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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on November 5, 1951 at 8 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Robert G. Shepherd, President.

Invocation was given by Rev. Almeda Vickery of the Union Memorial Church of Glenbrook.

Roll call was taken with 12 present and 8 absent. Those absent at the time of roll call were Catherine Cleary, Joseph Mancusi, Theodore Donahue, Patrick Hogan, Ralph Nau, Katherine Kaminski, Vito Longo, George Russell. Arriving later were George Russell, Patrick Hogan and Catherine Cleary. Three members left after recess - Joseph Zdanowicz, Edward Hogan and John Canavan.

It was MOVED by John Cameron, seconded by David Waterbury and passed that a resolution be drawn to be passed on the December meeting in memory of the late Michael Wofsey. At the request of James Mulreed the members of the Board voted by a rising vote a minute of silence in memory of Mr. Wofsey.

Kindly make the following corrections to minutes of October 1, 1951: On Page 431, next to the last paragraph, insert the following: Helen Bromley moved, seconded by John Cameron and unanimously carried that the emergency appropriation of \$5049 for Town Clerk's Office Salaries of Mrs. Florence Poultney and Mrs. Charles Meyer be granted; also salary adjustment of \$204. for Mrs. Mabel Wixson which was inadvertently omitted from the budget.

On Page 433, third paragraph from bottom of page, change Personnel Committee of three members to read four members.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Letter was read from Mr. J. Kenneth Bradley representing The Cove Investment and Improvement Company advising that the premises of Cove Island are under lease and option and that they are not in a position to negotiate with the city.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Resolution requesting complete information on Thruway was submitted by Paul Plotkin and William Kaminski. James Mulreed MOVED that this resolution be tabled until December when the two State Representatives and Senator should appear to answer questions, seconded and carried by a <sup>standing</sup> vote of 22 in favor, 10 opposed. The clerk was instructed to request the attendance of the legislators.

Letter from the Plannig Board was read re the waiting station at Camp Avenue and Hope Street; also letter from Public Works Dept. on breakdown of costs for clearing the circus grounds covering the charge made by the City in the amount of \$20.00.

William Kaminski submitted Resoulution requesting identification for members of the Board of Representatives and MOVED for approval, seconded by Stephen Kelly who amended motion to read "identification badges". Babette Ransohoff and Karl Young spoke against the amendment and James Mulreed spoke for it.

Harold Clark MOVED an amendment to the effect that badges be permitted, if desired, and that representatives pay for them. A vote was taken and this amendment to the motion was defeated.

The amended Resolution was then voted on and adopted by vote of 22 - 10.

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## RESOLUTION #119

WHEREAS - The duties and powers of the members of the Board of Representatives, as prescribed in the charter and the code of General Ordinances, are very broad in scope. Such as -

Section 204.2 of the charter which provides powers to investigate administration.

Chapter 8 Section 1 of the code of General Ordinances provides admission for the Board of Representatives to emergency areas, declared as such by the fire department.

Chapter 2 Section 7 also of the code of General Ordinances provides for submission of files and maps or other data of importance that might not be revealed to the General Public.

Officers or dept. heads should be given the opportunity to identify any member exercising his or her prescribed duty through proper credentials. This would eliminate the possibility of an unauthorized person or persons from taking advantage of an unfortunate oversight of not having persons of authority properly identified.

In the case of emergency areas men of the fire department, are too engrossed with their duties to discuss a persons authority to enter the area. Proper credentials would save valuable time and at the same token would keep out persons who are unauthorized.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED - That the city of Stamford supply proper identification for each member of the Board of Representatives, clearly stating the effective and expiration date, which would be the period of which he or she was elected to this office.

To also have it known that this means of identification carries with it all the powers invested in the members of the Board of Representatives as provided in the provision of the charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this means of identification be properly presented by a designated official of the city of Stamford. The type of identification shall be decided by a majority of members present at the regular meeting of November 1951.

William C. Kaminski  
Representative 2nd District

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED, seconded by James Mulreed, that two badges be made for each of the twenty districts inscribed with the district number only and to be retained as city property; that the badge be accompanied with an identification card giving the representative's name and address and term of office, thereby assuring that a representative going out of office will return his badge and also eliminate the expense of purchasing new badges at each election. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The report from the Personnel Director and the Department of Finance on Sewer Inspectors was read. George Lockwood MOVED that same be referred to the new Personnel Committee who will report at the December meeting, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Report on business machines in the Welfare Department was read. John Cameron MOVED that the report be tabled until such time as we get a complete report from Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

An invitation to tour redevelopment projects #1 and #2 with the Urban Redevelopment Commission on November 18, 1951 at 2 P.M. was accepted by the Board.

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The offer by Nicholas Nanos to purchase City-owned property was read. Reference was made to ordinance #11 Supplemental, adopted September 13, 1951. It was MOVED by George Lockwood, seconded and Carried that all such requests be tabled and acted on in accordance with the ordinance, that it is not the intention of the Board to act on any one individual piece of property until the complete list of city-owned property is filed with the Board.

