individual should have the concession on a 25% basis.

Jeanette L. Bell, 17th District, wanted to know where the people were going to stand if such a place were build and believed it should be turned over to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, MOVED that the application be denied.

Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, seconded the motion.

James N. Mulreed 4th District, questioned the propriety of the motion. He thought if anything there should be a motion to reconsider the original motion having already taken action on the previous motion.

Mr. Pierson stated they stood corrected, and asked if the board wished to move to reconsider the previous motion.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, replied "aye" but received no aid from other members and Mr. Pierson stated that therefore the original motion stands.

Mr. Harrington said he had gone through this in the old Council time and time again and that there wasn't enough room in the place and that this is just another political football.

Mrs. Bell, 17th District, requested that the Committee report back their findings to the Board of Representatives.

PETITION NO. 44 A letter from John Polirack concerning a lease between him and the City of Stamford. Mr. Pierson recommended turning the letter over to the Mayor and to the Corporation Counsel requesting that they give us full information on all details for that property, the status of the property and a copy of the proposed lease, so that the Steering Committee may see same.

PETITION NO. 45 A request from the 192nd Field Artillery Battalion Connecticut National Guard for a request for use of Woodside Park for Artillery Demonstration on Sunday morning, October 9, 1949.

Samuel F. Pierson stated this item was not on the Agenda as he did not have the formal request at the time of the Steering Committee's meeting but that the committee felt it was proper to act upon it at this time because they knew of it although they did not have the formal request.

Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, MOVED the petition be granted and this was seconded and PASSED.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that Saturday afternoon the members of the Public Works Committee with Chairman Stearns Woodman visited Woodside Park and examined that part which the Army wished to use.

Eugene T. Kaminiski, 13th District, stated that there were only weeds and no grass in the part of the park where the Army wished to set up their guns, and that he felt no damage could be done, since they are only going to put the guns up for demonstration purposes for recruiting and will put them on gravel and not fire them.

PETITION NO. 46 The United States Conference of Mayor stated "Mayor Barrett has advised me that it may be possible for us to receive regularly a transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Representatives. Will you please advise whether or not this will be possible."

Mr. Pierson explained that "The Municipal News" which the members of the Board received from the above body contains pertinent information that is very informative to bodies like ours. The Sterring Committee, he stated, felt it would be in order to grant this request.

Leon C. Staples, 7th District, MOVED and it was seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District, that this request be granted, and it was PASSED.

The President read a communication from Mayor Barrett concerning the recommendation of the Board of Representatives for the resignation of the Board of Tax Relief.

Mr. Pierson then read a communication from Mayor Barrett concerning the ~~amended lease now in force~~ between the City of Stamford and the United States of America. Mr. Pierson stated this was read as a matter of information and ~~did not~~ require any action.

Mr. Pierson then read a letter from Mr. Almond, Commissioner of Finance concerning the ~~Bond Issue for Walter Dolan Junior High School and the Improvement Bonds~~, in which he stated that although these amounts were approved in the current budget, no formal action was taken to authorize the issuance of the bonds. He stated we had since received from the lawyers the necessary papers and a suggested resolution for each of the two bond issues.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked if this was a form which has been examined by the Corporation Counsel.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated that since Mr. Wise was on vacation, the Commissioner of Finance asked him to look at the correspondence forms from the attorneys for the bank. He did that and spoke on the telephone with the attorneys. They, he stated, forwarded to us the form of resolution which they require on this bond issue. There is one for \$202,000 relating to the acquisition of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club, the Springdale Playground and Stark School Playground. And one for \$219,000 for the equipment for the Walter R. Dolan School. The form of resolution is presented and I believe that we are required to read these to the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 31 was read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. under and pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of Stamford and any other general or special law thereto enabling, there be and hereby is authorized in the name of and upon the faith and credit of Stamford the issue of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$202,000. Each bond of said issue shall be denominated "1949 Public Improvement Bond", be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Commissioner of Finance, be dated November 1, 1949, be in the denomination of \$1,000 and be payable as to principal and interest at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts. Twenty-one of said bonds shall be due and payable on the first day of November in each of the years 1950, and 1951 and twenty of said bonds shall be due and payable on the first day of November in each of the years 1952 and 1959, inclusive. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 2% per annum, payable semi-annually.
2. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby directed and empowered to have said bonds prepared, to keep a record of the same, and to deliver the same when sold pursuant to this resolution to the party or parties entitled thereto

and upon payment thereof, to provide for the sale of said bonds at public sale by sealed bid to the highest bidder or bidders, namely, the bidder or bidders offering to purchase said bonds at the lowest net interest cost provided, however, that no bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued interest. The Commissioner of Finance is authorized and empowered to advertise for such bids in such financial journals or newspapers or otherwise and in such form as he shall determine but any such advertisement shall announce that all bids for less than par and accrued interest will be rejected and that the right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Failing to receive an acceptable bid or bids for the said bonds, the said Commissioner of Finance is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to negotiate for and on behalf of Stamford for a sale of said bonds as herein provided at private sale for a sum not less than par and accrued interest.

