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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, January 9, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson, at 8:14 P.M.

Reverend W. Keith Chidester gave the invocation.

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

Mr. Pierson then presented the minutes of the December meeting for acceptance. Jeanette Bell, 17th District, stated that on page 122 she wished the minutes changed to read "quite decent" instead of "quite the thing", stating those were her words.

Upon motion made by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

ORDINANCE #3

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, read Ordinance No. 3, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT the average work week for permanent paid firemen shall be fifty-six (56) hours as provided in Public

Act No. 212 of the Public Acts of the State of Connecticut, January Session, 1949. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 1950.

Mr. Wofsey stated that at a meeting of the Steering Committee it was resolved that this ordinance be presented for action to the Board.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that this matter be placed on the calendar for action at the February Meeting of the Board as provided by the Charter. The motion was seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District. It was unanimously PASSED.

Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District, stated he would like to have the Corporation Counsel's opinion as to who is allowed to vote on this ordinance, whether the vote should be limited to representatives from Districts 1 through 14.

The President, Mr. Pierson, then read a letter from Daniel F. B. Hickey, Fairfield County Director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. and asked that the Board consider this as an emergency. The letter was a request to place wishing wells at Atlantic Street, Bank Street, Bedford Street and at Ridgeway Shopping Center for public collections for Infantile Paralysis.

James W. Harrington, 9th District, moved and it was seconded that this be considered an emergency and the motion was PASSED unanimously.

Upon motion by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and seconded by John Cook, 15th District, it was VOTED to grant the request.

PETITION - 53

Mr. Pierson then stated that previously the Board had a request from the National Biscuit Company and Alice Perry requesting permission to extend the existing sewer from the bottom of Hamilton Avenue up to their property on the south side of the street. He stated this matter had been referred to the Planning Board and then read the reply from the Planning Board which stated that Board's approval of this petition, provided "such construction to be undertaken and performed by the undersigned (National Biscuit Co. and Alice Perry) under the permission and approval of said City, with all construction work to be per-

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formed at the expense of the undersigned and in compliance with the standard plans and specifications prepared by the Engineering Department of said City."

Jeanette L. Bell, 17th District, asked if we should have a contract to assure us they would abide by the suggestions of the Planning Board.

The Board felt the provisions as set down by the Planning Board were sufficient.

Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, having studied the existing conditions and the arrangements that the Norma Hoffman Company have with the City, felt that the granting of the permission to the National Biscuit Company and Alice Perry to construct the sewer would be an advantage to them and to the people on Lawn Avenue. The first plan was to have the city construct the sewer but that was turned down by the Planning Board. The petitioners will construct the sewer at their own expense and all the specifications will be written by the Engineer's Office. They will put the contract out for bids and before the bids are let out the City Engineer will look into the specifications of the bids and approve them. The Norma Hoffman Company are tied in on the northerly side on an 18" cast iron pipe and the new line will run on the South side and any residents in the future can tie in on the line at their own expense.

Robert G. Shepherd, 9th District, stated he would like to see this drawn under consultation with Dr. Brown so that ~~ditches will not be made from any overflow. No~~ ^{Additional measure would be created by any overflow into the existing ditches which are a hazard.} Leonard Devita, 5th District, moved that permission be granted. This motion was seconded by Michael Laureno, 3rd District.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated he thought that the Planning Board had erred when they did not recommend the extension of the existing sewer. He inquired if there are going to be 10 or more 10" pipes wouldn't Hamilton Avenue be all cut up with people tying into the City main?

Leonard Devita, 5th District, stated that this is in fact an extension of the City sewer which ends at the railroad bridge under Hamilton Avenue and National Biscuit Company and Alice Perry are willing to instal the extension of that sewer at their own expense. They do not want to use a tie-in, they want to go right down the road.

At Mr. Mulreed's request, Mr. Zdanowicz added further details. One of the specifications would be a 12" sanitary sewer with the express purpose of other people being able to tie into the Perry Sewer. This will not be a Perry sewer alone. That is the reason for the set-up so that the other property owners can tie in by spending money and extending it for themselves. Mr. Tuttle also told Mr. Zdanowicz that they might run it on the north side of Hamilton Avenue and tie in with the northerly section of Hamilton Avenue where people are living. That 12" sewer is about 15 or 16 times the volume that the Perry's would ever fill, so it would be adequate for use by other people.

James N. Mulreed stated that if the proposed sewer is sufficient in capacity to take care of future needs he was satisfied.

Mr. Wofsey, 1st District, stated that the applicants would be laying it at their expense but in city property, would that make it the property of the city?

