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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Monday, December 5, 1949. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson at 8:16 P.M. EST.

Father Lord of St. Mary's Church gave the invocation.

Mr. Pierson stated that the Clerk, Babette S. Ransohoff, was absent and that he would entertain a motion for a temporary clerk to be appointed. Robert G. Shepherd, 9th District, nominated Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District. No other nominations being forthcoming the nominations were closed. Mr. Zdanowicz was unanimously elected temporary clerk.

Roll call was taken of 36 present and 4 absent.

The President then presented the minutes of the November 7, 1949 meeting for acceptance. Sherman R. Hoyt, 19th District, wanted the minutes corrected on Page 97 to read motion by Mr. John L. Cameron, 20th District, re hunting and not by Mr. Hoyt. Also on page 103, the word deflections was changed to read defections. Upon motion made and seconded the minutes were accepted as corrected.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, requested that the report handed in by Messrs. Pierson and Lauren regarding the purchasing in the city be made a part of the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. Pierson stated that the only reason that this was not done was that we did not want to set a precedent making all reports a part of the minutes of the Board.

Mr. Mulreed stated that anyone looking at these minutes in the Town Hall would be at a loss to know where to find this very important report. He stated he thought it was important enough to be made a part of the minutes; or at least made available in the Town Hall.

Mr. Pierson stated that a copy was in our files in the Town Hall but asked Mr. Mulreed if he wished a copy published and sent to every member of the Board. Mr. Mulreed stated he did not think it absolutely necessary a copy be sent to the members but that the report should be available in the Town Hall.

William A. Adriance, 18th District, suggested that such reports be noted at the end of the minutes where the resolutions are under notes after each set of minutes so that anyone might know where to look for them.

Mr. Pierson then offered the minutes of the special meeting of November 14th for acceptance. It was moved and seconded by Walter Seely, 6th District, that the minutes of the Special Meeting be accepted. The motion was PASSED.

Mr. Pierson stated that we have three messengers from the Stamford High School who would deliver any messages to the chair or members of the Board upon request and thanked them for coming.

PETITION No. 52: A petition from The Visiting Nurse Association of Stamford, Conn., Inc. requesting permission from the Board to erect the T.B. cross in St. John's Park, which would be removed the day after Christmas, and also permission for the use of a corner of Central Park.

Sewell H. Corkran, 18th District, moved that this petition be granted, the motion was seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, and PASSED.

ORDINANCE No. 2: as prescribed in the charter had been published in the

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paper and previously read to the Board and was reread by Mr. Pierson for final adoption at this time.

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 not later than one hour after sunset each day and shall be kept burning until one hour before 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 not 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.

Upon motion by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and seconded by John Cook, 15th District, a roll call vote was taken and IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Concerning the Honor Roll in the Atlantic Square Park.

Upon motion by Patrick Hogan, 10th District, seconded by James Harrington 9th District, the following resolution was PASSED:

RESOLUTION No. 54

BE IT RESOLVED that a Committee of this Board appointed by the President thereof, meet and confer with the Mayor, the Planning Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Central Veterans' Association and the various Service organizations, with a view to erecting a permanent Memorial Hall dedicated to the use and service of all Veterans' Organizations and to be financed by public subscriptions and private donations and to be tax free during the lifetime of the building.

2. Concerning the purchase of property adjoining the High School Stadium, Mr. Pierson stated this was to be referred to the Planning Board for a report back to us.

Leon C. Stables, 7th District, stated this matter came up when the stadium was under construction and that an appropriation was made at that time for the purchase of this property. He stated the difficulty came in the transfer of the property and that there was trouble when they built the stadium at High School as nobody took the trouble to get a permit from the residents surrounding the property. He stated he thought the property should be purchased as some day the city would want to use it for a thoroughfare. The price when it came up before was \$3,500 but believed that a negotiated price could be arranged.

BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Request for an appropriation of \$3,400 for the installation of fire hydrants and fire hydrant repairs. At the request of Mr. Pierson, Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, read a portion of her committee's report concerning this appropriation in which she stated we already have the fire hydrants but need the money to install them. She stated this is done by the Water Company at a cost of \$200.00 per hydrant. She stated the full information on this matter would be in her report for the Fiscal Committee, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

In regard to the repair of hydrants she stated that if a person damages the hydrants they have to pay for the repair or replacement of same but that of course this money goes into the general fund of the City.

