

FEBRUARY 4, 1952

The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on February 4, 1952 at Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by Robert G. Shepherd, President, at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Rev. Russell M. McGown of the First Congregational Church of Stamford.

Roll call was taken with 31 present and 9 absent. The absent members were Joseph Mangusi, Clifford Waterbury, Aage Feldtrose, Stephen Kelly, John Cook, Karl Young, Edward Hogan, Paul Plotkin and Katherine Kaminski. Paul Plotkin and Katherine Kaminski arrived later making a total of 33 present and 7 absent.

Corrections submitted on minutes of January 7, 1952 are as follows: On Page 449, last paragraph which continues to page 450 void and insert the following: "John Canavan MOVED that a letter be sent to the Purchasing Department asking why ~~the~~ deliveries had not been made. Wm Kaminski amended this motion to include the Department Heads requesting the purchases."

George Lockwood MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin, that the minutes of January 7, 1952 be accepted with above correction. CARRIED.

Legislative & Rules Committee

John Cameron commented on the letter received from the Pension Committee of the Chamber of Commerce stating that he was sure that this committee was not aware of the many months of study that the Legislative & Rules Committee had put in on the study of a pension plan and that he felt the members were able and qualified to draw a plan. He stated that the correspondence sent to the committee following the public hearing had been considered and most of the suggestions were included in the draft being submitted with recommended changes in the pension plan. The committee now recommends the adoption of Social Security plan plus a supplemental plan. He felt that both plans should be considered for adoption at one time, so that the employees will know that one will not be adopted without the other.

Mr. Cameron read in full the Draft & Supplemental Report of the Legislative & Rules Committee re Proposed Pension Plan for Classified Employees. A copy of this plan is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives, Town Clerk's Office and the Ferguson Library.

James Mulreed MOVED that in view of statements made by the Pension Committee of the Chamber of Commerce a vote of confidence be given to the Legislative & Rules Committee, seconded by John Canavan. John Cameron excused himself from the meeting and the vote of confidence was carried unanimously.

Babette Ransohoff MOVED that Recommendations 1 through 6 on page 4 of the above be accepted in order to set the wheels in motion, seconded by James Mulreed.

John Cameron amended this motion by inserting "At the March Meeting" after the word "informally" on item 2. A vote was taken on the amended motion and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

1. That the corporation counsel and the personnel director be requested to arrange for all steps necessary to place the employees in question under social security by April 1, 1952 if this board so determines.

2. That the board express informally, reaction to the proposals section by section, subject to satisfactory cost figures, so that before deciding whether to put employees under social security, the members will know what additional benefits under the Stamford plan will probably be available.

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3. That your Committee be authorized to submit the proposed plan to the actuarial consultants with request for study and recommendations and request that if such study cannot be completed before the April meeting, that whatever preliminary cost figures can be furnished be released by then.

4. That the corporation counsel also be requested for comments and suggestions on the legal structure of the proposed plan and its provisions, and a report to be furnished by the April meeting of the board.

5. That copies of the proposed plan be placed in the office of the Town and City Clerk and in the Ferguson Library, and be sent to the Mayor, the board of finance, the Personnel Commission, the pension committee of the Municipal Employees Association, and each organization or individual appearing before the board at the public hearing.

6. That the board be prepared to take formal action on the plan as far ahead of July 1st as possible.

Welfare & Recreation Committee

Helen Peatt MOVED that all correspondence received by the Board of Representatives re the Welfare Department be submitted to that department; that they be asked to submit a written report on same prior to the March meeting, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Joseph Zdanowicz read a letter from the Board of Design advising that the professional renderer will have completed his part of the work on the Police Building and Court House by this week and that sketches will be in the Planning Board Office for public view in about two weeks.

Health & Protection Committee

The report of the Committee was read by Robert Lewis, Secretary, in the absence of the Chairman John Cook.

Following the recommendation by the Committee, James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be sent to the proper authorities asking that a private wire be installed at Precinct 2 for emergencies, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED.

Robert Lewis MOVED that a letter be sent commending the two men who successfully used the resuscitator in saving a life, Ambulance Call #129 of January 15.

James Mulreed amended this motion as follows: It should be recorded in the minutes of this Board the feeling of satisfaction in the manner in which resuscitation methods were used by the Fire Department. This amended motion was seconded by Helen Bromley.

John Cameron further amended this MOTION by adding "in this particular incident" and by deleting mention of names. Mr. Lewis accepted this amended MOTION. CARRIED.

