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for three years.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, said he would like to see the original motion withdrawn.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he wanted to point out that we are appropriating money for a particular office or job, and not for the individual who is at present occupying that job. Our approval of the budget, he said, as approved by the Board of Finance, does not in the least weaken our position that the Corporation Counsel was wrong in delivering his ruling.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, asked that the amendment be voted on separately.

Robert Shepherd said he wanted to preface the withdrawal of the motion with the statement that "in our records and in the opinion that was handed to this Board, no statement was made by the Corporation Counsel that the appointment was permanent. That was the specific question asked and it was not given. If the Board desires, we can vote on the amendment separately".

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked if possibly the question of not allowing for an assistant clerk wasn't one of those situations where a lump sum in salaries could be used.

Louise Seeley said she had a roster of the fire department on all jobs and the clerk is classed as a fireman. Nobody is going to lose a job, she said.

Mr. Pierson said by eliminating him as a fireman in that appropriation and setting up the job of assistant clerk, it actually would eliminate one fireman.

The amendment by Mr. Shepherd to cut the appropriation of the deputy chiefs to one-half the amount recommended by the Board of Finance was seconded by Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, and the amendment was DEFEATED by standing vote.

The original motion by Daniel Miller that the appropriation for the fire department #1, as recommended by the Board of Finance be approved was PASSED.

A motion was made to adjourn until 8 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 1950, duly seconded and CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives was held at the Burdick Junior High School, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Samuel F. Pierson, at 8:15 p.m. Roll call was taken with 32 present, 8 absent.

Absent members were:

John Gacher, 2nd District
 Clifford Waterbury, 4th District
 Stearns Goodman, 7th District
 Catherine Cleary, 8th District
 George Connors, 10th District
 Eugene Kaminski, 13th District
 George Lockwood, 14th District
 Vito Longo, 14th District

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Public Works Department - Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED the amount of \$19,492.28 for the Administration section be approved, seconded by Walter Seely, 6th District.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, suggested we hear from Mr. Bromfield, Public Works Commissioner, since there was apparently some confusion in the salary breakdown.

Mr. Pierson said the Corporation Counsel ruled distribution would be up to the head of department. He could layoff men and reduce salaries until such time as the job classification is set up.

Sewell Corkran, 18th District, asked if anyone could explain why no allowance was made for gas and oil (Item 410.8).

Mr. Pierson said that his only possible answer was that on Page 35, under items 412B.17-412B.12-412A.17, \$15,000 was allowed for gas, oil, repairs, maintenance of equipment. He thought perhaps it was lumped under one item.

The motion to accept the total of \$19,492.28 for Administration was CARRIED.

Weights & Measures - Daniel Miller, 16th District, MOVED the approval of \$3,587.80 as recommended, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, noted that \$300 was allowed in item 410(3).8, transportation allowance for car. Perhaps, he said, it should be included in the lump sum or we do not have the whole history.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, asked if the sealer of weights and measures was allowed to use his own car.

Louise Seeley said he was.

Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Bromfield the question, and Mr. Bromfield replied that the sealer was reimbursed for the use of his private car, pointing out that he had to pay for the repairs, tires, etc.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, asked if that was paid on a mileage basis.

Mr. Bromfield said he found in some instances people were allowed a sum of money which was used for repairs, gasoline, etc. In other cases people were only allowed money for gasoline and were not paid for the use of their car. In order to bring this to a uniform heading, it was placed in the budget under two separate items.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, asked if the sealer of weights and measures would be allowed to use the city gas pump.

Mr. Bromfield said that he would since there was no allowance in the budget for his gas and oil. He had an allowance for gasoline, Mr. Bromfield said, and the balance, if any, was turned to surplus.

The motion to accept \$3,587.80 for Weights and Measures was CARRIED.

