

NOVEMBER 7, 1949

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Monday, November 7, 1949. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson at 8:20 P.M. EST.

The Reverend I. Logan Kearse gave the invocation.

Roll Call was taken with 30 present, 2 absent.

The president presented the minutes of the October 3rd meeting for acceptance. On page 93 the beginning of the third paragraph was corrected to read John Canavan instead of Cook. Thereupon, James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

RESOLUTION No. 37, a request from Peter Boden and Emil Ericsson for waiving set-back requirements on the building line on Courtland and Lenox Avenues was read. Mr. Pierson read a letter from the Corporation Counsel citing Section 640 of the Charter wherein the Board has the power for such a waiver, with the approval of the Mayor.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the violation of the building line on Courtland Avenue in the City of Stamford by the construction of a dwelling by Peter Boden and Emil Ericsson, at the corner of Courtland Avenue and Lenox Avenue, 48.1 feet from Courtland Avenue instead of 49.50 feet as required by the building line as established by the Town Plan Commission of the Town of Stamford on December 15, 1930 be and is hereby waived.

It was moved by Patrick Hogan, 10th District, and seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, that this resolution be adopted.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, suggested that the actual passage of the resolution be held up until the legal wording of the resolution be made to conform to the charter. John Cameron, 20th District, moved the motion be tabled. This was seconded by Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District, and so PASSED.

ORDINANCE No. 2: a request from the Board of Public Safety for an ordinance providing adequate lighting at the rear entrance to mercantile and commercial buildings.

The following wording was recommended by Mr. Wofsey:

BE IT ORDAINED by Stamford that every building within the City of Stamford which contains a mercantile or commercial establishment and a rear entrance thereto shall maintain a light of an intensity equal to at least 25 watts, so situated as to provide adequate illumination of such rear entrance. Such light shall be turned on at sunset each day and shall be kept burning until sunrise of the following day.

The owner or agent of such building or lessee or tenant of that portion of the building which houses such mercantile or commercial establishment shall be fined no less than \$10 nor more than \$50 for each day in which this ordinance is violated.

This ordinance shall take effect 60 days after passage.

No action was taken since Section 209.1 of the Charter requires that publication is essential before enactment by The Board.

Samuel F. Pierson, President, then requested the Board's permission to bring up a matter which was not on the agenda. He stated permission had been asked of

the Mayor as the requesting associations were not aware that such matters were brought before the Board of Representatives. These were two petitions, one from the Bedford Street Association to decorate Bedford Park and one from the Retail Merchants' Council of Stamford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., to decorate several parks in the former City area. Mr. Pierson read both petitions to the Board. He stated his reasons for considering these an emergency was that if these associations were to wait until the next meeting of the Board it would be too late for the Christmas Season.

The President asked for a rising vote. The vote was unanimously in favor of the two petitions being considered.

PETITION No. 50 A request from The Retail Merchants' Council of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

1. To decorate the Whiteway Posts on Atlantic Street between State and Broad Streets; Main Street from South Street to Suburban Avenue; Bank Street; Park Row; West Park Place and Broad Street from Atlantic to Franklin Street with decorations similar to last year.
2. The wiring of two 7 foot Christmas Trees, sprayed with white paint to each Whiteway Post with the stem ends of the trees placed in imitation red flower pots bolted around the Whiteway Posts. Over the white globe the placing of plastic globes with appropriate Christmas and Happy New Year designs.
3. The removal of the dead evergreen tree in Central Park and it to be replaced with a cut evergreen tree, to be decorated with colored electric lights.
4. The Connecticut Power Company has given its consent for the use of the Whiteway Posts contingent upon our receiving approval of the plan from the City of Stamford.
5. The Retail Merchants' Council will take out adequate liability insurance protecting the City; the Connecticut Company and itself.

PETITION No. 51

A request from the Bedford Street Association;

1. For the use of Bedford Park, located between Bedford and Prospect Streets, for an arrangement of Christmas decorations during the coming Christmas season of 1949.
2. Assurance the park will be restored to its original state after the decorations are removed.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, moved that permission be granted to The Bedford Street Association and The Stamford Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to decorate for the Christmas Season as requested in their respective petitions. The motion was seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, and **PASSED**.

James N. Mulreed 4th District, stated that he believed that we should communicate to the retail merchants that decorating in no way detract from the effectiveness of the street lights.