The Fiscal Committee recommended the adoption of RESOLUTION No. 55

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor for an additional appropriation, certified to by him as an unforeseen emergency, of the sum of \$3400 to cover the cost of installing fire hydrants between the date hereof and July 1, 1950, be approved. Said appropriation to cover the installation of additional fire hydrants and cost thereof as follows:

Installation of 4 additional fire hydrants on Atlantic Street between Broad and State Streets in connection with Road Improvement Program of 1946 \$800.

Installation of 3 additional hydrants at Fairlawn Apartments ... \$600.

Installation of 1 new fire hydrant on Paragon Lane \$200.

Installation of 4 additional fire hydrants - locations to be determined according to the demand \$800.

For hydrant parts, for repairs to hydrants which may be broken by autos, and for unforeseen hydrant repairs up to July 1/50 \$1000.

Upon motion made by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, and seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, it was VOTED unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 55.

2. A request for ~~\$1645~~ for the purchase of a new blue print reproducing and developing machine, for the City Engineer's Office.

Mr. Pierson stated that since very few of the representatives were familiar with this equipment he had asked Mr. Tuttle, City Engineer, to be present at this meeting and explain the request. He asked Mr. Tuttle to come forward and address the Board.

Mr. Tuttle pointed out that the present equipment is antique after 34 years of use, and that the method used is time-wasting. The department was working to the limit of its capacity before consolidation, and now has the complete area as well as the work of the Planning Board to take care of. The new machine would permit white, blue-black, brown & black prints, as well as reproduce an original which would save hours of a draftsman's time.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, continued that the new machine would be 16 times faster than the one now in use. In regard to the Cove Road work she stated it took six weeks to make prints and much engineering work is held up waiting for these details. Many savings will occur including a reduction of time in printing from 45 minutes to 2.9 minutes and labor cost from \$1.508 to only .084. So this machine would pay for itself, particularly in view of the many new projects. The Fiscal Committee, therefore, recommended the approval of the purchase of this new machine as soon as possible, feeling that, altho this was one of the items which was cut out of the original budget, it is very important that it be in.

Mrs. Seeley pointed out, however, the detail balance sheets for the City for October show an unexpended balance in the department of Public Works under item 411.1, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works. This item had an appropriation of \$4600 approved, of which none had been spent up until the present time. Pro-rata for 5 months of this appropriation would be \$1,916.70, or ample to cover the cost of the machine. The Fiscal Committee would like to know why a transfer cannot be made within the department rather than the appropriation of a new fund. This balance was confirmed by the controller and he reports that this is an unexpended balance as of November 1. The Fiscal Committee does not recommend the transfer but thinks it has the right to know, if there is an unexpended balance, why that

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cannot be used for some need in that department. We appropriated this \$4600 which has not been touched and therefore the committee is leaving it to the Board.

David Waterbury, 8th District, moved that the appropriation for this money be voted on by this Board. The motion was seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked Mrs. Seeley, if he understood it correctly that there was an item which as yet has not been expended or no sum of money expended from it.

Mrs. Seeley replied that that was quite right, that the man's salary had been drawn from an item marked "salaries", and that the sum allotted since the first of October that salary has been paid from "Salaries Highways".

Mr. Mulreed stated he thought this Board was entitled to have the information either from the Commissioner of Finance or Commissioner of Public Works, namely, "was this individual properly paid?" He thought the Board deserved an explanation.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, stated he wished to go along with Mr. Mulreed. It may be that this is throwing other men out of a job he stated and it should be reported to the members of the Board.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated that it seemed to him that this question was quite proper but not on the question which is before us. "I agree that this machine is necessary and should be purchased as soon as possible, and invite the information as questioned to be brought to this Board's attention at the next meeting."

John N. Canavan, 11th District, stated that as long as he has known Mr. Tuttle he has never known him to be wrong. And that he thought we ought to buy the machine, as Mr. Tuttle so desires. But, he also agreed that the matter brought up by Mr. Mulreed and Mr. Scarella should be looked into and be reported later to us.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, stated the Steering Committee had reviewed some interesting letters from Representative Shepherd concerning recent appointments and job eliminations that are pending and stated these letters would be read later and get Mr. Wise's opinion on them but now we should vote on the motion.

Upon motion made by David Waterbury, 8th District, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, it was VOTED 34 in favor, 2 opposed to adopt Resolution No. 56.