3. The funds realized from the sale of said bonds, except as hereinafter provided, or any part thereof shall be used to pay for public improvements or other municipal works of a permanent character and paying for and improving land taken for the purposes of such improvements or municipal works, to wit, the Hubbard Heights Golf Course at a cost of \$167,000, the improvement of the playground area at Stark School at a cost of \$15,000 and the improvement and establishment of a playground area at the Springdale School, at a cost of \$20,000, each of said public improvements or other municipal works constituting a capital project as requested by the Mayor in his capital budget as approved and adopted. Any premium received from the sale of said bonds less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them shall be applied to the payment of principal of the first such bonds to mature.
4. Said bonds shall be certified as required by Section 806 to the General Statutes of Connecticut (Revision of 1949) by The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and the form of said bonds and of the coupons annexed thereto shall be substantially as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STAMFORD  
1949 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BOND

No. STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, a municipal corporation duly established by law, for value received, promises to pay the bearer of this bond, but only on presentation and surrender hereof, on November 1, 19...<sup>\$1,000</sup>, the principal sum of  
ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
and pay interest thereon from the date of this bond until it shall mature at the rate of .... per cent. ( %) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of November and May in each year, but only upon presentation and surrender of the annexed interest coupons as they severally mature. Principal and interest are payable at The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts.

This bond is one of a series of two hundred two (202) bonds of like tenor, except as to maturities, numbered 1 to 202, inclusive, in the aggregate principal amount of two hundred two thousand (202,000) dollars. Twenty-one of these bonds aggregating \$21,000 in principal amount, will mature on November 1 in each of the years 1950 and 1951 and twenty of these bonds, aggregating \$20,000 in principal amount, will mature on November 1 in each of the years 1952 to 1959, inclusive.

These bonds are issued under the authority of and in compliance with the charter of said Stamford, and any general or special law of the State of Con-



eticut thereto enabling and resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance of said Stamford. These bonds are issued for the purpose of paying for public improvements or other municipal works of a permanent character and paying for and improving land taken for the purposes of such improvements or public works, duly authorized, to wit, the Hubbard Heights Golf Course, improvement and establishment of a playground area at the Springdale School and improvement of the playground area at the Stark School, all in said Stamford.

All acts, formalities and conditions essential to the validity hereof have been performed and complied with but neither this bond nor any of the interest coupons annexed hereto shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the authenticating certificate of said The First National Bank of Boston shall have been endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Stamford has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and this bond to be signed in its name and behalf by its Mayor and countersigned by its Commissioner of Finance and the coupons hereto annexed to be authenticated by the facsimile signature of its Commissioner of Finance on this first day of November, 1949.

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Countersigned:

By \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Finance

(COUPON)

On the first day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19.., Stamford, Connecticut, will pay the bearer ( ) Dollars on presentation and surrender of this coupon at the office of The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, being six months' interest then due on its 1949 Public Improvement Bond, dated November 1, 1949. NO....

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Commissioner of Finance

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that this resolution be accepted. It was seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District.

David Waterbury, 8th District, asked if it was necessary to go all the way to Boston for these bonds stating he thought we had several banks in Stamford and New York who would handle them.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, stated that we could get better rates in Boston as the First National Bank of Boston does a large business in this kind of bond and has a large clientele who buy municipal bonds. We have done our borrowing in Boston because we get quicker service in Boston because the First National Bank in Boston is familiar with our account. It is a matter of convenience.

Mr. Waterbury asked why it has taken until now for the First National Bank of Boston to send these forms if they had been notified when the issues were requested months ago.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated it was his understanding that this information was just conveyed to The Commissioner of Finance. We should understand that the Stamford lending institutions may bid on this issue. It must be sold at public auction and any local institution may bid. The First National Bank of Boston and its counsel have in their files all of the statutes of the State of Connecticut and know what sections relate to Stamford and can give quicker action; probably other loan firms do not have these at hand. The New York firms apparently find them too small to make it worth their while.