In regard to the matter of a Hunting Ordinance, Mr. Pierson read a proposed ordinance from the Corporation Counsel for the consideration of the Board of Representatives,

The proposed ordinance reads as follows:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD, that:

1. No person shall hunt or trap any animal on any land or portion thereof within the City of Stamford without first having obtained written permission from the owner or lessee thereof and having such written permission in his possession.
2. No hunting or trapping shall be permitted within three hundred (300) feet of any residential, mercantile or industrial building.
3. No person shall hunt or trap without first having obtained a license therefor in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Connecticut.
4. Any ordinance or section thereof now in effect in the City of Stamford inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed.
5. For the purpose of this ordinance "animal" shall include all birds and quadrupeds; except dogs and domestic animals, and "hunting" shall include pursuing, shooting, killing, capturing, trapping and snaring any bird or quadruped and attempting to pursue, shoot, kill, capture, trap or snare or to set or use any device intended to take or catch any bird or quadruped, whether such use results in taking or not, including any acts of assistance to any other person in taking or attempting to take any bird or quadruped.
6. Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$50.00 for every such violation.

Mrs. Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated she would like the Board to keep the proposed ordinance under consideration until the next meeting. Mrs. Bromley said the Fish and Game League Association are anxious to cooperate with the Board to insure proper legislation. They suggested, continued Mrs. Bromley, that a committee of this Board meet with them and consider the working out of an ordinance.

~~Sherman K. Hoyt~~, ^{John L. Cameron, 20} 20th District, moved that this ordinance be referred to a committee of our Board to consult with a Committee of the Fish and Game League for a proposed rewording.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, seconded the motion.

Michael Laurenno, 3rd District, thought it should go before the Legislation and Rules Committee.

William A. Adriance, 18th District, wanted to find out if we could discover what, if any, are the ordinances causing an emergency to exist. He stated there has been a lot of hunting going on and wondered if there isn't any existing ordinance that would control it.

Mr. ~~Hoyt's~~ ^{Cameron's} motion was amended to read that this ordinance be referred to the Legislation and Rules Committee to consult with a Committee of the Fish and Game League for a proposed rewording of the ordinance to be reported back to the next meeting.

The motion was PASSED

Under communications from the Mayor Mr. Pierson read the following list of members of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board, as appointed by the Mayor according to Special Act #217 of the State Statutes, and approval of which he sought:

Joseph K. Sherman	5 years
<u>Charles Peebles</u>	4 years

<u>Jack Flaherty</u>	3 years
<u>Anthony J. Marrucco</u>	2 years
<u>Joseph P. Connolly MD</u>	1 year

Mr. Pierson stated that the reason that this communication had not already been referred to the Appointments Committee was that The Steering Committee felt this was an important board and that the members of our board would like to find out what general plans for the golf course and club these individuals had in mind.

Patrick Hogan moved that all members of the Board be notified as to the time and place of the meetings of the Appointments Committee.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, seconded the motion.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, stated that we have an appointments committee and have had major appointments before and no such set-up as this.

Mr. Pierson stated he would like to make his position clear in the matter. The act of the State Legislature which authorized this commission gives it extremely great powers and, therefore, the Steering Committee felt that it would be well to know from the proposed members what their plans were concerning Hubbard Heights Club.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, stated that in the past they have had other members of the Board visit at the meetings of the appointments committee. The Committee would not object to notify the members of their meetings and see how many would come and then report back to the Board the attendance.

George V. Connors, 10th District, stated he did not mind the members attending the meeting of the appointments committee but he wondered if they would be present when they interviewed the appointees.

Mr. Pierson stated that the committee would be expected to meet privately for this.

This motion was passed.

The President read a communication from the Mayor informing the Board that he had filled the vacancy in the Public Welfare Commission with Joseph H. Sherman, Republican.

The President stated he had asked the Corporation Counsel whether we have the right of approval of this appointment. Mr. Pierson then read a letter from the Corporation Counsel stating that it was his opinion that pursuant to Section 460 of the Charter, this appointment is subject to the approval of the Board of Representatives, and therefore this appointment was referred to the Appointments Committee.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, then stated that he had ready the proposed resolution for the waiver of the building line on Courtland and Lenox Avenues and was asked to present same to the Board.