George Wise, Corporation Counsel, stated he did not wish to give an opinion without further study.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that the following amendment be added to the petition: "... so much as lies in the street after having been so laid and

approved by the City Engineer, that said sewer line extension shall be and become the property of the City of Stamford."

Petition No. 53 was then acted upon and it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the petition as amended.

PETITION NO. 53:

"We the undersigned, do hereby join in the within petition for the construction of an extension of the present existing sewer now laid in Hamilton Avenue from its present Easterly terminus Easterly a distance sufficient to service the real property situated on the South side of said Hamilton Avenue and having a frontage of about 375 feet thereon and now owned by the Estate of George Schleicher deceased, with such construction to be undertaken and performed by the undersigned (National Biscuit Co. and Alice Perry) under the permission and approval of said City, with all construction work to be performed at the expense of the undersigned and in compliance with the standard plans and specifications prepared by the Engineering Department of said City and so much as lies in the street after having been so laid and approved by the City Engineer, that said sewer line extension shall be and become the property of the City of Stamford."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Louise T. Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, then read the Fiscal Committee Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, inquired what had become of the proposed ordinance on Hunting?

Michael Wofsey, Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, stated that a report was made at the last meeting (p.106 in the minutes) in which the committee reported that further research was being made to the situation and also by the Fish and Game League and since that information is not yet in the hands of the committee an ordinance cannot be prepared. As soon as the information is received a proposed ordinance will be drawn up which will tie in with the state requirements.

2. Helen J. Bromley, Chairman of the Public Welfare & Recreation Committee, reported meeting with the newly appointed Board of Recreation. At their recommendation she presented the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Representatives appoint three members of the Board to work jointly with the Board of Recreation on the following three projects: Beaches, Hubbard Heights Club House and the Lockwood Avenue Firehouse.

The motion was seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District.

Jeanette Bell, 17th District, asked who was to appoint the three members, and Mrs. Bromley stated the President of the Board of Representatives as she had stated in her report.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, asked if the three members appointed were to come through the recommendation of the Chairman of the Recreation Committee and from that committee.

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James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked Mrs. Bromley if the Board of Recreation were dissatisfied with our Recreation Committee.

Mrs. Bromley stated the Board of Recreation just thought a smaller committee would work better on these problems.

Eugene T. Kaminski, 13th District, wanted to know why we should have three now when there are five members on our committee.

Mrs. Bromley stated that this was not her suggestion and she did not wish to be misunderstood. She stated that the Board of Recreation wanted the committee of three just for these three problems: the Hubbard Heights, Lockwood Avenue Firehouse and the Beaches and get these things pushed through. She was willing to have her entire committee serve but thought we should have Board members serving from the areas affected who would know the conditions in those respective areas.

William Adriance, 18th District, a member of Mrs. Bromley's committee, believed that representatives from the districts concerned should be put on these different projects and thought it sensible to have them also work with the committee. He stated that this did not mean that the committee is unqualified in any way. He thought these were three emergencies. He thought three members vitally interested in these sections should be chosen who knew what the desires were of the people in those districts.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that he appreciated Mrs. Bromley's position in presenting the request of the Board of Recreation but we have appointed and voted on our own committee of five to handle all of these things. He said: "I think we consider our committee competent and should instruct the Board of Recreation that these are the people which will work with them without forming a new committee." He continued that this Board had set up a five member committee and that is the committee the Board of Recreation will have to deal with.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, stated that the Board of Recreation has had no chance to meet with this committee.

Leon Staples, 7th District, stated that we would have tremendous complaints and work if we had new committees for all agencies of the government. He believed we should work through the committees we have now. He did not think we should have three more people bringing in special reports to read.

Mrs. Bromley stated that since all this discussion had come up she would like to move to withdraw her motion for the three member committee and would just carry on with the original five member committee of the Recreation Committee.

Mr. Pierson, the President, stated that a motion was not necessary but that she could just withdraw the motion. This was done by Mrs. Bromley.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, stated that just as a matter of procedure he wanted to state that there was no reason why our committee could not ask the representatives to sit in with them at any of these meetings,

3. Leon C. Staples, Chairman of the Health and Protection Committee, read a detailed report concerning the Fire Department's needs in regard to additional men and new apparatus. The report was placed on file.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked the President if there were any appropriations pending before the Board from the Board of Finance relative to new apparatus for the Fire Department, to which the answer was "No."

4. Mr. Pierson read the report of the Steering Committee.

Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Wise whether or not parking meter collections could be set aside in a fund.