Helen J. Bromley, 20th District, asked if this was to be borrowed at 2%.

Mr. Wofsey stated that it would be less, if possible, ~~but not more than 2%~~

Mr. David Waterbury, asked how much we have to pay for certification and if they would still have to charge us for certification.

Michael Wofsey said it was done by the Counsel for the Bank and a fund for that purpose was appropriated. \$15,000 was originally requested and cut to \$7,500 and it is expected the proceeds would carry their own cost of certification.

James A. Mulreed, 4th District, stated he was in favor of approval of the Bond issues but he would do so with the hope that in the future, when this body approves a capital expenditure and when this body authorizes a bond issue, that only the funds for that bond issue be used for the cost of the capital project. Most of the items covered by this bond issue has to do with something which was handled by the previous administration. We had nothing to do with the Hubbard Heights and nothing to do with the Springdale Playground before we came into existence. He wished to correct the statement that we had failed to approve of these bonds. He never approved of the bonds because the appropriation was made before we came into existence.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion was PASSED and the resolution adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 32 was read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. ~~under and~~ pursuant to the provisions of the charter of Stamford and any other general or special law thereto enabling, there be and hereby is authorized in the name of and upon the faith and credit of Stamford the issue of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$219,000. ~~Each bond of said issue shall be denominated "Walter R. Dolan Junior High School Equipment Bond", be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Commissioner of Finance, be dated November 1, 1949, be in the denomination of \$1,000 and be payable as to principal and interest at The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts. Twenty-two of said bonds shall be due and payable on the first day of November in each of the years 1950 to 1958, inclusive, and twenty-one of said bonds shall be due and payable on the first day of November in the year 1959. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 2% per annum, payable semi-annually.~~
2. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby directed and empowered to have said bonds prepared, to keep a record of the same and to deliver the same when sold pursuant to this resolution to the party or parties entitled thereto and upon payment therefor, to provide for the sale of said bonds at public sale by sealed bid to the highest bidder or bidders, namely, the bidder or bidders offering to purchase said bonds at the lowest net interest cost provided, however, that no bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued

interest. The Commissioner of Finance is authorized and empowered to advertise for such bids in such financial journals or newspapers or otherwise and in such form as he shall determine but any such advertisement shall announce that all bids for less than par and accrued interest will be rejected and that the right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Failing to receive an acceptable bid or bids for the said bonds, the said Commissioner of Finance is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to negotiate for and on behalf of Stamford for a sale of said bonds as herein provided at private sale for a sum not less than par and accrued interest.

3. The funds realized from the sale of said bonds, except as hereinafter provided, or any part thereof shall be used to finance public improvements consisting of the purchase of equipment for the new Walter R. Dolan, Junior High School (formerly known as the Tom's Road Junior High School) at a cost of \$219,000, said public improvement constituting a capital project as requested by the Mayor in his capital budget for the current fiscal year and as contained in said budget as approved and adopted. Any premium received from the sale of said bonds, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, shall be applied to the payment of principal of the first of such bonds to mature.
4. Said bonds shall be certified as required by section 806 of the General Statutes of Connecticut (Revision of 1949) by The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and the form of said bonds and of the coupons attached thereto shall be substantially as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STAMFORD

No. \$1,000  
WALTER R. DOLAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIPMENT BOND.

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, a municipal corporation duly established by law, for value received, promises to pay the bearer of this bond, but only on presentation and surrender hereof, on November 1, 19.., the principal sum of

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

and pay interest thereon from the date of this bond until it shall mature at the rate of        per cent. (    %) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of November and May in each year, but only upon presentation and surrender of the annexed interest coupons as they severally mature. Principal and interest are payable at The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts.

This bond is one of a series of two hundred nineteen (219) bonds of like tenor, except as to maturities, numbered 1 to 219 inclusive, in the aggregate principal amount of two hundred nineteen thousand (219,000) dollars. Twenty-two of these bonds, aggregating \$22,000 in principal amount, will mature on November 1 in each of the years 1950 to 1958, inclusive, and twenty-one of these bonds, aggregating \$21,000 in principal amount, will mature on November 1, in the year 1959.

These bonds are issued under the authority of and in compliance with the charter of said Stamford, and any general or special law of the State of Connecticut thereto enabling and resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance of said Stamford. These bonds are issued for the purpose of financing the cost of public improvements duly authorized, to wit, the acquisition of equipment for the Walter R. Dolan Junior High School in said Stamford.