Bureau of Highways & Maintenance - Edward Hogan, 19th District, MOVED the amount of \$290,761.29 be approved, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, pointed out the apparent decrease in the salary item from \$202,620.61 granted in 1949-50 to \$178,989.73 allowed by the Board of Finance from 1950-51.

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Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, asked Mr. Bromfield whether this cut in appropriation was going to mean a definite cut in service.

Mr. Bromfield said that as a result, there would be a definite cut in salaries. He went on to say that he didn't think the cuts as shown was entirely the fault of the Board of Finance. He pointed out that last year there was actually \$202,620.61 appropriated for salaries to the Highway Department. This could be checked by adding the amounts appropriated under items 412B1 & 412A1. This year these codes were combined and shown as one item under salaries for highways and maintenance, with no appropriation for 1949-1950 in Highways Yard #2. The Board of Finance in coming to the \$202,620.61 figure used the last year's breakdown for Yard #2 and allowed \$23,630.88. The difference of that figure as against \$202,620.61, which equalled \$178,989.73, is the amount appropriated for main yard, highways and maintenance department.

Mr. Bromfield went on to say that last year there were items that were used as salaries, and legally so, that appeared in other places. For instance, the 412A.6 account last year, which totaled \$56,000 included \$15,000 for sidewalk repair. Of that \$15,000, about \$11,000 was for salaries. This year the \$56,000 was cut to \$41,000, and the salaries were not picked up in the salaries appropriation nor in the material and supplies appropriation. Also for the Tree Warden. There were two large items last year, 413B10 General Tree Work for \$15,000, and 413B54 Mosquito Control for \$6,000. Salaries were paid out of those items. This year they were cut out, and therefore the salaries paid to those people have been cut out. There is, he said, a reduction in the salaries appropriation of about \$29,000 in the public works department and one of two things must be done to make up for it-- either come back for a supplemental appropriation or immediately reduce the force. He asked for some advice on what to do. He did not want to see men lose their jobs.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, said the fact was that with the \$178,989.73 appropriated for the bureau of Highways and Maintenance, Mr. Bromfield could not operate with the existing personnel.

James Mulreed, 4th District, asked Mr. Bromfield if he considered the reduction by the Board of Finance of that salary account to mean that they intend that he should dispense with personnel and maintain the same salary levels or that they indicate that they wish him to maintain the same personnel and lower the salary level.

Mr. Bromfield said he couldn't give an answer to that. He said he would hate to reduce the salaries and would probably have to dispense with a certain number of men unless he could come before the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives with a supplemental budget.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, asked why the salaries and materials accounts weren't kept separate.

Mr. Bromfield said that in certain items, like the sidewalk example in last year's budget they were lumped together. Of the \$15,000 allowed for sidewalks, there was no specific amount for materials and no specific amount for salaries.

Michael Lauren pointed out that on page 43, Garbage Collection, there was an increase in salary appropriation of some \$26,467.89 over last year. That increase, he said, would probably give Mr. Bromfield a chance to switch to some of the amounts that were cut.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, asked Mr. Bromfield in reorganizing the salary

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items to other departments, if he added the total granted the public works this year and compared it to the amount of money granted last year.

Mr. Bromfield said he did. The total salaries in the entire department was \$834,528.29 for 1949-50; and \$808,565.00, 1950-51. There are also some other other items that enter into it where there were errors in the 1949-50 budget of the amounts paid people--errors in the budget itself. That leaves a balance needed to equal the 1949-50 budget of \$29,082.00.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, asked the possibility of switching the men from a department where the appropriation was cut to another department where an allowance was made for more men--such as the garbage collection department.

Mr. Bromfield said if the men are taken out of one department--which in this particular case is the Highways--and transferred to another, it will mean the loss of able bodied men in that department. There are not enough able bodied men to afford to do that, he said.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, pointed out that when the merit system comes in, the men will have classified jobs. He thought that before the merit system came into effect, some people would have to be let go in the public works department. These people, he said, are pretty old men and can't find jobs.