RESOLUTION No. 56

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor for an appropriation of the sum of \$1645 for the purchase of a new blue print reproducing and developing machine for the engineering department, certified by him as an emergency, be approved.

Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, asked Mr. Tuttle what they intended to do with the old blue print machine.

Mr. Tuttle said, not trying to be facetious, that we should give it to Mr. Melton. Mr. Zdanowicz, 13th District, asked we might donate the old machine to the Stamford School System.

3. The Fiscal Committee recommend the adoption of RESOLUTION No. 57.

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Mayor, for an additional appropriation to the Board of Representatives for the sum of \$430 for clerical work, certified to by him as an emergency, and \$65 to the Board of Representatives janitor services, certified to by him as an emergency, is APPROVED.

Upon motion made by Walter Seely, 6th District, seconded by John Cook, 15th District, it was VOTED unanimously to adopt resolution No. 57.

Samuel F. Pierson, President, then read three letters from the Planning Board recommending the acceptance by the City of Stamford as public highways, Cowan Avenue, Donald Road, and Lawton Avenue respectively.

Sherman R. Hoyt, 19th District, read a report of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Board in which it was unanimously voted by this Committee to recommend to the Board of Representatives the acceptance by the City of Stamford as public highways the two thoroughfares and a portion of another thoroughfare as listed below.

1. Cowan Avenue.
2. Donald Road.
3. 200 feet of Lawton Avenue, as shown on Map No. 3384.

Upon motion made by Helen Bromley, 20th District, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, it was VOTED unanimously to approve Resolution No. 58

RESOLUTION No. 58

BE IT RESOLVED that Cowan Avenue, Donald Road and 200 feet of Lawton Avenue, as shown on Map No. 3384, be approved as Public Highways of the City of Stamford.

Mr. Pierson then read five letters from the Planning Board recommending the following listed streets not be accepted by the City of Stamford as public Highways.

The streets were Redmond Road, Otter Road, Gray Farms Road, Mitzi Road, and Haig Avenue. These letters were placed on file.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated she had expressed a sentiment in the Steering Committee meeting which she wished to express again at this time. She said she would like to see this board take action by sending a letter requesting the City Engineer and those approving our road acceptances stating they should not stress the removal of trees 8 to 24 inches in diameter in sidewalk areas. She continued that she could not see, in the rural sections of Stamford, that there will be any sidewalks laid in a good many years to come. Stamford is losing trees very rapidly and she thought it was a very poor policy that they remove trees which have taken 100-150 years to grow. Just to remove them for a possibility of a sidewalk seemed poor reasoning to her, and very short sighted of us. The width of the road was necessary but the trees on the sidewalk areas will do no damage and she thought the Board should take some action.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, stated he thought this Board should refer this matter in writing to the Planning Board and the City Engineer our intention to save as far as possible and preserve the trees which are in sidewalk areas where sidewalks are not contemplated.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated he agreed with the comments of Mrs. Bromley and Mr. Sutherland but thought we also should show some concern over the trees that are being cut down within the city limits where there are sidewalks and no attempt is being made to replace these trees. He stated it was a crying shame that no trees were planted in the last few years.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, stated he was in favor of Mrs. Bromley's thoughts as they had lost trees in the Cove Section for sidewalks and sewers and have to date got neither.

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Upon motion made by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, it was VOTED unanimously to send our views on the preservation of trees to the Planning Board and the City Engineer.

Leon C. Staples, 7th District, moved that the recommendations of the Planning Board concerning the unacceptability of these roads be accepted.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated that we did not have to approve these letters; that we could only place them on file.

Therefore, Mr. Staples amended his motion to read that these letters be placed on file. The motion was seconded and so moved.

Mr. Pierson then read a letter from the Planning Board concerning the Halloween Yacht Club, Inc., stating that it was the opinion of the Planning Board that at this time, it was not in public interest to undertake a lease with the Club for 25 years; and therefore, deferred action on this matter UNTIL a master plan is established for the future. Mr. Pierson stated that, following the Steering Committee meeting, he had written to the Commodore, Mr. Zwart of the Halloween Yacht Club, of the Planning Board's decision, and he believed they would resubmit a lease which could be cancelled at any one given year.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved that the motion be tabled indefinitely.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, informed Mr. Harrington that we can only place the recommendation on file.