All acts, formalities and conditions essential to the validity hereof have been performed and complied with but neither this bond nor any of the interest



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countersigned by its Commissioner of Finance and the coupons hereto annexed to be authenticated by the facsimile signature of its Commissioner of Finance on this first day of November 1949.

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Countersigned:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Finance

(COUPON)

On the first day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19.., Stamford, Connecticut, will pay the bearer ( ) Dollars on presentation and surrender of this coupon at the office of the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, being six months' interest then due on its Walter R. Dolan Junior High School Equipment Bond, dated November 1, 1949. No....

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Commissioner of Finance

Michael Wofsey MOVED and it was seconded by James W. Harrington that this resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion was PASSED and the resolution adopted unanimously.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, referred to section 204 and asked if all the things required have been done such as it being published as is mentioned necessary in ordinances and resolutions.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated the attorneys had sent us a long list of requirements and all of these will be taken care of by the proper authorities such as the Commissioner of Finance, etc.

At the suggestion of Catherine Cleary, 8th District, Michael Wofsey, 1st District MOVED and it was seconded by James W. Harrington 9th District, that a temporary clerk be appointed.

Daniel Miller, 16th District and Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District were nominated. A standing vote was taken and Mr. Miller was elected 20 members for, 15 against.

RESOLUTION NO. 33 was read.

BE IT RESOLVED that the expenditure of \$12,207 for the Planning Board be approved, for the balance of the fiscal year.

Mr. Pierson stated that we did not include this in the last meeting as we voted not to suspend the rules so as to include it. At that meeting Mr. Holahan spoke very briefly under new business, of the Planning Commission and Mr. Pierson requested that he be asked to address us again, as Secretary of the Planning Board.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District MOVED Mr. Holahan be invited to address us and it was seconded by Michael E. Laurenco, 3rd District and PASSED.

Mr. Holahan: "I do not propose to spend too much time because I think many of the arguments for the Planning Board have been made in eloquence by the Mayor and in the public print and by many of you from the floor. However, I would like to give you a little background on the situation in which the Planning Board found itself when it was appointed last June. As you recall during the heat of early June the request for the Planning Board which was for \$4,570 was put through and reduced to \$1,050 and this is the budget under which we operate up to this minute. At one of our meetings we discussed at length what we should do. Under the Charter the Board's responsibilities are indeed very heavy. In fact to us laymen they were almost frightening but, as a Planning Board we must look to experts and to what the public wants and to you who are also planners. We plan with you, without you we wouldn't plan at all. Without directors and competent assistants we would not plan. We endeavored to investigate what a Planning Board in a city this size should be. We did not guess at it. We thought we should find out from experts. I was delegated. I consulted the Regional Planning Association of which we are a member and found some very revealing material and some which was comparable to a city the size of Stamford. They say, after years of experience, that we should take  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  of the consolidated budget of Stamford and that would be adequate for a city of this size.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  would come to \$19,000 for Stamford. We went further and asked for the budget of a city close to our size and found they had a detailed budget for the city of Norwalk, which has a city Planning Commission in its second year. It is headed by a professional planner and they have a budget of about \$14,000. With that basic information we went to work on what we thought the budget should be for our own city and a program of our budget calls for \$16,100.

Mr. Holahan then read the budget, and commented on each item. He explained that the \$500 for outside consultants, covers such things as traffic surveys, done in certain areas to determine whether the plan should include certain improvements and public works and certain roads; consultation that could only be given by experts.

On the rent item, he stated we do not have any quarters at the moment but assume that a room large enough for the board with files and records when it convenes in executive session and room for visitors will have to be provided.

Advertising is for the cost of inserting our notices in the press to cover the public hearings, etc.

Travel \$100 for the director and chairman for meetings in Connecticut and perhaps a national convention.

Fifty Dollars to the Connecticut Association of Planning and Zoning Agencies and National Planning Association.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated "\$8,000 for a director and assistant? I believe that you want a technically trained man for that job? Certainly you have not asked for too great a sum of money."

Mr. Holahan stated that the director would receive \$7,500 and the assistant \$500 which would be part time help.

Mr. Mulreed said he did not think \$7,500 is too much. "You mention office space where the maps will be kept. Where do you want to have this office? The people of Stamford have to run all over town to secure information."

Mr. Holahan answered that the Mayor has promised room 12 and as soon as the money is there they can operate in their own quarters. It is a large room with adequate wall space for the maps they need and plenty of room to hold sessions.