Michael Lauren, 3rd District, felt that some of these men could be utilized in various capital projects which the city would undertake.

Mr. Bromfield said that theoretically that sounded good, but practically there are only a certain number of men who are able to do the work--especially in the draining project to which Mr. Lauren referred. Many of the men are quite old and could not be subjected to the hard work involved. They are good for light labor such as cleaning streets, etc.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said that the fact still was that Mr. Bromfield is faced with one of two alternatives--either cut his force (and, he added, he hasn't had too many men during the past year), or a reduction in the salary of each of the men. He said he certainly was not in favor of reducing the salary item further.

John Cameron, 20th District, said he agreed with Mr. Scarella that after a man has given faithful service for a number of years, we should not adopt the program where you toss people out. If there is an economy move, it could be done by not getting replacements for men who gradually leave.

Mr. Bromfield pointed out that was now being done. The payroll in July 1949 was 314 men--not including lifeguards--and as of this week was 302, which meant a loss of 12 men. Most of these, he said, have been by death or inability to operate.

Mr. Pierson asked that when capital projects which are under the supervision of the public works department are performed, can it be done by city employees or must they be put out for bids.

Mr. Bromfield said in his opinion they can be done by city forces.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, said that when the capital items were being discussed with the planning board, there were a number that Mr. Bromfield said his own men could do more economically. The capital appropriation for such projects includes labor, she said. She pointed out if you take the over-

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all salaries of the public works department, it is not a serious cut. That is one reason why the Fiscal Committee did not make any remarks. The Committee, she said, certainly did not want to make any further reductions. The shift of men could be done through good administration. What should be taken into consideration, she said, is the entire department, and not one item in the entire department. The entire amount for the whole department is only \$29,000 less and part of that includes a deputy commissioner who is not allowed for at all.

The motion as made by Edward Hogan to accept the amount of \$290,671.29 as recommended was CARRIED.

Street Lighting - John Cook, 15th District, MOVED that \$116,339.76 be approved, seconded by Ralph Nau, and CARRIED.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, pointed out that during the past month a large sum was transferred from the street lighting account to labor within the public works department because it hadn't been used. The Fiscal Committee did not recommend a reduction because they felt there were a good many places where lights are needed. She asked Mr. Bromfield if he thought the appropriation would be used to extend the lighting in the streets or if there was a possibility that a balance will be available for transfer next year.

Mr. Bromfield said the transfer was made without his recommendation, and he felt that perhaps the transfer might be regretted before the fiscal year was up.

Bureau of Parks - Daniel Miller, 16th District, MOVED the appropriation of \$72,706.86 be approved, seconded by John Cook, 15th District.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, noted that the \$900 for the rental of Bedford St. Park was deleted by the Board of Finance. He asked if we were compelled to approve or disapprove, or could action be deferred.

Mr. Pierson pointed out that the budget must be completed in order that a tax rate might be determined. However, he said, prior to the certification of the entire budget such items as this would be taken up with the Board of Finance. He noted there was another item involving a fireman that would be brought to the attention of the Board of Finance before final certification.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said that since we are approving of appropriations made to us, and not of appropriations that are withheld, he did not feel we would be involved in any controversy if we approve only those items as presented.

The motion to approve \$72,706.86 was CARRIED.

Mr. Pierson said that if the Board of Finance, prior to the certification, discovers they made an error they didn't intend, and can rectify it before we certify the entire budget, it will be in order that we consider those items as they change them.