Mr. Wise said he would have an answer shortly, that he was checking with the auditors.

Mr. Pierson said that the Chief of Police had told him in regard to all night parking on the streets that this matter was under a Connecticut State Statute and he himself had not as yet had a chance to check into this matter.

5. Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk of the Board, stated that George Close, Town Clerk, had had transcribed all of our minutes in a permanent record book that matches the old Town Meeting book. In the column is the number of the page as it relates to our smaller book. A card index has been set up and the clerk requested criticisms or comments. She stated she would like some of the members to check on the card index in the Town Clerks Office before we ask the Advocate to publish any notice about it. She also suggested sending a letter to the Bar Association notifying them of the index, since lawyers have requested it.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that he noticed the agenda was in a different order than usual. It was explained to him that some of the items usually on the agenda did not appear, which fact changed the order.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, asked what if anything had been done about the "Black Swamp" stating that he had heard nothing concerning it and believed it was fully four or five months ago that it was brought up. He stated he knew this "Black Swamp" menace was becoming more acute every year, that now the drainage into that area has increased to the point where it is really a menace. He continued that considerable construction has been going on surrounding that "Black Swamp" and the people who have built homes are fearful that if this condition continues there will be considerable property damage. He said: "I do think that since the matter was referred originally to this Board we are entitled to a report as to what the Mayor has felt advisable. We have heard nothing on it."

Mr. Pierson read a letter concerning the "Black Swamp" from the Planning Board and addressed to the Mayor and stated he would check the Mayor on this matter for an immediate report.

Patrick J. Scarella, 3rd District, asked to be excused from the meeting.

Jeanette L. Bell, 17th District, agreed with Mr. Mulreed and wanted to know what ever happened to the resolution on sewers passed last August, asking the Mayor for a report (Res. #22). She stated we refer things to the Mayor and they are lost in the shuffle in his office and she thought five months was a long time to wait. Mr. Pierson said he would check on this.

George Lockwood, 14th District, wanted to know what happened on the issue of the policeman on duty at Southfield Point. He stated that a member of the Board of Public Safety spoke on the situation and also an officer of the Police Force and the Board had heard nothing more about the situation. He stated he would like to make a motion that this Board go on record that the city not employ a special policeman for the Southfield Point Association. Mr. Lockwood stated that it is private property and they keep the citizens of Stamford off those roads.

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Edward J. Wojciechowski, 2nd District, also wanted to know why we should pay for this policeman on private roads.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, said she thought the people there were entitled to ordinary police protection and it would have to be given to them.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that before passing any resolution we should ask the Board of Public Safety what decision they have made.

Mr. Cameron moved that Mr. Lockwood's motion be tabled and this was seconded by Louise T. Seeley, 1st District.

The motion was as follows: "Resolved that the City will not pay for a policeman for the Southfield Point Association,

Upon a vote being taken the motion was defeated. In favor of tabling 14, opposed to tabling 21.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that he thought that ample time had been given for the Board of Public Safety to study this problem and also ample time given for them to report back and saw no need for waiting any longer.

Patrick J. Scarella, 3rd District, stated that the fact remained in his mind that if these people demanded full police protection and demanded a policeman we would have to give them full cooperation.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated he voted to table the motion because we have a ruling as to the Agenda and this does not belong there, but must be brought up as an emergency. He stated he would vote in favor of the motion, but he did not think it belonged before us without a prior vote.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated he did not agree with Mr. Wofsey since this matter was brought before this body some months ago and is therefore old business. The matter was referred to the Safety Commission.

George Lockwood, 14th District, stated it had been brought up two or three times and was not new business.

Mr. Pierson read a letter from Mr. Osterby stating that an agreement had been made in 1923 with the Southfield Point Association on part payment of this policeman.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, raised the point that we have an agreement between two parties and it seemed to him that one body cannot terminate the agreement without the consent of the other body and before voting in favor of the motion he would like to have the Corporation Counsel's opinion.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that the matter be continued to the next meeting of this Board. The motion was seconded and a VOTE taken. In favor 25, opposed 7.

John Charleson, 6th District, stated that according to the charter (Sec. 526) after a petition goes to the Planning Board if they do not reply in two months it means the acceptance of the street or road in question, stating that he was referring to Severance Drive.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, stated that question as to the legality of the appointments made at the last meeting might come up as the names were voted on at the same meeting at which they were submitted. Therefore, Mr. Wofsey offered the following motion:

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In order to avoid any possible question as to the legality of our approval of the nominations to the Board of Recreation, Board of Tax Relief and Hubbard Heights Golf Committee, I move that we confirm and ratify our previous approval of the nominations made to those Boards.