RESOLUTION No. 37

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that the public welfare, safety and necessity require that the violation of the building line on Courtland Avenue in the City of Stamford by the construction of a dwelling by Peter Boden and Emil Ericsson, at the corner of Courtland Avenue and Lenox Avenue, 48.1 feet from Courtland Avenue instead of 49.50 feet as required by the building line as established by the Town Plan Commission of the Town of Stamford on December 15, 1930 be waived and it is hereby waived and to that extent said building line is altered so long as the building now thereon shall stand.

It was duly moved by Leonard DeVita, 5th District, seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and IT WAS VOTED that this resolution be adopted.

A letter was read by the President From Captain Lockwood of Precinct II concerning the alleged violations by Mr. Mazzola. Captain Lockwood reported that Mr. Mazzola has been requested to keep his buses off the road and within his own property.

Sherman R. Hoyt 19th District, stated he would like to make the suggestion that in this case and in all future cases where individual complaints come to this body that the findings of the proper authorities be sent to the complainants.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, then presented the recommended appropriations from the Board of Finance and stated that she had a report as to how the funds already appropriated to the departments had been used so that the board would have some idea why these additional appropriations were necessary. In regard to the Corporation Counsel, Mrs. Seeley explained that originally he was not given any secretary and has been paying the secretary out of his own pocket. A secretary is included in the additional appropriation. She stated that his appropriation has not been used up but that Mr. Wise has used several lawyers and their bills have not been received as yet and more assistance will be needed. The fiscal committee recommended the adoption of resolution No. 52.

RESOLUTION NO. 52

BE IT RESOLVED that an additional appropriation of the sum of \$6,100 be approved for the Corporation Counsel to be allocated as follows: \$2,300 for secretary; \$300 contingent expense; \$1,000 legal assistance; \$1,500 surveys and searches, and \$1,000 compensation.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, and seconded by Walter F. Seely, 6th District, IT WAS VOTED unanimously to adopt this resolution.

James N. Mulreed 4th District, stated that although he voted in favor of this he thought that everyone realized that the Board of Finance erred in not allowing the original budget enough money for an assistant Corporation Counsel. Also Mr. Mulreed stated that under new business he would move that we recommend to the Mayor that sufficient money be approved for an assistant Corporation Counsel. He stated he knows that the legislation and rules Committee especially realized the burden of the Corporation Counsel.

The Fiscal Committee recommended the adoption of Resolution No. 48.

RESOLUTION NO. 48

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor, certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, for an appropriation in the sum of \$140 to the Police Department, Precinct No. 1, Bureau of Identification, for the purchase of a typewriter, be approved.

Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, inquired why an appropriation of \$140.00 was requested when the cost of a typewriter to the City was only \$122.50.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated she believed this was the amount asked for without taking a discount into consideration.

Robert G. Sheppard, 9th District, moved that the motion be amended to read \$122.50 instead of \$140.00. This was seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District. The amendment was voted upon and defeated; 19 against, 17 in favor.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District and seconded by Walter F. Seely, 6th District, IT WAS VOTED 36 in favor, 2 against to adopt this resolution.

The Fiscal Committee recommended the adoption of resolution No. 49.

RESOLUTION NO. 49

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor, certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, for an appropriation of \$9,915.86 to supplement the appropriation of \$45,000 already previously set up in the Mayor's Annual Budget (total \$54,915.86) for the purpose of paying Stamford's share of the County Tax, be approved.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, cited that this was a \$10,000 increase over last year's County Tax and stated that this seemed like a lot of money to him, and that he would like an explanation of it.

Dabette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, asked if there was a break down of this tax included with the request for same.

Samuel F. Pierson, 5th District, stated that we should request that we be given a breakdown of the County Tax, but that we should take action on the resolution now as we have no other course of action.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked how much we had previously appropriated for the County Tax.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated that the first amount was \$45,000 and that this was not broken down either, and this amount now requested is to be added to what was set up.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved that at this time the motion be tabled, until we receive a breakdown from the County.

The motion was seconded by Robert G. Shepherd, 9th District and IT WAS VOTED 9 in favor of tabling the motion, 30 opposed. The MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated she would be glad to bring in a report of the breakdown at the next meeting.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, and seconded by Walter F. Seely, 6th District, IT WAS VOTED, 31 for and 8 against to adopt resolution No. 49.

