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A meeting of the Board of Representatives was called to order on October 1, 1951 by President Robert G. Shepherd at 8:12 P.M. at Burdick Junior High School.

Invocation was given by Rev. Cranmer of the Universalist Church.

Roll call was taken with 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were Paul Plotkin, Joseph Mancusi, John Charleson, John Canavan, Katherine Kaminski and Edward Hogan.

Babette Ransohoff MOVED, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED that a letter be sent to Katherine Kaminski from the Board wishing her speedy recovery.

The following correction was made to the minutes of September 10, 1951 on page 425, Paragraph 9: "On motion of Joseph Zdanowicz" instead of "Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED".

Patrick Scarella MOVED, seconded by George Lockwood and CARRIED that minutes of September 10, 1951 be approved with the above correction.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley MOVED that emergency appropriation of ~~\$18,720~~ for Town Clerk's Office covering \$8750. for Salary of Town Clerk, \$7000. for Hunting Fees for State of Connecticut and \$2470. for a National Cash Register be approved, seconded by George Lockwood and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that emergency appropriation of \$1822. as ten month pension for Sgt. Lester S. Hav retiring from the Police Department on September 1, 1951 be approved, seconded by Theodore Donahue and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that emergency appropriation of \$4807.40 for change over of hydrants, hose, machine outlets, nozzles and other equipment to National Standard Thread in the Fire Department, seconded by Stephen Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

At the suggestion of Joseph Zdanowicz it was agreed that a letter be sent the Commissioner of Finance requesting that he check into the sale of this material as salvage.

Helen Bromley MOVED, and it was seconded, that the item of \$545.50 for equipment for five firemen be approved. Following questioning by Robert Lewis on the breakdown of this item, it was MOVED by Babette Ransohoff, seconded by George Lockwood, to postpone action to the next meeting of the Board. This motion was amended by John Cameron to postpone action until the end of this meeting. The motion as amended was CARRIED. A message was sent to the Fire House requesting more detailed information.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by William Kaminski and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the inter-department transfer of \$100. from Sundries All Departments to Code 731, Civil Service Department be approved.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Helen Peatt and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, the approval of \$8529.51 requested as an emergency appropriation to cover the additional amount required for the County Tax over and above the \$60,000. originally appropriated. This tax covers period October 1, 1951 through September 30, 1952 in the amount of \$68,529.51.

Helen Bromley moved that rules be suspended for the addition of three items passed by the Board of Finance at their meeting on September 27, 1951, seconded by Michael Holahan and CARRIED.

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Re: approval of inter-department transfer of \$4000. from Seaside Avenue Storm Drain (Capital Project) to West Bouton Street, Springdale (Capital Project).

This transfer was opposed by Patrick Hogan, Stephen Kelly, James Mulreed and Joseph Zdanowicz, on the basis that the money was borrowed for the Seaside Avenue area which had not been completed. Mr. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, was asked to speak. He stated that although Seaside Avenue was not as yet completed, the money had been allotted from the Bond issue and the contracts let: Certain streets such as Houston Terrace were the responsibility of private contractors who have a bond coverage to take care of this. The developer, Mr. Kelly, of Old Colony Homes, has agreed to have this drainage work done at Bouton Street in Springdale if the City is willing to accept \$4000. of the expense as their responsibility. At the time the project was built, Mr. Kelly conformed to the then existing requirements given him by the town engineer, which have proven insufficient. Mr. Hanrahan expressed his belief that legal suits could be avoided if this work were done now before the winter weather sets in as the residents of this area have been put to considerable stress because of the existing drainage situation.

On MOTION by James Mulreed, seconded by Joseph Carlin, it was voted that approval of this item should be postponed until the matter was referred to and checked more thoroughly by the Public Works Committee who are to check into the work planned for originally at Seaside Avenue project and accomplishment to date and thereby ascertain if monies will be available from this Bond issue if work is finished as originally called for; Also if the developer at Bouton Street Springdale has put up a performance bond to take care of this expense and what time limit has been put on it. The Board felt that this work at Bouton Street should be done, but in all probability the funds should come from another source.

Harold Clarke Spoke against the motion.

Mrs. Louise Seely, former Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, was voted permission to speak. She stated that as chairman of the previous Fiscal Committee this Bond issue was carefully checked at the time and the money appropriated was only enough to care for the Seaside Avenue Project with no consideration for rising costs which have taken place. Therefore, in her opinion, she does not feel that money would be available from this issue if the work is properly completed at the Seaside Avenue Project as originally planned.

James Mulreed stated that to his knowledge there are two catch basins eliminated and therefore feels the Public Works Committee should check from original plans and investigate how much has been accomplished so far and what is still planned for.

By vote of 32 in favor and 2 opposed this matter was referred to the Public Works Committee to be reported on at the November 5, 1951 meeting.

On Motion of Robert Lewis, seconded and CARRIED, it was voted to add to the Agenda at this time the item of \$545.50 for equipment for the fire men previously postponed at this meeting.