Tree Warden - Helen Bromley, 20th District, noted that a committee of three well qualified men were appointed to make a study of trees in the parks and in the city and make their recommendations. She hoped the Bureau of Parks would give the recommendations of this committee consideration. She said she hoped the tree warden will conduct that office on a full time basis, that he will be qualified from all standpoints, that he will not conduct any company or business of his own while holding the office of tree warden, and that any money paid to him by the utilities company and other sources will be paid into the general fund. She noted that she has been on this subject for a long time and pointed out that from the

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information given her, we have enough DDT purchased and paid for to spray the town of Stamford for five years--the same applies to mosquito control. The bigger part of the expenditure from the appropriation this year went to DDT and supplies. There was \$27,000 appropriated last year, but this work was not done on a regular basis, it was let out and given to various people. This year there is an appropriation of \$24,666. She said the town should get better service under a full time tree warden. There was \$2,500 for equipment last year and another \$2,500 this year. She said the new set up should give more and better tree care, and she hoped the funds would ^{not} be spent this year as they were last in cutting down trees where it was not necessary that they be removed.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED the appropriation of \$24,666.80 be approved, seconded by John Cook, 15th District, and CARRIED.

Sanitation - Mr. Bromfield explained the recommendation of the mayor for \$9,372.00 for the Office of Supervisor, which was deleted by the Board of Finance in its entirety. He said the charter authorized the commissioner of Public Works to appoint a supervisor of sanitation. It is mandatory. It is for that reason it was put in the budget. The item of \$2,672.00 for secretary and clerk in the salary breakdown, as it stands now, would be putting a person out of a job. The person who would fill that job is now working as a clerk at the incinerator and is doing the job required by the State Health Department. He was transferred directly under the supervisor in order that he would be available not only for clerical duties, but for secretarial and other work necessary in that department.

Incinerator and Sewage Treatment Plant - Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED the approval of \$125,047.19, seconded by Walter Seely, 6th District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said he inquired as to why the people in the First District, and those who visited that district, were again being threatened with rats. He learned that the entire program of rat control had been dropped. He asked if that was included in this department.

Mr. Bromfield said that is under the garbage department.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked if the garbage which was being dumped in the open lot shouldn't be brought to the incinerator.

Mr. Bromfield said it was his belief that was being done. The men are supposed to take anything that can't be burned across the street to the incinerator.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, also called attention to a fire which is constantly burning in that area.

Mr. Bromfield said there was nothing that should be dumped in that area on which a rat could feed. The fire, he said, is from cardboard boxes and broken crates, but it is extinguished when the men leave at night.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked the Commissioner if he inspected the situation since he was informed that the Cocoa-Marsh people were dumping their refuse in that area and apparently causing a feeding ground for the rats.

Mr. Bromfield said he would check it.

Garbage Collection - Daniel Miller, 16th District, MOVED the appropriation of \$198,605.17 be approved, seconded by John Cook, 15th District, and CARRIED.

Robert Sherherd, 9th District, asked if a charge was made for private concerns who use the facilities of the incinerator.

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Mr. Bromfield said that a great many people bring burnable material to the incinerator--both stores and factories. It is not only city collections that are made there--in fact, he said, the largest part probably comes through other sources. There are some, he said, that get the service who shouldn't.

Mr. Pierson pointed out that that would be a subject for an ordinance.

Michael Wofsey, Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee said that subject was being considered by the Committee, but he couldn't see how it could be controlled since there was no fence. He asked Mr. Bromfield if a fence was being considered.

Mr. Bromfield said not at this time, but there were other matters along that line which would also be considered in time, including a night watchman.

Building Department - John Cook, 15th District, MOVED the appropriation of \$20,715.00 be approved, seconded, and CARRIED.

Maintenance of Town Hall - Daniel Miller, 16th District, MOVED the appropriation of \$35,751.82 be approved, duly seconded.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, pointed out this was increased by 12 per cent over that of last year. He asked if the Fiscal Committee inquired into that since it was the opinion last year that the cost was already too high.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, said the information they were able to get on that was that the janitors have been taken over in a centralized janitor service. Also, she understood from Mr. Bromfield that there was considerable difficulty in keeping the ladies room clean, which is the reason for putting two people there. Also, the considerable labor turnover accounted for the increased cost.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, asked the reason for four people as attendants.