The Fiscal Committee recommended the adoption of resolution No. 50.

RESOLUTION NO. 50

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor, certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, for an appropriation of \$429 for payment to Barnes Page Wire Products, Inc., being the cost of replacing a wire fence on the Fin Street School grounds, be approved.

It was explained by Mrs. Seeley that it was necessary to replace the wire fence because of damage done by a motorist whose insurer paid the City of Stamford the sum of \$429 which was placed in the General Fund.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, and seconded by Catherine Cleary, 8th District, IT WAS VOTED unanimously to adopt this resolution.

Mrs. Seeley stated that the Fiscal Committee was divided on the next recommendation of the Board of Finance, but that she wished to offer it as a resolution as she was personally in favor of it.

RESOLUTION NO. 51.

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor, certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, for an appropriation of \$4,048 to the Police Department, Precinct No. 1,

Traffic Maintenance Department, for the services of two men from October 1, 1949 to June 31, 1950, be approved.

Eugene T. Kaminski, 13th District, stated that we needed signs and lines on the streets and how could we expect the Police Department to do anything without the appropriation and that as Mrs. Seeley stated there was only \$1,700 appropriated. Therefore, he thought we should appropriate this amount.

William A. Adriance, 18th District, asked if this appropriation was for both Precinct I and Precinct II and was informed that it was only for Precinct I. Mrs. Seeley stated that Precinct II has an appropriation for this work.

John Cook, 15th District, informed the Board that the men on the force in Precinct II do this work of marking.

John C. Cameron, 20th District, objected to this appropriation stating that emergency appropriations already certified to by the Mayor amount to enough to raise next years taxes three tenths of a mill. He stated that people are really concerned about the situation and thought that no more such emergencies should be approved until they were found to be an absolute emergency. When the budget was submitted, he continued, the request in question was for \$2,000 and it was cut to \$1,500 and the other item requested was \$2,000 cut to \$1,750, making a total cut of \$750.00. "Between that time and now presumably an emergency has arisen. It seems it should have been foreseen, at least for the appropriation that was originally asked. I do not object to the request for the \$750.00 originally cut from the budget, but this emergency appropriation exceeds the original request. It does seem to me that this is no particular emergency."

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, said he agreed with Mr. Cameron that more care should be exercised in preparing the budget but he believes that an emergency exists because proper care was not taken in preparing the budget. Markings on the streets and other similar work is sorely in need of being done, since it involves the safety of our children and pedestrians.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated that to clarify the two items mentioned the first \$2,000 which was cut to \$1,500 is only for materials and the other \$2,000 is for labor and was reduced by \$250.00 and this supplemental appropriation has nothing to do with the \$1,500.

George V. Connors, 10th District, stated he believed the city was large enough to have permanent employees to do this marking and not part time help.

William A. Adriance, 18th District, asked if there was any way in which there could be any economy between this department and the department of public highways.

Robert G. Shepherd, 9th District, suggested that we have a representative of the police in the audience explain their position.

Paul Osterby, Secretary of the Board of Public Safety, came forward and stated that the budget had already been prepared when the new Board of Public Safety took office. With all the new buildings and new roads and the desire of the Board to have more safety markings on the roads the budget was not sufficient. He stated that the budget next year would be entirely different on this score. Mr. Osterby continued that the Captain, the Lieutenant and the members of the board have been receiving constant requests for markings and street signs and road markings and traffic lights. We can not even begin to meet the demands that we have for this type of protection with the present request. We recognize this is absolutely a minimum for safety. A great many more signs and road markings have been made, a great deal more than in the past.

These road lines have been a great help in preventing accidents.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, stated to Mr. Osterby that the Board had three men to do this work, a regular street sergeant, and two specials who had been working for the city for a good many years, for which they receive \$1.15 per hour.

Hunt Sutherland moved that an appropriation be made in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was not seconded.

Catherine Cleary, 8th District, stated that in the interest of the public it is ridiculous to argue over the \$4,000, or \$140.60 for a typewriter, that the Board does not have time for this sort of business. In regard to the taxes going up, as Mr. Cameron stated, she said we should start cutting in places like the Town Clerk's Office and the Board of Education where sizable cuts could be made. She moved that the appropriation be passed.