Mr. Pierson stated there was no action for us to take. Therefore, Mr. Harrington moved that the matter be placed on file, seconded by Clifford Waterbury and so moved.

The President then asked the Corporation Counsel to come forward and explain the relinquishment and transfer of the Federal Government's interest in the Temporary Veteran's Emergency Housing Project.

The Resolution was read by Mr. Pierson:

RESOLUTION No. 59

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, which has jurisdiction over the area in which Project No. 3 Report No. F.P.H.A.-1235A, No. VN 6257 of the Town of Stamford Housing Authority is located, that the waiver of the removal requirements of Section 313 of the Lanham Act (Public Law 849, 76th Congress, as amended) with respect to said project is hereby specifically approved in accordance with the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1950.

Mr. Wise stated that this resolution has been submitted to each municipality which had erected these temporary housing units. The contract for the construction was made directly with the National Housing Agency of the Federal Public Housing Authority, and is the same contract under which each project was erected. One of the provisions of that contract states that the huts would have to be removed within a certain period of time. That period of time has now been extended by the Individual Appropriations Act until 1951. The government is apparently releasing itself from the requirements of the contract and is clearing from the Federal Housing Authority any connection with these projects. This is merely to comply with the obligations and to relieve each municipality of any contract-

ural obligations under this act. The government may only do this after the governing body of the municipality acts upon the request of the Federal Housing Authority, which request has been made to permit the Local Housing Authority this waiver on the part of the government.

Leonard DeVita, 5th District, inquired if this meant that under the contract we have with the government we have to remove the huts at a specific time.

Mr. Wise stated "Yes" and in addition there is a state law which permitted the municipality to borrow money on temporary housing projects. In the state law the huts shall be removed within five years. If the resolution is adopted the obligation of the government would be removed and it will be up to the City and the Board of Representatives to determine when they are to be removed within the period of time set up by the State Legislature.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated she thought it seemed to her rather that it was just a waiver so that they would not have the cost of removal.

Mr. Wise stated that when this contract was entered into back in December 12, 1946 one of the provisions was that the burden of removal be on the municipality.

In answer to George V. Connors', 10th District, question if the Town Housing Authority was to dispose of these units, Mr. Wise answered "NO".

Upon motion made by Walter F. Seely, 6th District, and seconded by William Adriance, 18th District, it was VOTED unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 59.

The President, Mr. Pierson, then read two communications from Representative Robert G. Shephard, 9th District. The first letter concerned a study of the personnel provisions of the Charter with regard to their bearing on the transition period before the civil service system is operating.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that this Board resolve that the sentiments in this letter are the sentiments of this Board and that a copy of this letter be sent to the Mayor, Corporation Counsel, Personnel Board and Board of Public Safety.

The motion was seconded by John W. Cook, 15th District,

Michael Laurenno, 3rd District, asked that high priority be given to this matter and that we get as quick action as possible so that a committee can review the situation before the first week in January.

The motion was VOTED on and unanimously PASSED.

Mr. Pierson then read the second letter from Mr. Shephard concerning a recreational program which would more fully use the city properties and more adequately meet the needs of Stamford. In that connection the President stated he received on Friday a letter from the Mayor appointing the Board of Recreation which we cannot act upon inasmuch as it was submitted after the Steering Committee meeting.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated that as chairman of the Recreation Committee, Mr. Edward Hunt had called her on Saturday and plans to have an early meeting with her committee.

In answer to Michael Wofsey's, 1st District, request that we vote on the new Board of Recreation at this time, Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Apointments

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Committee, stated his committee had not yet had an opportunity to interview the appointees.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved for a recess at this point and the motion was seconded by James Harrington, 9th District, and recess was called at 9:43 until 10:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order again at 10:00 by the President.

Mr. Pierson requested that the Appointments Committee report prior to the Legislation and Rules Committee.

Upon motion made and seconded it was moved that we consider the Appointments Committee report.

Daniel Miller, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, read the report of the Committee concerning the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board. He stated the committee had examined the qualifications of each of the men listed below and recommended that the Board of Representatives approve these appointments.

Joseph K. Sherman	for 5 years
Charles Peebles	for 4 years
Jack Flaherty	for 3 years
Anthony J. Marrucco	for 2 years
Joseph P. Connolly	for 1 year

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated he believed it in order to ask if these names have been submitted to the Mayor through the proper channels; through the party chairmen?

Mr. Miller stated they had.