Mr. Bromfield said the rest rooms are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Board of Recreation - Michael Laurenno, 3rd District, MOVED the approval of \$68,297.17 duly seconded.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, called the attention to the Board that in spite of all the resolutions passed pertaining to recreation nothing has been done. June is coming up with no change whatever in what is being allowed for beaches. We will be unable to put the pavilion in shape and the Hubbard Heights Club House is to go unrepaired. Within a year's time, she said, somebody will say that due to non-use and non-fixing that building is ready to fall down. She called attention to the condition of the beaches and said she didn't think it was a big job to get some sand sucked out of certain places and moved over. She said she was not talking of anything elaborate--just a good place to swim. Resolutions were acted on by this Board in August, November and January, she said, but you cannot get results without money.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said she was just as much in favor of seeing more of our money spent for beaches and parks as the other representatives, but in order to do that, we have got to cut someplace else. She pointed out that Bridgeport spends a great deal for recreation. However, she said, too much of the income in Stamford is spent in administration. She said she would like to continue the fight and see more money going to the beaches and other recreation activities, but first we must cut down on the overhead.

The motion was CARRIED.

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Daniel Miller MOVED the Board show appreciation for its work on the budget to Louise Seeley, Chairman, and John Cameron, Hunt Sutherland, Michael Lauren and Patrick J. Hogan, members of the Fiscal Committee.

John Canavan, 11th District, seconded the motion saying he thought they did a wonderful job, not only in the budget, but all year through, and he admired them for it.

The motion was CARRIED.

The president pointed out that we were unable to make a resolution on the budget at this time since we have not as yet acted on the capital projects program. He suggested the various correspondence which was brought before him since the last regular meeting be distributed to responsible committees in order that they might have an opportunity to act before the June meeting.

PETITIONS

1. Petition #61

Communication from Carl Knobloch dated April 26, 1950, regarding condition of Knobloch Lane. Referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee, Planning Board, and Public Works Committee.

2. Petition #62

Communication from Cove Civic Association, Inc., urging full support of the sewer project in the capital projects program. Placed on file.

3. Petition #63

Communication from Mrs. Charles Macari, Overhill and Roxbury Road, regarding drainage on her property. Referred to Public Works Committee and Public Works Department.

William Adriance, 18th District, pointed out that this condition has existed for some three years. Mrs. Macari has been trying to get it corrected, but cannot get any of the administrative departments to correct it.

4. Petition #64

Communication from Big Five, Stamford's Volunteer Fire Companies, regarding special meeting at Springdale Fire House on Thursday, May 25, 1950 to decide on holding the 1951 Connecticut State Annual Firemen's Convention in Stamford. Placed on File.

5. Petition #65

Communication from Stamford Hills Association enclosing correspondence between Fletcher Collins and Capt. Edward W. Lockwood with the State Highway Commission, to erect speed limit signs at High Ridge Village. Referred to Health and Safety Committee.

6. Petition #66

Communication dated April 25, 1950 from M. Gibor and five other residents of Van Buren Circle, requesting that road be accepted as a public highway. Referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee and Planning Board.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Concerning the ordinance on explosives. Mayor suggested revisions of the ordinance. Referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

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Robert Shepherd, 9th District, asked why the \$24,000 balance in Other Institutions could not be available.

Mr. Laturney said that, to date, there was a balance of only \$14,000.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, said that from the number of cases which have been reported, that balance will not be encumbered by the end of the year.

Mr. Laturney said there was no way of knowing how many he would have in the homes by the end of June.

John Canavan, 11th District, questioned how Mr. Laturney spent more money than he was allowed. He also pointed out that comments have come to his attention by people on relief that they were getting such things as eye glasses, dental care, etc., for nothing while others had to pay.

Louise Seeley said the figures she gives the Board are results of extended studies. She called attention to the case load figures for the hospitals, the auditors reports, and the amounts appropriated in each case.

