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A meeting of the Board of Representatives was called to order on June 11, 1951 by President Robert G. Shepherd at 8:00 P.M. at the Burdick Jr. High School.

Roll call was taken with 29 members present and 11 absent.

Upon motion of Clifford Waterbury, seconded by John Cameron, the meeting was recessed by unanimous vote until June 12, 1951 at 8:00 P.M. at the Burdick Jr. High School.

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The recessed meeting of the Board of Representatives was called to order on June 12, 1951 by President Robert G. Shepherd at 8:00 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School.

✓ Roll call was taken with 38 present and two absent. The absent members were James Mulreed and Edward Hogan.

Invocation was given by Rev. Rosche of the Turn-of-River Union Church.

Robert Shepherd requested that corrections be made to the minutes as listed:

March 21, 1951 - Page 382 - amount after "Fire" should read \$26,453.25 instead of \$26,435.25. The total should read \$103,386.

April 16, 1951 - Page 390 - after Petition #100 add "Stamford Musicians Protective Association".

May 7, 1951 - Page 393 - Industrial Recreation Program should read "Resolution #112". Also on Page 392, third paragraph, change "John Cameron" to "Patrick Hogan".

Robert Shepherd read a letter from Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan stating that the old members could approve the minutes of March 21 and April 9.

Upon Motion by George Lockwood, seconded by Patrick Scarella, the minutes of March 21 and April 9 were approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Karl Young, the minutes of April 16 and May 7 were approved.

PETITION #102 - re Installation of Sanitary Sewer at lower Arlington Road, Hillandale Avenue and Wenzel Drive.

A letter from the Planning Board was read explaining that this area was laid out prior to Consolidation.

The Board agreed to hear from Mr. Thorpe who has been handling this area.

Mr. Thorpe stated that in granting permission to the builders in this area, they knew that the soil was poor and gave permission for only small homes. He stated that sewers are needed here like in so many other areas of Stamford but that septic tanks for the small dwelling should be satisfactory unless the load is increased.

David Waterbury, Catherine Cleary and Helen Bromley questioned Mr. Thorpe on tests made and procedures followed by his department.

John Cameron MOVED that this matter be referred to the Health and Protection and Public Works Committees, to check into sanitary requirements being used, and to submit a report on this matter, seconded by Ralph Nau and CARRIED.

PETITION #103 re Drainage in area of Crystal Lake Road, Maplewood Place and Hartswood Road.

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Helen Bromley MOVED that this matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for further study, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED.

ORDINANCES

On Motion of George Lockwood, seconded by Ralph Nau, Ordinance #8 Supplement was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE #8 Supplement - "Oil Burner Permit Fees, Gas Shut-Off and Sign Set-Back"

Be it Ordained by Stamford that Ordinance #6 of the session of 1949-51, the Building Code of the City of Stamford, be amended as follows:

1. By including in Appendix E. Construction Permits and Fees, a fee of \$2.00 for a permit for installation of an oil burner;
2. By adding a paragraph to Sections 1401-4 to read "Display signs resting directly on the ground shall be located at least twelve feet away from the street line and the building line";
3. By amending Section 1702 to read "The shut-off need not be installed outside on a gas service which supplies a building containing four or less apartments or businesses when the pipe size is less than two inches IPS and the pressure is not over 12 inches water column."

On motion of John Cameron, seconded by Helen Peatt Ordinance #9 Supplement was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

ORDINANCE #9 Supplement - Use of Facilities on the Premises of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Commission

Be it Ordained by Stamford that those rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and all of its facilities which have been filed or shall be filed with the Board of Representatives and approved by said Board by resolution shall have the force and effect of law, provided a copy of the same is published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford and a copy of the same is posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance to said premises.

A violation of all or any part of said rules and regulations which have been adopted in accordance with this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punished in the manner provided for in Chapter 1, Section II of the Stamford General Ordinances.

Said Ordinance shall be inserted as Chapter 19a in the Stamford General Ordinances.

On motion of Patrick Hogan, seconded by Patrick Scarella, Ordinance #10 Supplement was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

ORDINANCE #10 Supplement - Creation of Sewer Authority and Defining its Authority.