The motion was seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, who referred to Section 503 of the Charter.

The Motion was PASSED unanimously.

Louise T. Seeley, 1st District, stated that a member of her Committee had brought to her attention section 611.3 of the charter which calls for the members of the Board of Finance and any member of the Board of Representatives so delegated shall attend Planning Board meetings in respect to the proposed Capital Program. She continued that it is now in the works and thought that the Board should authorize some member of the board to attend these meetings.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, stated that although this was not on the calendar the board might delegate any member of the fiscal committee if they so desired. He stated he would like to have it considered an emergency so that it could be voted on.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, moved that this be considered an emergency, the motion was seconded by John Cook, 15th District, and PASSED unanimously.

The following motion was offered by John L. Cameron, 20th District, and seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, and unanimously PASSED.

RESOLUTION #63

BE IT RESOLVED that any member of the Fiscal Committee be delegated to exercise the duties provided under the provisions of Section 611.3 of the Charter until such authority be revoked by this Board.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, inquired of the President if the Board had received a letter from a Mr. DeCarlo requesting a pension.

Samuel F. Pierson, President, said a letter concerning this had been delivered to Mrs. Babette Ransohoff's home, but the letter was not addressed to the Board. Mrs. Ransohoff gave the letter to Acting Mayor Pierson who in turn gave it to Mayor Barrett for his immediate attention as Mr. Pierson was not familiar with the matter and did not act upon it while he was acting Mayor of the City.

William Adriance, 18th District, wondered whether or not it was out of order for the Board to congratulate the President for the fine way in which he handled the job of Acting Mayor.

He moved that a motion be made for congratulations and this was seconded by John Cook, 15th District, and unanimously PASSED.

George Lockwood, 14th District, asked the President if he and Mr. Laureno were continuing to conduct an investigation of the Purchasing Agent's Office.

Mr. Pierson stated that they were not but that the auditors were in that department at present, that he had asked them to report their findings, which he would forward to the Board.

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James W. Harrington, 9th District, stated he believed the Board passed on some money to have the monument lighted in St. John's Park and wondered what happened as the lights are often out.

Upon motion made by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and seconded by Patrick Hogan, 10th District, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

BABETTE S. RANSOHOFF
Clerk

Report of the Fiscal Committee of the
Stamford Board of Representatives
January 9, 1950

The following is a summary of the balances as of December 28 of the appropriations approved by the Board of Representatives for the fiscal year beginning July 1, plus the appropriations approved by the Board since the fiscal year began. This summary is derived from a detailed report by the Department of Finance. The appropriation balances in the third column are the differences between the total appropriations and the amounts spent or contracted for at this point half-way through the fiscal year.

	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION BALANCE
I. General Government..	\$ 692,250.10	\$46,771.31	\$ 368,824.33
II. Debt Service.....	862,286.51		319,717.65
III. Education.....	2,950,511.00	429.00	1,513,270.87
IV. Welfare.....	470,101.70		244,480.12
V. Protection to P & P.	1,030,547.92	9,348.32	555,252.94
VI. Public Works.....	1,210,481.41	6,100.00	661,010.04
VII. Capital Expenditures (Dolan School	77,908.03	11,705.00	33,001.56
Totals.....	\$7,294,086.67	\$84,193.63	\$3,695,557.51

We have spent and contracted for, during this first half year, \$3,682,722.81, not quite 50% of the total appropriations.

The income from which we have paid for this expenditure from July 1 to January 1 was:

(a) from the current tax levy.....	\$4,496,548.78
(b) from back taxes due.....	218,435.90
(c) from other sources.....	279,533.00
Total.....	\$4,994,517.68

The Comptroller estimates that the following income will be received during the last six months of the fiscal year-

(a) from current tax levy (95% of balance due)...	\$1,800,000.00
(b) from other sources (balance of estimate in budget).....	380,117.00
(c) There will be some back taxes paid on the total due as of January 1, \$596,992.00. It must be realized that much of this amount is uncollectible, and can be calculated only as a deferred asset at best. However, if the collection of back taxes the last half of the year equals the amount collected to January 1st, it would seem from the above figures that the City's income will cover its appropriations for this fiscal year.	

There are no Tax Anticipation Notes outstanding except the \$202,000 for the capital expenditures to be covered by the bond issues authorized by the Board at its October meeting, and which are in process now of being marketed.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise T. Seeley, Chairman
Patrick Hogan Hunt Sutherland
Michael Laureno John Cameron
Fiscal Committee