On T.B. Sanatoria, this fiscal year they started with 19, this was cut to 10, and in May it was 8. According to the Auditor's report we spent \$2,557.67. We appropriated \$4,660.00. The cost per case has not gone up. The number of cases have not gone up. Therefore, there should be a balance at the end of this fiscal year in that account.

There was no appreciable increase in the patients at the mental hospitals. We appropriated \$29,000 last year, and according to the auditors report spent \$20,814.36.

There is a decrease in Other Institutions. The averages in 1948 were from 31 to 36; 1949 from 30 to 33; and in May 1950 there were 31. That case load is still dropping. Of the \$60,000 appropriated last year, \$41,388.60 was expended, according to the auditors. As of May 18, she said, there was \$14,000 in that account. She did not think it was unreasonable to feel that with no increase in the case load, no increase in the cost, and an increase in the appropriation, we should not have a balance. The cost of individuals on relief did go up she said. As an individual, she recommended in order to avoid having an emergency meeting of any kind that we appropriate the \$47,500 with the information she has given to the Board which is that at the end of the year we should find a balance.

Mr. Laturney said that according to his figures, there are 35 patients in other institutions. Mrs. Seeley had 31.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED this matter of an emergency appropriation be considered an emergency, seconded by John Cook, and CARRIED by 30 in favor and 2 opposed.

Michael Wofsey MOVED the emergency appropriation of \$47,500 be approved, seconded by Louise Seeley, 1st District, and CARRIED 29 in favor and 3 opposed.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the item under the Welfare Department of Cash Relief be reconsidered. As a member who was in favor of the \$125,000 figure, recommended by the Fiscal Committee, he had a right to make the motion. In the consideration of the cash relief item when passed, he said, it was cut from \$140,000 to \$125,000 predicated on information that was before the Fiscal Committee. It appears that the Welfare Department has given a better picture than the Board of Finance. He went on to say that the Welfare Department asked for \$60,000 in December and were cut to \$40,000 by the Board of Finance. It is now necessary they be granted an additional appropriation. These additional appropriations do not present a true and honest budget. He thought the Welfare request, as modified by the Board of Finance to \$140,000 should be approved. Seconded by Ralph Nau, 10th District.

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2. Veto of ordinance on sealed bids for purchase of articles over \$200.00. Referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

3. Concerning appointment of Thomas P. Cassidy in place of Marcus Goodbody to Zoning Board of Appeals and Joseph G. Potts in place of Joseph P. Connolly to the Hubbard Heights Committee. Referred to Appointments Committee.

4. Concerning an ordinance on speedboats. Referred to Legislative and Rules Committee.

5. Urging appropriations for remodelling the Police Department and for alterations in the Town Hall be granted. Alterations would allow records of Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to be assembled in one place. Placed on file.

6. Copy of mayor's letter to Stamford Area Association of Girl Scouts regarding permission to construct a temporary building on the Sunset Home property. Referred to Recreation Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

1. Board of Finance

a. The minutes of the Board of Finance meeting held May 16, 1950, indicated approval of an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$47,500.00 for the Welfare Commission to be distributed as indicated:

For: 460.9	- Outside professional fees and services ...	\$ 2,500.00
460.61	- Cash Relief.....	25,000.00
460.67	- Aid to dependent children	15,000.00
461A	- General Hospitals	<u>5,000.00</u>
	Total	\$47,500.00