Upon motion of Daniel Miller, 16th District, that these names as submitted be accepted for the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board and seconded by William Adriance, the Board proceeded to vote, by ballot.

The President announced the following vote:

BOARD OF HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMITTEE

	YES	NO
Joseph K. Sherman	31	5
Charles Peebles	33	3
Jack Flaherty	33	3
Anthony J. Marrucco	35	1
Joseph P. Connolly	36	0

In answer to Helen Bromley's question, Mr. Miller stated that the Golf Committee would expect this Board to decide the vital questions submitted and their feelings in this matter met with the approval of the Appointments Committee.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stressed the importance of Mrs. Bromley's question as to the sentiment of the members of the Club Committee concerning the leasing of the Club to organizations, etc.

Mr. Miller stated that leasing to outsiders was out.

Mr. Miller then read the second part of the Appointments Committee report in which the committee recommended for approval and submitted the name of Joseph H. Sherman to serve on the Public Welfare Commission.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated she wished to register her disapproval of Mr. Sherman as she was against voting for anyone who had no experience in this type of administration of the welfare funds. She stated she thought it extremely important that the mayor appoint someone who has had experience in this line, as there are a great many problems to be considered.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated he appreciated the point that Mrs. Seeley has made and in all propriety it should be a matter of consideration by the board. Mr. Wofsey stated he has known that Mr. Sherman has been the local head of an agency which has raised tremendous sums and he has been most zealous and it would be hard to find anyone more qualified than Mr. Sherman and he heartily recommended that he be approved for this office. He went on to say that he felt there was no one in the neighborhood who could fulfill this position as successfully as Mr. Sherman.

Mr. Miller added that during the interview with Mr. Sherman the committee ascertained that for the last 12 years he has been on the Board of Directors of a similar agency.

Upon motion of Daniel Miller, 16th District, and seconded, Mr. Joseph H. Sherman's name was submitted to the Board for balloting.

The president announced the following vote:

	YES	NO
Joseph H. Sherman	25	11

Daniel Miller, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, then read the third section of the committee's report in which the following names were submitted to serve on the Board of Tax Relief.

Charles L. Woundy	for 5 years
Charles Alexander	for 4 years
Roco Floyd Poli	for 3 years

The committee examined the qualifications of each of these men and recommended that the Board of Representatives approve the appointment of:

Charles L. Woundy	for 5 years
Charles Alexander	for 4 years
Roco Floyd Poli	for 3 years

He stated that the committee does not recommend the name of John Mrus for approval because it does not feel that Mr. Mrus is by experience qualified for the appointment, but stated the name had not been withdrawn.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, stated he thought when the committee did not approve the man should be given the opportunity to withdraw saying he did not think it fair to Mr. Mrus otherwise.

Mr. Miller stated the committee did not have the power to withdraw the man's name.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated that some provision should be made to prevent this situation from recurring.

Samuel Pierson stated that Mr. Laureno's suggestion was a good one and that if a man is not recommended unanimously by the Appointments Committee or confirmed that he should be notified and be given the privilege of withdrawing.

George V. Connors, 10th District, stated he thought the Mayor was the man who should ask the man to withdraw.

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Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated that the Appointments Committee being a committee of this Board was not accountable to outsiders and did not have to reveal its decision until it made it on the floor here.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, said he questioned the propriety in voting on these recommendations on the Tax Relief Board at this meeting. He continued by saying that at the Steering Committee meeting last Tuesday no mention was made and no names submitted to the Board and no item which does not appear on the Agenda has met the deadline. It is true that they should be speedily appointed in order to start functioning. However, he felt we should declare an emergency in taking a vote, otherwise it should not be considered at this meeting.

Mr. Pierson asked Representative Miller if his committee had interviewed the appointees of the Tax Relief Board and the answer was in the affirmative. Mr. Pierson stated the Board was within its rights to suspend the rules and that it was our intention to appoint each Board as soon as possible.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, moved that the rules be suspended so that the Board might vote on the recently appointed Board of Tax Relief, as they have to function before January. The motion was seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, and suspension was VOTED unanimously.