George Lockwood, 14th District, stated he did not think the members of this board realized what a traffic job the police department has. He stated they have different problems everyday in the week, one way streets, restricted parking, etc. and thought the department should be commended and approved the passage of the appropriation.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District and seconded by Walter F. Seely, 6th District, it was VOTED 36 in favor 2 opposed to adopt resolution No. 51.

The Fiscal Committee recommend the adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 52.

RESOLUTION NO. 52

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor, certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, for an appropriation of \$1,900.32 to compensate Doctor Ralph W. Crane for services rendered from April 1 to June 30, 1949 (under the former town government) be approved.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked the chairman of the Fiscal Committee if the items making up this resolution had been investigated.

Mrs. Seeley, Chairman, stated they had all been attested and sworn to.

Mr. Mulreed said he intended to abstain from voting and that he wanted to get the necessary permission from the board and this was purely as a demonstration against this method of employing the fee system.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, asked if we had to vote on this appropriation and was assured that we did because there was not a 2/3 vote previously recorded.

Mr. Pierson stated this was a legal claim against the city and that Dr. Crane could bring the matter to court and this would increase the cost.

Leonard DeVita, 5th District, stated that although he realized that the claim was valid he was against this type of payment.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, and seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, the resolution was VOTED ON AND PASSED 30 in favor, 7 opposed and 1 absent from the room.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved for a ten minute recess which was declared at 10:10.

The meeting was called to order again at 10:20 by the President.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Samuel F. Pierson read the Steering Committee report.

Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, suggested that a request be sent to the Board of Finance to be asked not to hold public hearings on the same nights we have our meeting, as many of our board members would like to know the public sentiment expressed on issues, at these hearings.

The President asked the Clerk to so inform the Board of Finance.

Mr. Pierson read a letter from George Wise, Corporation Counsel regarding the transfer of funds in which the Counsel cited Section 618 of the Charter. This letter was placed on file. It was his opinion that transfers within a department need no approval from the Board of Representatives, but approval must be received from the Board of Representatives for transfers between departments.

The President stated he had also asked Mr. Wise to give him information regarding the GAR room. Mr. Pierson then read a letter from the Corporation Counsel quoting the original Town Meeting vote on this question.

Michael E. Laureno, 3rd District, then read a report on an investigation by him and Mr. Pierson, at the request of the Board at the previous meeting, as to alleged deflections of the purchasing agent.

Upon motion of Michael Wofsey, 1st District, seconded by Sherman R. Hoyt, 19th District, it was moved that this report be placed on file.

The President then read a request from this board to be sent to the Mayor for an additional appropriation of \$495.00 for clerical assistance and janitor service. Mr. Pierson requested the approval of this board before sending it on to the Mayor and Board of Finance.

Upon motion of John M. Canavan, 11th District, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, it was so moved. Voted

Mrs. Seeley stated that there are not any tax anticipation notes out as of November 1st.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, read the report of the Legislation and Rules Committee and upon motion made and seconded it was moved that this be placed on file.

Mr. Wofsey said he wished to speak about new building lines made pursuant to a report of the outgoing Planning Commission of the City of Stamford the last part of May or June. The report relates to eight different streets to which recommendations were made by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Wofsey, then moved that the Board vote on these eight resolutions. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Committee has submitted to the Corporation Counsel a request for a clarification as to just what is involved in the establishment of a building line and as to what the elements of cost are that are involved. He recommended, therefore, that we adopt these resolutions only as a declaration of our intention to adopt these building lines. This would not commit us in any way, but merely expresses our intention.

Mr. Wofsey's motion was seconded and PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 38

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Summer Street from Woodside Street to Broad Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Michael Wofsey, 1st District, seconded by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District it was VOTED to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 39

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Spring Street from Summer Street to Bedford Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey and seconded by Mrs. Seeley, it was voted to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 40

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Willow Street from Atlantic Street to South Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey and seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District it was VOTED to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 41

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Greyrock Place from Main Street to Grove Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey and seconded by John Cook, 15th District, it was VOTED to adopted this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 42

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that the public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on the easterly side of Bedford Street from Spring Street to High Ridge Road, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey and seconded by William Adriance, 18th District, it was VOTED to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 43

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that the public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Cottage Street from Atlantic Street to Pacific Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey 1st District, seconded by John Cook, 15th District, it was VOTED to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 44

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that the public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Bell Street from Atlantic Street to South Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey, 1st District, seconded by Catherine Cleary, 8th District, it was VOTED to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 45

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that the public welfare, safety and necessity require that a building line be established on both sides of Canal Street north from State Street to Atlantic Street, and we declare our intention to adopt such a building line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Upon motion of Mr. Wofsey, 1st District, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, it was VOTED to adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 46

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives hereby declares its opinion that the public welfare, safety and necessity require that the street line at the junction of Elmcroft Street and Dyke Lane shall be altered, and we declare our intention to alter such street line, subject to the pursuance of all steps required by the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

Sherman R. Hoyt, 19th District, and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee read his report.