Jeanette Bell, 17th District, asked if room 12 in the Town Hall was to be used why was an appropriation for rent necessary?

Mr. Holahan said with free rent the appropriation would not be needed.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, stated you will not get a top man even for \$7,500. He asked if the board considered using just a secretary with top counsel from a firm rather than a single man.

Mr. Holahan said that the Planning Association salary schedules showed the salaries from \$5,200 to \$12,000. A \$12,000 director was in a very large metropolitan area and not in too many of them. In reply to Mr. Cameron's question of how much the Chairman in New York City received Mr. Holahan said "\$10,000 and members of the commission are paid \$8,000. He does not spend all his time at it."

Mr. Cameron asked if we could take a top man half time.

Mr. Holahan: "We need a full time director and need him badly. We could make a mistake in doing a half way job and try and get somebody for less or part time. You get exactly what you pay for. At \$7,500 you can get a good man."

"My own impression of the agencies that come in and do a survey, and many have applied to us for work, is that they are going to cost more in the long run and you don't know what you are getting and you don't have someone dealing closely with the people. It should be done on a personal basis. He should know the community in the first place and know the character of the community and the people and all the requirements. They are the back bone of the city. He must find out what the people want. An outside agency could come in but we need a man who is sympathetic and with a sympathetic approach."

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District asked Mr. Holahan if he had investigated that a good planner could be had for \$7,500.

Mr. Holahan stated he had.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, asked what qualifications he had to have.

Mr. Holahan stated he should be a graduate of Fine Arts and should be, if possible an engineer, but the first would be preferable. He should have had experience in city planning, and for \$7,500 you do not have to have a beginner on the job.

Jeanette Bell, 17th District, asked if any of the work could be done by the City Engineer's Office.

Mr. Holahan: "The City Engineer's office has been very helpful on any occasions when we needed them, and we would have been lost without them. It has been a courtesy which they have extended to us."

Mr. Corkran, 18th District asked Mr. Holahan if he knew of one or more good men that are available now for this particular job.

Mr. Holahan stated they have eight applications on file and some are very good men.

Mr. Wofsey stated that the question of the use of consultants is what we had before in the Swan Report. You end up with a blue print and nobody to carry it out.

Mr. Holahan agreed that The Swan Report which cost quite a bit of money did not have the sentiment of the public behind it. "Many of the things we thought should be done were not done. Very few of the long range plans have been put through. With modern plans we would not make that mistake. We had a report in a vacuum. The report now is dated in many respects."

Mrs. Bell: "If this had come up at the last meeting I would have been in favor of long range planning. But, since the tax bills arrived in Springdale my phone has been ringing constantly and I must vote against it as I was elected to represent the people in my district. This would be toward high taxes."

Upon motion made by James N. Mulreed, and seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, IT WAS VOTED by a rising vote, 34 for, 1 opposed, that RESOLUTION NO. 33 BE ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 34 was read, pertaining to the recommendation from the Board of Finance for the revising, codifying and indexing the ordinances of the former Town of Stamford and the former City of Stamford and the indexing of the new charter.

Mr. Pierson stated that we are required in the Charter to revise, codify and index said ordinances prior to 1950 and if we do not take action there will be no ordinances. They remain in effect, unless revised or re-enacted, until April 1950.

Upon MOTION made by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and seconded by John Cook, 15th District, it was VOTED 35 for, 0 against, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 34, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that an appropriation in the sum of \$7,500 to defray the expense of revising, codifying, and indexing the ordinances of the former Town of Stamford and the former City of Stamford and the indexing of the new Charter of the City of Stamford, printing the same and supplying 250 bound copies thereof, all to be done under the supervision of and with the approval of the Corporation Counsel, which proposed appropriation was requested by the Mayor and certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 35 was read, pertaining to the recommendation of the Board of Finance for transferral of Fund within the Police Department.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, stated the Fiscal Committee elected to take no action after considering section 618 of the Charter stating they did not believe approval was necessary for the transfer.

Mr. Pierson referred to section 656 concerning transfers by the Board of Finance with the concurrence of the Board of Representatives.

George V. Connors, 10th District, stated that originally they asked for \$3,800 for the special police and we only allotted \$2,400 and that it was certainly necessary to have coverage over the labor day week-end. He favored this resolution.

George W. Lockwood, 14th District, stated he is not against this request for transfer but that he is against the city paying half of the policeman's wages at Southfield Point. The city pays half of his wages to keep the public out of those private roads and he does not see any reason why that section should be singled out to get police protection.