The report of licenses and fees submitted by Mr. Morrissey was read. Helen Bromley MOVED that same be referred to Legislative and Rules Committee for a further check and report, seconded and carried.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Fiscal Committee was submitted by Helen Bromley.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, that approval be granted the Police Department emergency appropriation of \$2500. - \$1000. for Code 433.28 Street Signs & Markings & Materials, Maintenance, etc. and \$1500. for Code 430.12A Traffic Supplies, Signs and Street Markers. Carried by a vote of 33 -1.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, that approval be granted emergency appropriation of \$1867.07 requested for medical expenses covering settlement of claims, hospitalization and medical expenses of employees of the City of Stamford, Code 488.24. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Mr. Neuwien was requested to speak on the request for the High School interscholastic appropriation. Mr. Lewis questioned at length why some of the sports, particularly football, was not played at night, such being the practice of other neighboring cities such as Bridgeport and White Plains who have found it very satisfactory. Mr. Neuwien explained why the Board of Education feels that night football should not be approved.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the emergency appropriation of \$3754.55 as additional funds required to operate the High School Interscholastic program be approved, seconded by Patrick Hogan and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the transfer from Unanticipated Revenue to the Stamford High School Interscholastic Athletic Program in the sum of \$15,196.65 be approved, seconded by Helen Peatt and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

In answer to the question raised by John Charleson, Mr. Neuwien assured the Board that all income from athletics will be returned to the General Fund.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the emergency appropriation for \$700. for part-time help, Code 571.1 requested by the Assessors Office be granted, seconded by John Cameron and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the emergency appropriation for \$800. requested by the Assessor's Office for 20,000 3¢ stamped window envelopes for mailing out re-assessment notices be granted, seconded by Michael Holahan and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the emergency appropriation for \$4000. requested by the Assessor's Office as the additional cost for printing up 5,000 tax books, Code 571.4A, be approved, seconded by George Connors and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley called attention to the total emergency appropriations amounting to \$139,745.41, not including the emergency appropriations acted on at this meeting, approved in the four months since July 1.

Babette Ransohoff MOVED for a ten minute recess, seconded and carried.

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Legislative & Rules Committee

John Cameron submitted the report for this committee.

John Cameron MOVED that action on the Pension Plan be postponed until the December meeting in order that a revision may be submitted to Special Act 463. A public hearing must then be held and the plan may be acted on early in 1952. The motion was seconded by James Mulreed and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED that an ordinance amending the building code be acted upon under the emergency provisions of Section 204.1 of the Charter, seconded and Carried Unanimously.

John Cameron read an Ordinance to Amend the Building Code (General Building Limitations - Fire Limits) to be known as Ordinance #12 Supplemental.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT:

1. Section 301-3 (e) of the amendments to the Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended to read as follows:

Section 301-3 (e) Within the fire limits, no frame building now designed as or intended for living purposes, shall be altered into or used for business or industrial purposes, or occupied by more families than would be permitted in a new building of the same construction except that within such limits existing frame buildings may be altered into or used for professional services and office purposes not involving the direct sale or manufacturing of products. The building inspector shall not issue a building permit for any such alteration until he is satisfied from an inspection of the plans for the proposed alteration that the interests of public safety are preserved. The building inspector shall likewise not issue a certificate of occupancy until he is satisfied that in such alteration or use the interests of public safety are preserved. The local fire marshal shall inspect or cause to be inspected, at least once each calendar year and as often as may be necessary in the interests of public safety, all buildings coming under this section, and in each case shall satisfy himself that there exists no hazard to life safety from fire. Upon failure of an owner or occupant to abate such hazard within a reasonable period of time as specified by the fire marshal, the fire marshal shall notify the city prosecutor and such owner or occupant shall be subject to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars.

2. Section 301, paragraph 6 (b) of the Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended to read as follows:

Section 301, paragraph 6 (b) Greenhouses of unprotected metal not more than fifteen feet in height.

3. Because of the National emergency affecting allocation of materials entering into construction, an emergency is hereby declared and prior introduction of this ordinance and its publishing prior to its adoption are hereby dispensed with.

4. This ordinance shall take effect on November 7, 1951.

*on motion of the Chairman, seconded by James Mulreed, the*  
Public Works Committee

David Waterbury reported for this committee on the Seaside Avenue Project with reference to the \$4000. which was requested as a transfer to the Bouton Street Project.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Harold Clark, that the remaining monies in the Seaside Avenue Bond Issue aggregating some \$14,000. be retained for contracts still not completed at this project; that the transfer as originally requested be denied. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Harold Clark, that the Board ask the Mayor to request an emergency appropriation of \$4000. to install the drainage system at Bouton Street in Springdale. The motion was CARRIED. It is understood that the \$4000. is only a portion of the cost and that the balance is to be paid by the Contractor (Old Colony Homes).

Planning & Zoning Committee

This report was read by William Murphy.