Upon motion made by Sherman R. Hoyt and seconded by Sewell Corkran 18th District, it was voted to reject the request of Mr. Ahrens. This was a request by Mr. Ahrens for permission to construct a booth on the bus platform for the selling of papers, food, etc. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that this (Petition No. 43) be not considered until the bus terminal is moved to an area away from other vendors of similar merchandise.

Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, reported that the entertainment Committee had made arrangements for a dinner dance but if it was not the pleasure of the Board it would be cancelled.

Mr. Pierson requested Mr. Waterbury to outline the plans.

Mr. Waterbury stated it was planned for Saturday, December 10, 1949 at Hubbard Heights Club.

It was decided that it would be better not to have a party at Hubbard Heights until the rules of the club had been defined and a permanent committee appointed.

Referring again to the hunting ordinances under Business on the Calendar, William Adriance, 18th District, wanted to know if it would be possible to have the Precinct II police instructed as to what enforcement the people in that neighborhood can get under the present set-up.

Samuel F. Pierson, President, stated that the Corporation Counsel was the man to inform the Public Safety Board what ordinances there were. Mr. Pierson said he would be glad to address a letter to the Mayor requesting that information be given to Captain Lockwood of Precinct II ordinances pertaining to hunting now in existence, and that a copy of same be sent to the Legislation and Rules Committee.

James N. Mulreed recommended that the Chairman of the Legislation and Rules Committee and the president of the Board confer with the Corporation Counsel and the Mayor to see if an assistant is required by the Corporation Counsel.

James N. Mulreed stated: "I know that the Legislation and Rules Committee shoves a lot of work over to him and think it would be wise for the President of the Board to meet with the Corporation Counsel and see if a request from us to the Mayor and Board of Finance is what he wants."

James W. Harrington, 9th District, stated that the only head of the departments who attend our meetings are Superintendent of Schools Neuwien and Dr. Brown Commissioner of Health and the other people only come when they want appropriations. He felt that the Corporation Counsel and the Commissioner of Finance should send some assistant if they are not going to be present. He moved that a letter be sent to the various departments that they appear at our meetings or an assistant be sent to sit in on our meetings. The motion was not seconded.

Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District, stated he believed the Steering Committee could determine at their meeting whether department heads should be present.

Sewell Corkran, 18th District, also stated he thought the committee members could and should determine in advance who should be at our meetings. "We could determine that and ask them specifically to be here on set occasions rather than have them attend all meetings."

Leonard DeVita, suggested that a detailed report of the Agenda be published in the paper so that the public knows what is going to be taken up.

Mr. Pierson stated he thought it would be in order to ask the editor of the advocate to do this and that the Advocate has been very cooperative in the past and he felt sure they would print it.

With regard to the status of Philip J. Maffei, Michael Lauren, 3rd District, stated he believed the Personnel Commission should look into the situation and confer with the Corporation Counsel now that this matter has come to a head.

The following motion was suggested: The Board of Representatives ask our Personnel Commission to check into the Maffei Job.

Mr. Pierson asked whether it was not a suit of civil action and asked whether or not it was properly our business. He felt the Legislation and Rules Committee should give it study and refer to the Charter and await some ruling from the Corporation Counsel.

Babette S. Ransohoff, 15th District, stated she believed it would be the Personnel Commission that would be the body having power in the matter and not the Board of Representatives.

George W. Lockwood, 14th District, stated it was his understanding that the Corporation Counsel is to render his verdict on the recent police examinations and promotions as to examinations specified in the Charter.

Mr. Pierson stated he has asked the Corporation Counsel's opinion on this matter but that was not the question involved in the matter of promotions.