Be it Ordained by the City of Stamford that the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, Connecticut, 1950, be and it is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new chapter, designated Chapter 22A.

Chapter 22A Sewer Commission

Sec. 1. There shall be in the City of Stamford a sewer commission which shall consist of five members. Each commissioner shall serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified except that the original

appointments shall consist of one commissioner to serve until April 15, 1952, one to serve until April 15, 1953, one to serve until April 15, 1954, one to serve until April 15, 1955 and one to serve until April 15, 1956.

Sec. 2. The provisions of Chapter 50 of the Charter shall, govern the manner of appointing and removing sewer commissioners, the filling of vacancies, the appointment of a clerk of the sewer commissioners, the custody of records and the holding of meetings.

Sec. 3. The sewer commission shall perform such duties and have such powers as are or may be imposed by the general statutes upon municipal ^{authorities} authorities except as may be otherwise provided by this chapter.

Sec. 4. The sewer commission shall have no authority with respect to the sewer system of the City of Stamford in operation on January 1, 1951, unless and until and to the extent that the Board of Representatives shall by resolution grant such authority. Said commission shall have authority over that portion of the sewerage system of the City acquired after January 1, 1951, when such acquisition shall have been authorized by the Board of Representatives and an appropriation made therefor.

Sec. 5. The definitions in Section 58(a) of the 1949 Supplement to the General Statutes shall, so far as applicable, govern the construction of the provisions of this chapter.

George Lockwood Moved that the names of the five people appointed to the Sewer Commission by the Mayor be added to the Agenda, seconded by Theodore Donahue and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Letters from the Mayor listing the following appointments were read and referred to the Appointments Committee:

- William J. Thorne, Sewer Commission
- Lucian [✓] Scalfani, " "
- Paul E. Beaudry, " "
- Warren C. Hyer, " "
- ^{rv. unsh} Edward E. Brady, [✓] " "
- Samuel M. Gold, Board of Recreation
- Harold Frankel, Zoning Board
- Morris Weissman, Zoning Board of Appeals
- Charles Nosal, Planning Board
- Edward J. Jones, Zoning Board of Appeals
- Sherman H. Blake, Board of Taxation
- William Pitt, Urban Redevelopment Commission

John Cameron MOVED that the appointments be submitted to the Appointments Committee, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Clifford Waterbury MOVED, seconded by Patrick Scarella that the number of Special Policemen be increased from 200 to 400. CARRIED.

The following Resolution was submitted by Mayor Quigley:

RESOLUTION #113 "State Aid for financing addition to Julia A. Stark Elementary School"

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, that it does hereby approve the application of Thomas F.J. Quigley, Mayor of the City of Stamford, for a grant for public school building project under provisions of

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Public Act No. 6 (H.B. 116) of the November Special Session of the Connecticut General Assembly of 1949 for assistance in financing the public school building addition project for the Julia A. Stark Elementary School therein described.

On Motion by Leon Staples, seconded by Michael Holahan, this resolution was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

John Cameron and George Lockwood, Committee of two, requested that permission be granted The San Manghese Social Club with provision that the Police and Fire Department be notified and that the Ordinance on fireworks be observed.

Fiscal Committee

1. On motion by Helen Bromley, seconded by Webster Givens, the Emergency Appropriation of \$6500. to Office of Registrar of Voters to cover recent election expenses was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Helen Bromley read the Fiscal Committee report recommending changes in the operation of the Office of the Registrar of Voters.

Leon Staples MOVED that these recommendations be accepted in principle and that they be transmitted to the Mayor, seconded by Michael Holahan and CARRIED.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. Make the two registrars of voters and mayor solely responsible for the approval of contracts in regard to elections and all contracts be put out for open bidding.
2. Suggest the Registrars and Mayor consult with the school authorities about permanent housing of the voting machines in the schools where the voting is held. In this way we could save on moving expense, storage charge, and wiring. The last two elections cost the city \$4976 for moving of machines and \$2,807.47 for wiring and \$760 per year storage.
3. Instead of furnishing food for the poll workers which totaled \$2,104.70 in the past two elections, allow each worker cash allowance for food for that day which would substantially reduce the cost of this item.