Upon motion made and seconded to vote on the appointees as follows was passed:

Charles L. Woundy	for 5 years
Charles Alexander	for 4 years
Roco Floyd Poli	for 3 years
John Mrus	for 1 year

The President announced the balloting results as follows:

BOARD OF TAX RELIEF		
	YES	NO
Charles L. Woundy	32	4
Charles Alexander	36	0
Roco E. Poli	35	1
John Mrus	8	28

Mr. Miller then stated that the Appointments Committee met and it was their opinion that the appointees for the Board of Recreation should not be brought up and voted on at this meeting as the members of the committee have not had time to interview the newly appointed members.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, wanted to know whether or not the Board could not take action anyway as she felt that with regard to Mr. Shepherd's letter and her conversation with Mr. Edward Hunt this Board should be functioning at this time. And if they could not vote on the matter at this meeting, would the members be agreeable to a special meeting for the approval of the Board.

Mr. Pierson told Mrs. Bromley she could make a motion to have the rules suspended if she so desired.

Mrs. Bromley stated that since Mr. Miller reported that he wished not to take action tonight she would move we hold a special meeting of the Board of Representatives, this was seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District.

Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, stated we had waited long enough and he thought we should take action. He stated we were badly in need of a place for recreation for the children and the sooner we could get this board functioning the sooner we can plan on the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and the west side children

can have some use of the building.

Upon motion made by Michael Wofsey and seconded by Joseph Zdanowicz, that the meeting be adjourned at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to be reconvened one week from tonight, December 12, 1949 in the Library of the Burdick Junior High School at 8:00 it was VOTED ON AND PASSED.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated she was asked to report on the County Budget and has looked up those figures and the Board will receive them with the minutes; namely, the break-down of the budget of the County for the last 3 years.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, reported for the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee, stating they recommended that permission be granted to the ~~Girl Scouts~~ to hold their Day Camp for the season of 1950 on the Sunset Home property.

Upon motion made by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and seconded by John Cook, 15th District, it was VOTED unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 60

BE IT RESOLVED that the Stamford Area Association of Girl Scouts be allowed to use a portion of the Sunset Home property on Scofieldtown Road for their Day Camp for a period of five weeks in the 1950 season.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, read a request signed by five members of the Board of Representatives which he then presented in the form of a resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 61

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives request Mayor George T. Barrett to have a report prepared for presentation at our next regular meeting in January, 1950 on the progress to date on the Cove Sewer project.

Upon motion of Patrick Hogan, 10th District, and seconded by George Connors, 10th District, it was unanimously VOTED TO ADOPT this resolution.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, stated that he read from the last minutes that we favored an assistant, and asked if the Corporation Counsel wished to comment.

Mr. Wise stated that there is certainly a need for an assistant Corporation Counsel. There is more detail work in the City of Stamford than one full time Corporation Counsel could handle, particularly in view of this new form of charter. It is possible that one man may have to devote all his time to tax foreclosures, etc. It is very easy to mention foreclosures on property but the legal work is more than many people realize. The Corporation Counsel definitely needs an assistant.

Mr. Pierson: "Thank you Mr. Wise."

Michael Wofsey, Chairman of the Legislation and Rules Committee read the report of the committee and then offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 62

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution "That the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the Town Hall building of the town of Stamford be ~~and is hereby set~~ aside as a perpetual memorial hall to the G.A.R. and that said

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Memorial Hall may be used as a meeting place for organizations whose membership is composed of former soldiers, sailors and/or marines who have served the United States in time of war, together with their affiliated organizations and auxiliaries and further that said Memorial Hall be used for no other purpose." passed at a special Town Meeting of the former Town of Stamford, duly warned and held on March 12, 1931, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated this matter was given careful consideration by the Legislative and Rules Committee. He stated outside of the well known fact that the space is of vital need we should consider many other things. We should consider whether this dingy room in the town hall is a suitable memorial for the deceased members of the GAR, whether this locked room is a proper place to have what have been called the relics of the past wars. We might consider whether this is adequate for the veterans organizations of Stamford. "I urge you to give favorable consideration to this resolution with the sincere hope that this will instill into the minds of the people of Stamford that it is high time that a suitable memorial be erected which will be a proper and adequate expression of honor."

James W. Harrington, 9th District, stated that "remarks do not mean anything to those veterans who are being thrown out of a home. We went through the same thing in the first World War and now we are trying to do the same thing to them in this war. As past president of one of these organizations I oppose this resolution and I hope that you people here on this board will vote against this resolution. There was only one on the committee who was a veteran. I think it is the duty of this Board to vote this down and let the boys have the room."