John M. Canavan, 11th District, asked why the money wasn't spent over the limited time that was decided.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked why these requests were brought before the Board when our approval is not needed, as Michael Laureno, 3rd District, stated according to 618 of the Charter approval was not necessary.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that the request be laid on the table pending advice of the Corporation Counsel.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, stated he would like to speak further on that motion. If the checks are already made out he asked why we couldn't go on record as having approved it, if, in the Corporation Counsel's opinion, we are supposed to act, we then have acted favorably.

Mr. Wofsey withdrew his motion.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated he did not think we should approve of something which might possibly have been done without authority. "Now, it has been stated by Mr. Sutherland that he has proof that the special policemen have already been paid. Therefore, there must have been a transfer of funds. If our approval is needed nobody had any right to transfer funds. I do not like this approval of something without indicating our displeasure as an improper use of the City money."

Mr. Pierson requested permission to ask Mr. Osterby of the Board of Public Safety to come forward.

Mr. Osterby stated he did not know at the present time whether the men had been paid. He said there is still a deficit in the account. "We could have used the name 'special police' instead of 'park policemen' but, felt we would like to identify that work as park work. So there won't be any question as to the difference between this year and next year in the requests. With an ordinance passed requiring the parks to be used only for local residents we needed this police protection. That was one of the reasons we had to have extra police. We were \$311.13 overdrawn and anticipated the Labor Day Week-end would require extra services of \$350.75 making a total of \$666.88 and we are asking for no additional appropriation. If they have been paid it is not on our account as yet. When we get this transfer we will clear our books."

Patrick Scarella MOVED for the approval of RESOLUTION NO. 35 seconded by Helen J. Bromley, and the motion was PASSED. The vote was in favor - unanimous.

BE IT RESOLVED that the transfer within the budget of the Police Department (Precinct No. 1) from "Supernumeraries and Specials" account the following: the sum of \$311.13 to "Deficit on Payroll ending August 31" and further the sum of \$350.75 to "Payroll September 1 to 6, 305 Mannours" in compliance with the request of the Mayor, certified by him as an emergency not foreseeable be approved,

Helen Bromley, 20th District, asked Lieut. Charles Engstrom if he could answer Mr. Lockwood's question about special protection at Southfield Point.

Lieut. Engstrom: "I can't give you too much detail but I know that the Southfield Point Association wanted to pay one half and the city to pay the other half and this has been going along for some time. That is the City pays



for the policeman Monday and Tuesday each week and the Southfield Point Association pays the other five days. That is the system the city goes on at the present time."

Mr. Osterby stated he did not know who authorized it but that it evidently had been in effect for years. But said he can assure the Board they will look into the situation and if it is not proper have it stopped.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked Mr. Osterby if they did not also use this man as a special policeman.

Mr. Osterby said whenever possible but that the people of the City pay for that.

Mr. Mulreed asked if he does not take place of the regular policemen sometimes, that he believed he had seen him on duty in town.

Mr. Osterby said unfortunately he was not familiar with this situation and could not answer the question intelligently.

The President asked Mr. Osterby to look into the situation and let the Board know before the next meeting.

Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, stated the Board had a committee to meet with the Board of Public Safety and would like to meet with them, and Mr. Pierson asked if they could meet next Monday night merely informally with the Board of Public Safety, to determine better policies by the two boards.

Mr. Scarella said he did not know of any such committee, and Mr. Wofsey stated it is a committee in the Steering Committee.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District moved that his committee meet with the Corporation Counsel with a view to transferrals within departments and he be directed to inquire of the Corporation Counsel as to our power and duties regarding transfer of funds once appropriated.

The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Michael Lauren, 3rd District, suggested that Mr. Hunt purchase a book in which he will keep track of the proposed charter changes. He stated we cover the ground in hit and miss style. Changes to be made in the Charter should be numbered and we would have a complete book and at the end of a year or year and a half would have probably 200 such changes to make.

The President then read a recommendation from the Planning Board as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 36

BE IT RESOLVED that Seaton Road running northerly from Main Street to the intersection of Trumbull Gate and Trumbull Gate running easterly from Lawn Avenue to the intersection with Seaton Road and Spanish Road from Seaton Road easterly to the easterly limits of the first section, as shown on map entitled, (Property of the First Stamford Corporation, Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, certified to be substantially correct, L. Bromfield, November 3, 1947), be accepted by the City of Stamford as Public Highways.