This committee does not favor fewer voting places because we do not think that an effective way of economizing.

2. On Motion of Michael Holahan, seconded by John Charleson and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, the following inter-department transfers were approved:

\$145.18 from 20 GG 482.1 Bureau of Accounts and Records Salary Account to Mimeograph Dept. 20 GG 485.1 Salary Account. This is to take care of overtime on making up the budget.

\$97.00 from GG 482.1 Salaries Bureau of Accounts and Records to GG 480.22 Department of Finance - New Equipment.

Helen Bromley MOVED suspension of Rules and asked that emergency appropriations granted by the Board of Finance at their meeting on 6/8/51 be added to the Agenda for approval, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

3. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$200. for the Employees Medical & Hospital Account, seconded by Patrick Hogan and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of \$6228.47 - covering interest due June 1, 1951 on a bond issue, seconded by George Lockwood and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of \$128.00 to cover additional cost of two document files for the Probate Court, seconded by Robert Lewis and carried by a vote of 37 - 1.

6. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of \$1600. to cover cost of Pupil Enumeration to the Board of Education, seconded by Leon Staples and Carried by vote of 32 - 6.

7. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of \$3704.85 to cover money expended by the Board of Education from their funds as reimbursement from monies already returned to the General Fund, seconded by Patrick Scarella but DEFEATED by vote of 25 - 13, not carrying the necessary 2/3 majority.

Meeting recessed for ten minutes.

Appointments Committee

George Connors read the report of the Appointments Committee on the Mayor's appointment of Lester Tichy to the Planning Board - term to expire April 15, 1952.

(During Recess Ralph Nau and Joseph Mancusi requested to be excused, so after recess there were only 36 members of the Board present.)

A secret ballot was taken and Mr. Tichy's appointment was approved by a vote of 36 - 0.

Legislative & Rules Committee

John Cameron read his report on the findings of the committee on the Pension plans and recommended that modifications and changes should be checked into further and that the committee should have further time to study and report on same.

John Cameron MOVED to defer action until further information is submitted, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Referring to Corporation Counsel's letter on Concessions, John Cameron stated it was not necessary for the Board to act on this matter unless a license was involved. Inasmuch as the concession at West Beach is now within the Courts, he MOVED that any action be deferred, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

Public Welfare & Recreation Committee

Helen Peatt, Chairman, read a group of regulations governing the beaches and inquired whether an ordinance was necessary. It was agreed by members of the Board not to issue an ordinance until such time as the Police are unable to enforce the regulations.

The Board recommended that the letter be acknowledged thanking Mr. Edward Hunt for bringing it to our attention.

Helen Peatt MOVED suspension of the rules in order that a letter from the Girl Scouts be added to the Agenda requesting permission to drill a well on the property at Woodlane Day Camp north of Sunset Home, seconded and CARRIED.

Helen Peatt MOVED that permission be granted the Girl Scouts to drill the well, seconded by George Connors and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Peatt read the committee's report on Resolution #112 concerning Industrial Recreation Program (May 7, 1951 minutes).

John Cameron MOVED that action be deferred as James Mulreed who introduced the resolution was absent, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

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Health and Protection Committee

Leon Staples submitted the report of his committee regarding examination of supernumary policemen. However, the other members of this committee stated they refused to sign this report until a meeting is arranged with the Board of Public Safety. The other members are John Cook, Robert Lewis, John Sandor and Patrick Scarella.

On Motion of Walter Seely, seconded by George Lockwood, it was voted TO DEFER ACTION on examination and requirements until after the members of the Health and Protection Committee had met with the Board of Public Safety.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED that that portion of Frederick Street between Wardwell St. and Park St. be accepted as a City Street, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Joseph Zdanowicz requested that Mr. S.H. Bingham who petitioned that Gray Birch Road be accepted as a City Street be notified that this road was not now in condition to be accepted, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Joseph Zdanowicz advised that the committee had conferred with Mr. Tuttle regarding septic tanks overflowing at Houston Terrace and he advised them the matter was being taken care of.