Leonard DeVita, 5th District, stated that just to keep the record straight he is a member of the Legislative and Rules Committee and voted for the resolution. "I don't consider the fact that I was a veteran puts me in a preferred category. I don't think that the vast majority want to be put in that category. I do not feel that this room is a desirable place for veteran's use. I also feel that the limited amount of use the veterans organizations give to this room does not warrant them keeping it any longer. As a veteran I feel that we are not asking for any more than any other citizen gets. I do not think the room is a good place. We should have a better place. It is a public building and maintained by public funds. We do not feel that the community owes it to us to maintain this particular hall for its use and for the relics of past wars."

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, stated that this room or the city court room should be given the veterans until such time as a better place is provided.

Robert G. Shepherd, 9th District, stated that as a member of the Legislative and Rules Committee he would like to express his views on the position in regard to the pressing need for room in the Town Hall. He stated it was not our intention to disrupt the veterans organizations but that it is in the interest of all to take over this room for use by the city. He did not think it was an issue of veterans against non-veterans.

George Connors, 10th District, wanted to know how much the city would save in rentals by fixing the room up at a cost of \$20,000.00.

Mr. Pierson stated the mayor had asked \$20,000.00 of the Board of Finance to fix the entire Town Hall.

Mr. Connors wanted to know whether when they had asked \$15,000 alone for the police department they would get along on that. He stated he would rather see them go to work on a new building instead of investing their money in the Town

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Hall. He thought this would only be the start of fixing up, fixing up, and wanted to know if it was worth while fixing.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, stated she knew the room was necessary for the proper functioning of the City departments, but she also realized the veterans have relics and such in that room. She suggested the possibility of renting a room where they could hold meetings and keep their materials. She wondered if we could rent a room until this memorial which has been proposed is finished.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, stated he also was a member of the committee to rescind the use of the room and they had done so after deliberation with the Steering Committee. He stated that the committee did not like the criticism that they were throwing the veterans out. We may learn that the plans for renovating as outlined by the SGA for \$20,000 may suddenly come to \$70,000. But after 17 years he did not think we should throw them out. He agreed we should explore the possibility of getting a room for them.

Jeanette L. Bell, 17th District, stated she would like to oppose the resolution not because the veterans will not have a room to meet in, but because, as originally set, this was to be a perpetual memorial to our war dead. The use of the room was more or less of a side issue, she felt "I have a great deal of respect for public memorials and to me some how or other, to throw it out does not seem quite the thing." *decent*

? ~~Catherine Cleary, 8th District, stated she would like to go along with Mrs. Bell and thought we should put this matter aside, and not think of the money we are going to save. She stated she was against renovating the town hall at any price.~~

John M. Canavan, 11th District, stated that in the very near future we are going to have to build a town hall and that if we spend \$20,000 now we are going to spend that and have nothing but a 2 x 4 and by putting the veterans out you are not going to save anything. He opposed the resolution.

John W. Cook, 15th District, moved that the resolution be tabled. This was seconded by George V. Connors.

Sewell Corkran, 18th District, stated that in voting in favor of this resolution it was not with the idea of taking the veterans out of the City hall but to make room for the departments of the city hall to operate.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, asked that the vote be taken.

A rising vote was then taken with 23 yeas, 13 opposed.

Motion was made by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and seconded by Sherman Hoyt, 19th District, and PASSED that this meeting be recessed until December 12th to reconvene in the Library of Burdick Junior High School.

The President announced that the next regular meeting would be held January 9, 1950 at 8:00 at Burdick Junior High School.

The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of December 5, 1949 was reconvened on December 12, 1949 in the Library of Burdick Junior High.

Samuel F. Pierson, President, called the meeting to order and Roll Call was taken, there being 27 present, 13 absent; see attached sheet.

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Daniel Miller, 16th District, reporting for the Appointments Committee submitted the following names to ~~comprise~~ the Board of Recreation:

Frederick M. Peterson	5 years
Edward N. Powell	4 years
Mrs. Malcolm J. Edgerton	3 years
Dr. David W. Sloman	2 years
Alexander R. Klahr	1 year

Mr. Miller stated the committee had examined the qualifications of the candidates and felt them all qualified to be members of the Board of Recreation and recommended that the Board of Representatives approve the appointments.