James W. Harrington, 9th District moved the motion be accepted, seconded by Samuel Cook, 11th District, and RESOLUTION NO. 36 was ADOPTED.

Sherman K. Hoyt, 19th District stated he believed it was only a part of each of those two roads that has been certified by Mr. Tuttle as being constructed in

compliance with satisfactory methods of city requirements so only those portions were being accepted.

Michael Wofsey moved for a 19 minute recess, seconded by James W. Harrington and PASSED at 10:35 P.M. E.S.T.

Meeting was again called to order at 10:45 P.M. E.S.T. by the President.

Samuel F. Pierson, President, read a communication from Mr. Nenson of the Personnel Commission regarding sick leaves and vacations.

Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, asked if the matter of pensions was included with the sick leaves and vacations.

Mr. Pierson state "No."

PETITION NO. 47 Mr. Pierson in reporting for the Steering Committee read a letter from Representative Lockwood re alleged improper purchases and improper specifications by the Purchasing Agent and a letter from International Meters, Inc., regarding alleged discrimination in purchasing meters. He stated that at the direction of the Steering Committee these were referred to Representatives Laurenc and Pierson for investigation and a report to the Steering Committee for the Board's next meeting.

PETITION NO. 48 A request from the Steering Committee for permission to employ a secretary to keep the minutes and to keep a suspense file and a file for various municipal officials from whom we expect a reply. In view of the fact that the estimate for clerical help is low, he plans to take this up with the clerk.

James N. Mulread, 4th District MOVED that the president and clerk present to this Board their recommendation as to any additional appropriation needed for clerical work. The motion was seconded by Walter Seely, 6th District and PASSED.

PETITION NO. 49 from Mrs. Erwin L. Carpenter re inconsistencies between former town and city zoning regulations and stated this was referred by the direction of the Steering Committee to the Zoning Board.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated that the appropriation of \$7,500 approved tonight was to study these regulations and work would be done on them.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stearns Woodman, 7th District, read the report of the Public Works Committee. He stated that since the writing of the report, the Highway Superintendent has informed the committee and that they are beginning a patch work job on Pulaski Street bridge immediately which is to consist of pouring concrete around the corroding abutments and supports. We thought a report from the authorities would still be in order on the bridge.

Motion was made by Stephen Kelly seconded by Mrs. Helen J. Bromley, and PASSED that we request of the administration a report as to their plans for the conditioning and reconditioning of the Pulaski Street Bridge.

Mr. Woodman also reported an inspection was made by his committee at the invitation of Mayor Barrett, at the City Garage. He stated that the members

were generally impressed with the manner in which the equipment is maintained and commended the maintenance staff.

Helen Jean Bromley, 20th District read the report of the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee, on her follow up of conditions at Woodside Park following the close of the Exposition.

Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, stated he did not think that patching the holes in the tennis courts was enough. He stated the whole thing should be re-surfaced. Mrs. Bromley stated the MacCumber Construction Co., told her they would surface a good space around each hole in the courts and not only the holes themselves and that the whole area would be policed for broken bottles, etc., that the money to do this had been put in escrow in the First National Bank and she assured Mr. Waterbury he would find the tennis courts smooth.

<sup>Cameron</sup> John Cook, 15th District, stated he understood the bowling greens had holes and he personally knew that most of the public who bowl are Scotch men and that they spent \$700 putting these lawns in condition.

Mrs. Bromley stated that she inspected them before and after the exposition and that there had been no damage done to them and was particularly careful to inspect the grassy area and it is not damaged in any way that will not recover next spring.

Sherman Reese Hoyt, 19th District, as chairman read the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee, recommending the establishment of a building line on the northerly side of Elm St., as recommended by The Planning Board.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED that a building line be established on Elm Street.

Michael Wofsey declared that the Commissioner of Finance should prepare the cost and regular procedure and this be referred to the Legislation and Rules Committee. Mr. Wofsey referred the Board to Section 64 of the Charter referring to Procedure Concerning Public Improvements.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, wanted to know why they are asking for the establishment of a building line on the Northerly side of Elm Street.

Mr. Hoyt read a letter from the Planning Board of August 1, with their unanimous vote to revise the line 10 feet further back for the Southerly Side and further it was recommended that the Board of Representatives establish a building line on the Northerly Side.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked if we could defer this until a resolution is prepared covering all these necessary building lines.

Mr. Hoyt stated we already made several building line recommendations and did not know that anything definite has been done because we did not know what the next procedure was.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, stated she thought the Board should not send these things through to the meeting until they had been properly processed and then would only have to come for final approval and not waste so much time.