Also on future developments relating particularly to sewage and drainage problems, the committee found the Planning Board's Regulations adopted April, 1949 specifically require "construction in accordance with the specifications and under the supervision of the City Engineer." A copy of these regulations is available for inspection at the office of the Board of Representatives.

Entertainment Committee

George Connors advised that arrangements had been made to hold a ~~get-to-~~ gether party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Webster Givens, Cross Roads Farm on July 1, 1951, starting at noon. The tickets will cost \$5.00 a couple, \$2.50 stag and children are welcome.

George Lockwood, MOVED, seconded by John Cameron that a letter be sent James Mulreed from the Board members wishing him a speedy recovery.

The Planning & Zoning Committee was requested to consult with the Planning Board and report their findings on placement of the Police Building and Court House on Hoyt Street and whether contemplation of the Civic Center site would be on that area also.

Robert Shepherd read a letter from the Board of Finance on why the appropriation of the Bell St. Parking Lot interest and amortization had been deleted from the budget.

Karl Young, Jr. requested information on just what had been accomplished on the Willard-Belltown School and was advised that so far the Sammis property had not been purchased.

The next meeting of the Board of Representatives will be held July 2, 1951
Meeting adjourned 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk

Fiscal Committee Report
of the Board of Representatives
June 12, 1951

The Fiscal Committee recommends the following action:

- I. Emergency Appropriation of \$6500 covering election expenses to the office of Registrars of Voters. This amount is needed to pay the workers at the polls in the last City election. The Board of Finance voted their approval stating however, "The Board wishes to go on record as stating that this additional appropriation of \$6500 to the regular appropriation last year of \$48,000 to the office of Registrar of Voters makes a total of \$54,500 and that this sum is far in excess of other cities in the state comparable in size. The Board feels that costs must be cut and make two suggestions at this time. 1. Storage of voting machines elsewhere in one of the publicly maintained buildings; 2. Fewer number of voting places at election."

The Fiscal Committee would like to make three suggestions which would enable the city to make substantial savings in election expenditures. 1. Make two registrars of voters and mayor solely responsible for the approval of contracts in regard to elections and all contracts be put out for open bidding; 2. Suggest the Registrars and Mayor consult with the school authorities about permanent housing of the voting machines in the schools where the voting is held. In this way we could save on moving expense, storage charge, and wiring. The last two elections cost the city \$4,976 for moving of machines and \$2,807.47 for wiring and \$760 per year storage; 3. Instead of furnishing food for the poll workers which totaled \$2,104.70 in the past two elections, allow each worker cash allowance for food for that day which would substantially reduce the cost of this item.

This committee does not favor fewer voting places because we do not think that an effective way of economizing.

- II. Emergency appropriation of \$1200 for Employees Medical and Hospital Account, Code GG 488.24. This covers doctors services and hospital for city employees injured while at work, etc.
- III. Emergency appropriation to Dept. of Finance of \$6,288.47 for interest on Bonds due June 1, 1951. These bonds were the last one's issued and the interest cost could not be included in last year's budget.
- IV. Emergency appropriation of \$128 to Probate Court for additional cost of two new document files. This is due to the increased cost of files over the quoted prices when the original appropriation of \$1200 was made.
- V. Emergency appropriation of \$1600 to cover cost of pupil enumeration to Board of Education. The census appropriation which was denied in last year's budget would have included this amount; also \$3,704.85 for payments made from regular budget. \$4,282.87 was

actually turned over to Controller and put in General Fund for use of school buildings, fined, tuition, supplies, use of water and light by Board of Recreation activities and they are asking for a return of only \$3,704.85.

- VI. Also two interdepartment transfers: (1) \$145.18 from 20 GG 482.1 Bureau of Accounts and Records Salary Account to Mimeograph Dept. 20 GG 485.1 Salary Account. This is to take care of overtime on making up the budget; (2) Transfer of \$97. from GG 482.1 Salaries Bureau of Accounts and Records to GG 480.22 Department of Finance - New Equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Charleson
Michael J. Holahan
Patrick Hogan
Theodore P. Donahue
Joseph Carlin
Helen J. Bromley, Chairman