George Connors MOVED that the Board go on record as expressing its regrets on the passing of Deputy Chief Speh of the Fire Department, seconded and CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley MOVED that the pension for widow of Patrolman Irving Petersen for \$1,111.25 be approved, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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Helen Bromley MOVED that the pension for Deputy Chief Charles H. Speh of \$1,641.68 be approved with regret that same had not been completed before his passing, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED by a rising vote.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the pension for Fireman Harry A. Goettel for \$873.13 be approved, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED THAT THE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$3500. to cover cost of an actuarial study of the pension plan by George B. Buck & Associates of New York be approved, seconded by Joseph Carlin.

Helen Bromley read the report submitted by the Board of Finance on the qualifications of George B. Buck & Associates and John Cameron certified to the ability of the firm in handling the study.

George Lockwood asked how long it would take the firm to submit their report and the reply was about eight weeks.

The motion was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Steering Committee

The report was read by President Robert Shepherd.

Robert Shepherd acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. Morrissey re handling of purchases. A mimeographed copy was distributed to each member of the Board of Representatives.

A letter to the Mayor re alleviating traffic conditions during rush hours was submitted to the Board for discussion. Joseph Carlin MOVED that same be approved and sent to the Mayor, seconded and CARRIED.

The clerk was instructed to prepare an attendance record from April 15 to date.

The action of the Steering Committee re the lease of the Quonset huts between the City of Stamford and the Town Housing Authority was read. Joseph Caputo, 1st district, requested that this matter be brought to the floor for discussion and asked the Board's permission to hear Joseph Parsons and Louise Seeley. The request was granted.

Mr. Parsons read a proposed plan, copies of which were given to every Board member.

Louise Seeley, former representative of the 1st District, supported the plan presented by Mr. Parsons and recommended that the huts, when vacated, not be filled with new tenants so that eventually the huts might be done away with.

James Mulreed MOVED that this Board officially investigate the Housing Authorities in Stamford, seconded by Joseph Caputo and CARRIED.

Theodore Donahue stated that in a survey of the tenants of the Quonset Huts the vote was 3 to 1 not to renew the extension of the lease.

Theodore Donahue MOVED to rescind the action taken by the Board on December 3 in extending the lease between the City of Stamford and the Town Housing Authority for one year, seconded by Joseph Caputo.

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of rescinding the lease, Helen Bromley amended the MOTION to include the Resolution below. Theodore Donahue accepted the amendment and read the following resolution submitted by himself, Joseph Caputo and Babette Ransohoff.

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RESOLUTION #129

WHEREAS at the meeting of the Board of Representatives on February 4, 1952 it was voted to rescind the action taken on December 3, 1951 by the Board of Representatives extending the lease between the Town Housing Authority and the City of Stamford for one year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it be recommended to the proper authorities that as vacancies occur in the Quonset Huts that the vacancies not be filled by new applicants.

The amended motion was CARRIED.

Robert Shepherd read a letter from John Cook submitting his resignation as Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee; in his stead he appointed Robert Lewis as Acting Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee.

The President appointed the following committee to act under Resolution #127 (Home Drainage & Septic Tanks): Catherine Cleary, Patrick Hogan, George Russell, David Waterbury, Joseph Zdanowicz and Robert Shepherd, ex officio.

PETITIONS

Petition #114 - Helen Peatt MOVED that permission be granted the Rehabilitation Center for the Physically Handicapped, Inc. to have the Lily Parade and Easter Seal Sale as requested. Joseph Carlin amended the motion to include notification to Chief Brennan. The Motion was CARRIED.

Petition #115 - David Waterbury MOVED that permission be granted to display three 8 x 10 heart posters in St. John's Park, Central Park and Bedford Park during the month of February for the 1952 Heart Fund, seconded and CARRIED.

The request by the Lions Club to have Ringling Bros. Circus in Stamford this Spring was referred to the Welfare & Recreation Committee for report at the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette Ransohoff
Clerk

Report of the Fiscal Committee
February 4, 1952

A meeting of the Fiscal Committee was held with 5 members present. The following items were discussed.

1. A pension of \$1,111.25 for the balance of the fiscal year 1951-1952 to the widow of Patrolman Irving Petersen who passed away on November 29, 1951. We approve.
2. A pension for Deputy Chief Charles H. Speh who retired on October 30, 1951. The sum of \$1,641.68 was approved for the balance of the fiscal year. The Committee regrets that this appropriation was not granted before Chief Speh's death. We approve.
3. A pension for Fireman Harry A. Goettel who retired as of January 16, 1952. The sum of \$873.13 was approved for the balance of the fiscal year.
4. In accordance with the motion passed at the last meeting of the Board of Representatives the Fiscal Committee recommends the emergency appropriation of \$3500 to cover a necessary study of the Municipal Employees Plan. We feel that this is a very important appropriation in that costs of a pension plan will be known to the taxpayers of Stamford before the plan is to be put into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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