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, said that the Committee hadn't had a chance to consider this request. The only category which needs immediate attention, she said, is cash relief. According to the Comptroller, it was necessary to hold up the last set of relief checks that went out until a transfer of funds was made into that account by the Board of Finance, since the cash relief balance was not adequate to cover the checks. As of today, the balance in Other Institutions account was \$23,945.00, except for the \$5,000 which was transferred to Cash Relief. She did not think there was an alternative but to grant the appropriation to cover the remainder of the fiscal year. The matter was not referred to the Fiscal Committee in time to permit study or consultation with the Welfare Commission. Mrs. Seeley went on to say there was roughly some \$200,000 appropriated during the year which will probably be added to next years tax rate. The tax rates she reported at an earlier meeting, she said, concerned only the budget as recommended by the mayor and Board of Finance. There was nothing in those rates to cover any operating deficit for this year. She said her Committee is still trying to determine the deficit when the year started. The back taxes were the only assets the new government had, and the former town had a current liability which exceeded its current assets. Back taxes paid to the former city must be applied to the former city's Bonded Debt. Back taxes from the town had to cover the outstanding liabilities of that government as of June 30, 1949. Those back taxes may cover the cash deficit. They cannot be applied against the emergency appropriations which we have made. She therefore thought that our next years tax rate would have to include one, maybe two mills to make up for these emergency appropriations. The request now before us, she said, is in her opinion a true emergency, but she did not think it was due to our not granting enough money. She, personally, had to approve it, she said.

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Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, asked if the welfare commission would survive if this was deferred until the meeting scheduled for the following week.

Louise Seeley said she thought it would. There was a present balance in cash relief of \$2,215.00, and they had plenty of money in Other Institutions which are well over the pro-rata amount they would need. The only place there really was an emergency, she said, was in the Outside Professional Fees and Service, and, she noted, the Comptroller assured her that if the people were not on relief they wouldn't be getting those services which include eye doctors, dentists, and services of that kind. She said she thought the services would be given just the same, however, and action could be put off until the June meeting. Relief checks go out twice a month. They have gone out as of May 15th and there should be a balance in the hospital accounts which will carry them on for the next two weeks. It might not, she noted, carry them until June 30.

James Mulreed, 4th District, asked the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee if she was prepared to tell us how much money has been requested by the Welfare Commission under the heading of Cash Relief since the approval of the last budget--including the present request.

She reported last year \$180,000 was requested; they were granted \$100,000. In February they requested \$60,000, and were granted \$40,000. They are now back for \$25,000 more, which gives a total cash relief of \$165,000. The case load in that category averaged in a six month period in 1948 from 224 in July to 269 in December. By the first of this last July they had gone to 507 and the end of December to 533. The case load as of the first of May was 664 individuals. The number of cases and individuals is a direct reflection of what happens in employment.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he failed to see the wisdom of the Fiscal Committee in recommending a reduction of the Cash Relief from \$140,000 to \$125,000 when past experience shows that \$165,000 is needed.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, pointed out that before a transfer could be made, they must have the approval of the Board of Finance.

Louise Seeley said that was correct. They just got a \$5000 transfer from Other Institutions. \$5000 of the \$47,500 now requested is to pay back the \$5000.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, said she did not see why there should be another meeting of the Board of Finance to pass on the transfer. She said she thought that we should give the money that has to be paid out for such services.

Hilda Clarke, 17th District, noted that Mr. Laturney was in the audience. The MOTION was made to allow Mr. Laturney to speak on the subject, seconded and PASSED.

Mr. Laturney, Public Welfare Commissioner, explained the need for the appropriation. He said they are asking for \$25,000 for cash relief to finish the year. That runs about \$8,000 a month, and the money is needed for April, May and June. He called attention to the requests made by the Commission for the appropriations and the amounts granted, and also the necessity of making a transfer to send out the last set of checks. The transfer was made from Other Institutions, and he said, by the time the fiscal year was over the account will be practically expended. The Commission pays 3/10 of the Aid to Dependent Children Program--the state pays the remainder. That program is being increased tremendously, he said. The \$15,000 requested is for May and June. There is still some money left in General Hospitals, he said, but it will be expended by the end of June and the \$5000 is needed to carry them through that month.