John Cameron, 20th District, stated we should have a resolution for the setting up of a building line.

MOTION was made that the Board of Representatives declare by resolution its intention to lay a building line on the Northerly Side of Elm Street.

Mr. Hoyt stated there is a similar recommendation of his committee which was read to this meeting at the August meeting covering another bunch of streets. It seemed to him all similar recommendations should be referred to committee.

It was MOVED by Leon Stayles, 7th District, and seconded that the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee concerning the adoption of a building line on Elm Street together with all previous reports on same be referred to the Legislation and Rules Committee for report at the next meeting. In favor 21, opposed 14.

The President read the reports of the Health Commissioner on the Sanitary Code and the complaint of Mrs. N. Rich.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, in reference to Dr. Brown's report wanted to know what had been done about the stream off Cullogen Road.

Dr. Brown explained that there was a great deal of investigation connected with this situation and that it took time to trace all of the connections flowing into that stream stating it took at least two days to follow each house and that through a survey they find that the ditch seems to run all over.

Mr. Harrington, 9th District, stated this was a public work's affair and that it was fixed up on one side by the WPA.

Mr. Pierson stated that as soon as they found the pollution it would be taken up with the public work's department.

George V. Connors, 10th District, referred to the Board of Tax Relief and their not getting \$300 salary. He stated these men did not understand the charter.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, Chairman of The Appointments Committee stated in all this matter he has been trying to point out that he never said that any of these boards were paid boards, and that he believes sincerely that the Board of Tax Relief is looking for an excuse to get out of their former actions.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, commented that this meeting place should be in the condition we usually find it. That we are at least entitled to that courtesy. He made a MOTION which was seconded, that the ones responsible be told and that we be seated here in the proper place.

Mr. Stayles defended the situation saying that they misunderstood the date of our meeting.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, said "I do realize Mr. Stayles is trying to defend his Alma Mater but that does not justify the way this Board has been kicked around. The City cannot function without this body and we should have proper consideration by somebody. I think we should introduce a resolution or ask the Mayor to find us a place but certainly we should have a proper meeting place. I do not like to see Mr. Neuwien blamed for it."

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, "We are entitled, as the biggest body, to a place to meet."

Mr. Pierson concurred. He also stated that he would endeavor between now and the next board meeting to find a more suitable place and that the members will be notified along with the minutes of the meeting where the next meeting

will be held. Dolan School was suggested.

It was moved, seconded and PASSED that we be represented at the Public Hearing by Daniel Miller of The Site Committee with regard to future headquarters; that we be included in the first portion of the new municipal building erected; that we have a meeting place with forty desks and sufficient space for the public.

At 11:30 P.M. E.S.T., Sewell Corkran, 18th District, MOVED that the meeting be adjourned; this was seconded by Helen J. Promley AND PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

BABETE S. RANSOHOFF  
Clerk

NOTES OCTOBER 31, 1949 MEETING

- Petition No. 40, 41, 42, Acceptance of Severance Drive, John's Road and Van Buren Circle, referred to Planning Board.
- Petition No. 43, re Concession at Bus Station, referred to Planning Board.
- Petition No. 44, re Poltrack lease turned over to Mayor and Corporation Counsel
- Resolution No. 31, 32
- Resolutions Nos. 33, 34, 35, Copies to Mayor  
Commissioner of Finance  
Board of Finance  
Controller
- Petition No. 47, Referred to Representatives Lauren and Pierson
- Petition No. 48, Referred to Clerk and President
- Petition No. 49, Referred to Zoning Board
- Report of Public Work's Committee referred to Mayor re Pulaski Street Bridge



REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE  
of the  
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Stamford, Connecticut  
OCTOBER 3, 1949

The committee recommends the formal authorization of the bond issues for the Hubbard Heights Golf Course, for the Stark and Springdale Playgrounds and for the Dolan School Equipment as a necessary sequel to the previous appropriation for these items.

The Fiscal Committee has taken no action on the appropriation for the Planning Board because Mr. Holahan is expected to present the budget in detail at this meeting.

The Committee has taken no action on the appropriation for Codifying and Indexing Ordinances on the grounds that it is our own budget request and that the Legislative and Rules Committee can most adequately present the necessary facts.

The Committee has taken no action on the transfer within the Police Department budget, because by Section 618 of the charter only the Board of Finance need approve transfers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael E. Laureno  
Patrick Hogan  
John L. Cameron  
Hunt Sutherland