On MOTION of William Murphy, seconded by James Mulreed, the following streets were accepted:

- ✓ 450' of Crestwood Drive
- ✓ Middlebury Street
- ✓ Matthew Street (in its entirety - portion accepted earlier)
- ✓ Portion of Dora Street beginning at the termination of the northerly end of the existing Dora Street and proceeding northerly for a distance of 470 feet which will be the approximate northern boundry line of properties known as Numbers 115 and 116.
- ✓ Houston Street extension in Revere Park Section which runs northerly from Mathews Street for a distance of approximately 180 feet as appears on map of Revere Park surveyed for Revere Park, Inc., Stamford, Conn. signed by L. Bromfield, Jr., April 27, 1950.

Health & Protection Committee

John Cook read the report for this committee.

On MOTION by William Kaminski, seconded and CARRIED, the Police Department will be requested for a progress report on their training program; that specific facts and figures be stated on what type of training is given and the number of participants involved. This report is to be submitted to the Health & Protection Committee Chairman one week prior to each and every regular monthly meeting of the Board of Representatives.

It was also recommended that a similar report be requested from the Fire Department, inasmuch as their members will be responsible for handling the ambulance and its equipment.

It was urged by the Board that the Police Department enforce regulations of cars parked in areas marked "No Parking".

Several members of the Board named various intersections where traffic is unusually heavy during certain hours. The members were asked to pass on their suggestions to the Health & Protection Committee who would discuss them with the Board of Public Safety.

Steering Committee Report

This report was read by Robert G. Shepherd and placed on file.

Personnel Committee

The President appointed George Lockwood, Robert Lewis, Joseph Carlin and Stephen Kelly to this Committee.

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The President asked for approval or discussion of the purpose of the committee as being "to safeguard the public interest with regard to personnel and the merit system and is not for handling personal problems of employees for which a procedure is already available". It was approved, as read, for incorporation in the minutes.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR

Members of the Board were reminded of the invitation to visit the Ferguson Library on November 8, 1951 at 5 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Joseph Caputo MOVED that the flood conditions at the Quonset Huts during the heavy storms be referred to the Public Works Committee for further report, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED. It was suggested that the Mayor also be notified of conditions at the Quonset Huts.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff  
Clerk

## Fiscal Committee Report

November 5, 1951

The Fiscal Committee met on Friday, November 2, 1951 to consider the following items on our agenda; 4 members being present.

1. Emergency appropriation of \$2500 for the Police Department; \$1,000 for Code 433.28 Street Signs and Markings, Materials and Maintenance for Precinct 2 and \$1500 for Code 430.12A Traffic Supplies, Signs and Street Markers for Precinct 1.

In the minutes of the Board of Finance regarding this appropriation they said, "Although the Board approved this emergency the members requested that Sec. 485 of the Charter and their letter of transmittal dated May 9, 1951 which accompanied the budget be brought to the attention of the Mayor and Commissioner of Finance". We would like to endorse this recommendation of the Board of Finance regarding adherence to Sec. 485 of the Charter. The Fiscal Committee believes that City Departments should be operated from a budget standpoint in the same manner as private business. If a department head in private business is allowed so many dollars (\$) to operate on, he has to operate within the budget allowed. If the Police Department knew that the purchase of new signs and street markers would exhaust the year's appropriation in a matter of four to six weeks, they should have requested additional funds before the entire appropriation was spent. The Fiscal Committee wants to emphasize that the provisions of Sec. 485 apply equally to the Mayor, Department Heads and Controller. We approve this appropriation.

2. Emergency appropriation of \$1,867.07 for Code 488.24 Medical Expenses. This account covers settlement of claims, medical expenses etc. for employees of the City of Stamford. We approve.
3. Emergency Appropriation of \$3,754.55 by Board of Education as additional funds to operate the High School inter-scholastic program and Emergency Appropriation transfer from Unanticipated Revenue to Stamford High School Interscholastic Athletic Program in the amount of \$15,196.65.

The Fiscal Committee would like to recommend that a total emergency appropriation of \$18,951.40 be made for the Stamford High School budget but in order to accede to the advice of the Commissioner of Finance for budgetary reasons we will consider it as two appropriations. We favor these items.

4. Emergency appropriations for the Assessor's Office:
  - a. \$700 for part-time help.

This is necessary due to the additional work required in typing extra real and personal property lists changes in assessed value notices and other work necessary to complete the 1951 Grand List in the time allotted by the Connecticut General Statutes. Your Committee approved this amount.

- b. \$800 for purchase of stamped window envelopes for the account Code 571.3 stationery, supplies and postage due to the mailing of 25,000 Change of Assessment Notices due to the revaluation of properties in Stamford.

According to Sec. 1734 of the Conn. General Statutes, Revision of 1949, we are obliged to notify any person of an assessment increase over the previous year. We approve.

- c. \$4,000 additional amount for printing tax books by the Assessor's Office. They plan to use Flexoprint or a similar type of printing; in this way changes and additions will always be up-to-date through a daily routine method of handling and that the saving to the City would be approximately \$1500 after the first year.

We approve this amount.

Only 4 months have elapsed since the beginning of the fiscal year and we have already made emergency appropriations, not including these tonight, for the sum of \$139,745.41. We think the entire membership of this board should be aware of this amount.

Very respectfully submitted,

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