Mr. Lockwood said a man had been promoted without an examination and that he should have been given a test.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated he believed he could answer the question: That all appointments are of a temporary nature made by any proper bureau to fill a vacancy. He stated that the machinery has not yet been set-up for the examinations. It was his understanding that all appointments that are made prior to or without examinations are only temporary appointments and before they can be confirmed the applicant will be required to take a regular examination and the choice will be made from the top three names.

Upon motion made by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and seconded and so moved the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 P.M. E.S.T.

N.B. Due to the fact that letters had to be sent out concerning various resolutions acted upon before the minutes were compiled the resolutions do not appear in consecutive order in these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

BABETTE S. RANSOHOFF
Clerk

NOTES NOVEMBER 7, 1949 MEETING

Resolution Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46
Referred to Legislation and Rules Committee
Ordinance 2, Referred to Legislation and Rules Committee

NOVEMBER 14, 1949

A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of Consolidated Stamford was held at Burdick Junior High School on Monday, November 14, 1949 and was called to order at 8:05 P.M., E.S.T. by Samuel F. Pierson, President of the Board.

Mr. Pierson stated to clarify the fact that the call for the meeting is signed by Mrs. Ransohoff, Clerk, it was done at the order of the President.

Roll call was taken with 30 members present and 10 members absent. See attached sheet for attendance record.

The President next read the call for the meeting, which was as follows:

"There will be a special meeting of the Board of Representatives on Monday, November 14, 1949, in the Library of Burdick Junior High School at 8:00 P.M. to act upon the following resolution recommended by the Board of Finance.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Department pensions for the persons named in the request of the Mayor for approval thereof, dated October 18, 1949, and the effective dates and the annual amounts thereof set opposite each name as follows:

Michael O'Grady	Aug. 1, 1949	\$1,725.00
Capt. Martin C. Ryan	July 31, 1949	2,282.50
Capt. Geo. W. Billings	July 31, 1949	2,282.50
Det. Sgt. Paul F. Hayes	July 31, 1949	2,006.40
Mrs. Mary N. Paight, widow of Sgt. Carl Paight	Oct. 1, 1949	1,897.50

are approved.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked if these amounts had been certified to by the administrators as being the proper and correct amounts, stating that he asked the question because he thought it only proper that these amounts should be certified to by the administrators before being passed by this Board, so that the Board was assured that they were to receive the pensions they are entitled to.

Mr. Pierson read the recommendation as presented by the Board of Finance.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated that under Section 712.2 of the charter a certification is not necessary.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that when we are called upon to approve a pension we should know what the annual pay is and the amount they are entitled to under the rules of the fund.

Upon motion made by John L. Cameron, seconded by Leon C. Staples it was unanimously VOTED to adopt resolution No. 53.

RESOLUTION NO. 53

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Department pensions for the persons named in the request of the Mayor for approval thereof, dated October 18, 1949, and the effective dates and the annual amounts thereof set opposite each name as follows:

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are approved.

Upon motion made and seconded and so moved the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. E.S.T.

REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE STAMFORD
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 7, 1949

The following appropriations have been approved by the Board of Finance and are submitted to the Board of Representatives for approval:

1. \$6,100 additional appropriation for the Corporation Counsel for the following:

Secretary	\$2,300
Contingent expense	300
Legal assistance	1,000
Surveys and searches	1,500
Compensation	<u>1,000</u>
	\$6,100

2. \$140.00 for typewriter for police department
3. \$9,915.86 - County Tax
4. \$429 - repair of Fence at Elm Street School - paid into General Fund by insurance of person who did damage.
5. \$4,048 additional appropriation for Police Department for two men from October 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950 for making street signs and marking streets. The original appropriation for this purpose was \$1,750.00.

This has been spent as follows:

3 men @ \$1.15 an hour July 1 - August 31	\$1,196.00
1 man @ \$57.50 per week July 1 - August 31	<u>460.00</u>
	\$1,656.00

The balance of \$94.00 is due for payment to the man on the weekly payroll for services from September 1-15.

The fiscal committee recommends to the Board approval of the first four items. The committee is divided on approval of the fifth item.

6. \$1,900.32 for services rendered by the Town Health Officer from April 1, to June 30, 1949.

Comments on this appropriation and the reasons for its approval are found in the report of the Fiscal Committee for August 1, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Talbot Seeley
Chairman