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Louise Seeley said she was still very much in favor of the cut to \$125,000. While it is true, she said, that we may come close to the estimate, the year before we spent \$70,000 for cash relief in nine months. Next year it may be just as apt to go back to that figure. She pointed out again that Greenwich makes its Welfare Appropriations on a monthly basis since the figures go up and down very quickly. She said she was opposed to granting a greater amount than what may be needed. This town, she said, has a limited tax income and we have to scrutinize how we spend the money to give the people the most for their money. She said she would very much rather under-appropriate and supplement it later on when it demonstrates its needs than over-appropriate it because, if we do, she thought that money would be spent.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he was in favor of reconsidering the cash relief item because he believed the very purpose of preparing a budget is to estimate the needs for the city. We should try to live within the appropriation, but if we deliberately appropriate less than the estimated needs, we will have to pass emergency appropriations later on and, he thought, that would be defeating the purpose of the budget.

A rising vote was taken on the motion for reconsideration, which was DEFEATED by 23 opposed and 9 in favor.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, noted that by State Statute vouchers have to be issued by the Welfare Office for Cash Relief, and they would not be issued any faster or easier if the money was available than they would if it was not available.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, asked if a recipient of cash relief did not receive his money, could he sue the City.

Mr. Pierson said if a person is in need of cash relief the City will pay. If it did not pay, the state would pay and bill the city for the amount.

b. Board of Finance minutes of meeting on May 2, 1950, placed on file since they did not contain material for action by this Board.

2. Planning Board

a. Copy of letter by Planning Board to John S. Marran of Hycliff in reply to our letter of April 19, 1950 to the Planning Board re elimination of the dangerous curves and grade now existing on that roadway South and West of the Hubbard Heights Golf Course facing Stillwater Avenue and Palmer Hill Road. The Planning Board stated a recommendation was made in the Capital Projects Budget to acquire five acres of property to straighten the curve in the roadway and provide a parking lot for the Hubbard Heights Golf Course.

b. Concerning the Changing of Rosewood Avenue to Ferro Drive.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the request be granted, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District.

Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, said that in fairness to the other property owners on the street the matter should be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee for investigation and possible approval.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, AMENDED the motion to refer the matter to the Planning and Zoning Committee for report at our next regular meeting, seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District, and CARRIED.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Health and Safety Committee

Leon Staples, Chairman, reported on the requirements for candidates for the position of firemen. He informed the Board that there were over 300 candidates seeking a maximum of 19 positions, and the outline for determining mental and physical requirements as recommended by the Personnel Director were, on the whole, as good as needed to start in organizing civil service under the Charter. It was their thought that, since the rules required a high school education, it would be well to include graduates from the Wright Technical School as equivalents.

Height and weight charts were compared with standard scales of the United States Selective Service, Fairbanks, and the New York News. All four were about the same.

The committee recommended that:

1. "Chronic catarrh and very offensive breath" be eliminated, in No. 5(b).
2. "retained testicle or atrophy" be eliminated, in No. 5(d).
3. 20/20 eyesight in 5(h) be changed to 20/30.
4. Blood pressure figures and pulse pressure range in 5(k) be checked for they would probably need correcting.
5. Wasserman test in 5(n) be deleted since it was mentioned in 5(d).

Leon Staples MOVED that the requirements as submitted and modified by the Committee be approved, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and CARRIED.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, MOVED the meeting be adjourned to Thursday, May 25, 1950, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m.

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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Thursday, May 25, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Samuel Pierson at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call was taken with 33 present and 7 absent.

Members who were absent:

- John Gacher, 2nd District
- Clifford Waterbury, 4th District
- Robert Shepherd, 6th District
- Edward Ballo, 12th District
- Eugene Kaminski, 13th District
- George Lockwood, 14th District
- Vito Longo, 14th District

The president read the following resolution of the Board of Finance which was revised by that Board:

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE that the itemized estimate of expenditures of the Municipality of Stamford for the ensuing year, July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 amounting to \$7,515,143.16 is hereby approved by the Board of Finance, and be it further resolved that said budgets proposed by the mayor and board of education, and as approved by the Board of Finance, be forthwith transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives as provided in Section 613 of the Charter, for its action thereon.