The Board then balloted on the names submitted with the following results:

	YES	NO	ABSTAINING
Frederick M. Peterson	27	0	
Edward N. Powell	27	0	
Mrs. Malcolm J. Edgerton	26		1
Dr. David W. Sloman	27	0	
Alexander R. Klahr	27	0	

Mr. Miller then submitted the name of James F. Manning to fill a vacancy on the Board of Tax Relief stating the committee had examined Mr. Manning's qualifications and recommend that the Board approve his appointment for a period of one year.

Upon balloting, the vote was unanimous in electing James F. Manning to the Board of Tax Relief.

After some discussion, it was voted to approve the meeting dates as recommended by the Board of Tax Relief, as follows:

Tuesday	January 3rd, 1950	7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
Saturday	January 7th, 1950	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Monday	January 9th, 1950	7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
Saturday	January 14th, 1950	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Friday	January 20th, 1950	7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Upon motion made by James N. Mulreed, 4th District, and seconded by William Adriance, 18th District, the following motion was PASSED:

BE IT RESOLVED that if in the opinion of the Board of Representatives supplementary dates are necessary to allow more people to be heard, the Board of Tax Relief should provide additional hearings.

There was some informal discussion concerning a letter from the Mayor regarding parking meter contracts. The substance of the discussion was that this matter should be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Upon motion made by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, and seconded by John M. Canavan, 11th District, and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette Ransohoff
Joseph Zdanowicz

Report of the Fiscal Committee of the
Stamford Board of Representatives

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The following items have been approved by the Board of Finance for appropriation:

- (1) \$3,400 for the installation and repairs of fire hydrants by the City Fire Department. This item is to pay for the installation of 12 hydrants, at \$200 per hydrant, by the Stamford Water Co. at the following locations:
- 4 on Atlantic Street between Broad and State Streets
 - 3 at the Fairlawn Apartments
 - 1 on Paragon Lane
 - 4 in as yet undetermined locations in new developments
- The hydrants are now in stock.

The remaining \$1,000 is for the repair and parts of hydrants damaged by automobiles and other accidents.

The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this item.

- (2) \$1,645 for a new blueprint machine in the Engineering Bureau. This machine will reduce the time of making a large blueprint from 45 minutes to 2.9 minutes, and the labor cost from \$1.508 to \$.0825. The proposed machine is 16 times faster than the one now in use. With the old machine the blueprints for the Cove Road sewer project will take about six weeks to make. This item was requested in the original budget and refused. It seems to your Committee that in view especially of the major projects planned for the next few years, it would be wise to purchase this new machine as soon as possible.

The detail balance sheets for the City for October 31 show, however, an unexpended balance in the department of Public Works under item 411.1, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works. This item had an appropriation of \$4,600 approved, of which none had been spent up until the present time. Pro-rata for 5 months of this appropriation would be \$1,916.70, or ample to cover the cost of the machine. While it is not within the power of the Board of Representatives to act on transfers of appropriations within the department, it is within our power to approve the expenditure, but recommend that no appropriation of new money be made, but that the administration request a transfer within the Department of Public Works.

- (3) \$495 for clerical help and janitor service for the Board of Representatives for the balance of the year. Recommended by your Committee.

Your Committee was asked at the last meeting to report on the budget of the County Government. The summary of the budgets for the past three years are appended.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Talbot Seeley, Chairman
John Cameron Hunt Sutherland
Patrick Hogan Michael Laureno

Summary of
Budgets of the Fairfield County Government
for the fiscal years

October 1, - September 30, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50

	<u>1947-48</u>	<u>1948-49</u>	<u>1949-50</u>
Bridgeport Jail.....	\$145,127.52	\$174,474.94	\$188,056.99
Danbury Jail.....	13,661.60	16,879.26	16,161.02
County Home and Child Welfare.....	256,525.00	272,600.00	296,150.00
Bridgeport Courthouse..	62,937.24	62,953.85	60,126.34
Danbury Courthouse.....	10,948.51	11,538.36	11,706.18
General Expense.....	<u>91,634.15</u>	<u>94,498.76</u>	<u>95,305.49</u>
Total.....	\$580,834.02	\$632,945.17	\$667,506.02
Indirect Receipts.....		\$293,000.00	\$296,000.00
Transfers from Surplus.		86,864.95	65,122.06
Amount to be raised by Taxation.....		253,080.22	306,383.96
Tax levied on Stamford.	\$ 42,702.17	\$ 42,636.19	\$ 54,915.86