Deputy Chief Densky who answered the call to appear explained the equipment needed by the firemen totalling this amount, one of the items being overcoats at a cost of about \$75.00, changeover of suit coats from single breasted to double breasted model, badges, etc.

On motion of Robert Lewis, seconded by Joseph Carlin, the emergency appropriation for \$545.50 for equipment for five firemen promoted to lieutenants was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Helen Bromley stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended that the \$3500. emergency appropriation requested for furnishing the Executive Chamber in the Town Hall should be reduced to \$2000. and so MOVED, seconded by Karl Young.

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James Mulreed MOVED to amend the motion by changing the sum to \$3500., seconded by George Russell and was so amended by a vote of 22 - 12.

A vote for approval of \$3500. was taken with a count of 22 in favor, 12 opposed and declared DEFEATED as 2/3 Majority vote was required.

Karl Young then MOVED that the \$2000. be approved, seconded by Robert Lewis. Patrick Scarella MOVED to amend said motion to \$3000. and CARRIED. Amended motion defeated by a vote of 19 opposed and 12 in favor.

A vote was then taken on motion to grant \$2000. Approval was granted by a vote of 29 in favor and 4 opposed.

Helen Bromley then stated that although Robert Turl, who had previously been employed at the Welfare Department and was temporarily laid off, had been certified for the job as stock clerk, he had not yet been hired.

Appointments Committee

George Conners submitted his report of the committee on the approval of Frank X. Lennon as member of the Urban Redevelopment Commission, term expiring in 1956.

A ballot was taken and counted by tellers Vito Longo and Karl Young. Mr. Lennon was confirmed by a vote of 32 in favor, 2 opposed.

Legislative & Rules Committee

John Cameron submitted the committee's report which is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives. The summation is as follows:

1. That the office of Purchasing Agent requires judicial determination in relation to the Merit System, and will no doubt be settled in court.

2. That a letter be requested in writing from the Personnel Director to the Commissioner of Finance with copies to the Mayor, Controller and Board of Representatives, stating his consent has been given in each instance where temporary assignments have been made, as it is the feeling of the Legislative & Rules Committee that appointments of sewer inspectors substantially comply with Section 735 of the Charter, Item 6, providing the assignments are for no longer than three months. Consent in writing is requested in order to prevent abuse in the use of temporary assignments.

3. Plans are made for a meeting later in the week with the Pension Committee of the Municipal Employees Association.

4. On the question of regulation of gravel pits and other types of excavations, study has been made of ordinances now in effect in Darien and Babylon, L.I.; study is also being made of nearby towns such as Greenwich and Norwalk. Reports on this matter and recommendations will be submitted at some later meeting.

5. Recommended contacting the Corporation Counsel to determine what law there is on the subject of Building Committee other than that in connection with school buildings with which we are already familiar.

John Cameron MOVED for acceptance of this report in its entirety, seconded by Patrick Hogan and CARRIED.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Joseph Zdanowicz read his report in conjunction with Mr. Tuttle's acceptance of the following streets and MOVED FOR ACCEPTANCE, seconded and CARRIED. The streets accented are:

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Jamroga Lane, Courtland Circle and extension of Waterbury Avenue.

Inasmuch as there are various small discrepancies on many streets not accepted and the time set by the Planning Board is October 15, 1951, a request has been made by the Planning & Zoning Committee that time be extended until November 5, 1951 or the next meeting of the Board of Representatives so that possibly certain specific streets may by that time be certified for acceptance.

Health & Protection Committee

Robert Lewis read the report and submitted recommendation that the Police Ambulance be stored wherever the police department is stationed; also that a follow-up letter be sent to the Board of Public Safety asking for their report on the Sabia incident investigation.

The Steering Committee report of September 25, 1951 was read by President Robert G. Shepherd.

The President announced the appointment of Aage Feldtmose to the Legislative & Rules Committee and as an alternate on the Appeals Board.

NEW BUSINESS

An invitation to visit the Ferguson Library extended by Mr. Knobloch was read.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Ralph Nau, and CARRIED, the invitation was accented for November 8, 1951 at 8: P.M.

Joseph Carlin submitted maps and letter of approval of location by Capt. Lockwood for the erection of an overhead waiting station which the Lions Club of Springdale has offered to erect.

William Kaminski MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin, and CARRIED, that approval of the Board be given subject to approval of Mans, etc. by the Planning Board.

On motion of George Lockwood, seconded by Stephen Kelly, and CARRIED, a Personnel Committee of ~~three~~ members is to be named as a committee of the Board of Representatives. Members of this committee will be appointed by the President at the November 5, 1951 meeting.

Robert Lewis MOVED, seconded by Catherine Cleary, that a report be submitted monthly on the progress of the police and court building by the Board of Design and urged that interest be intensified so that progress can be made.

It was MOVED by Karl Young, seconded and CARRIED to adiourn the meeting at 11:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk