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APRIL 3, 1952

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives was called to order at 8:10 P.M. on April 3, 1952 at the Burdick Junior High School by Robert Shepherd.

Roll call was taken with 33 present and with seven members absent, namely Theodore Donahue, Joseph Mancusi, James Mulreed, John Canavan, George Lockwood, Karl Young and Ralph Nau. Patrick Hogan and George Connors left about 9 P.M.

The Operating Budget for 1952-1953 as transmitted by the Board of Finance was commented upon by the Fiscal Committee in their report as very well done; that after careful consideration and investigations the Fiscal Committee found there was little cutting to be done; that the total cuts that the Fiscal Committee approved totaled about \$45,000.

The Board then proceeded to vote on the budget item by item.

Code 300.23 - It was MOVED by Helen Bromley, seconded by Joseph Carlin and passed, that \$400. be appropriated for an electric typewriter, thus reducing the Board of Finance figure from \$1,147. to \$400.

Code 413B - Relative to the budget of the Tree Warden, Edward Hogan MOVED to approve the appropriation of \$22,795. with the request that the Board of Finance reconsider the salary of the Tree Warden which was eliminated from the budget, seconded by Helen Bromley and Unanimously Carried.

Robert Lewis MOVED, seconded by John Cook, that the President of the Board write a letter to the Chief of Police with a copy to the Mayor asking that our previous request to install a private phone at Precinct #2 be attended to immediately.

Helen Bromley MOVED that all transfers from Sundries be approved by both the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives, seconded and Unanimously Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette Ransohoff  
Clerk

April 3, 1952

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET  
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1953.

Your Fiscal Committee, having had more time than in former years to consult with Department Heads, presents its recommendations with the hope that the entire Board of Representatives will have its task made more easy and less time consuming, still with the satisfaction, however, of having discharged its duties and fulfilled its obligations thoroughly and well.

Our task was facilitated by the splendid cooperation of the Commissioner of Finance and the Department Heads whom we found it necessary to interview.

While some departmental requests are transmitted to you in the same amounts as they were received from the Board of Finance, others have been reduced, not arbitrarily, but with the purpose in view that all essential amounts should be retained and all non-essential amounts should be denied.

We would suggest that next year's Budgetary requests with explanations thereon be presented in one booklet as in former years and wherever possible that similar accounts in different departments be designated by the same nomenclature and similar code numbers, that the grouping of various items under one code number be also eliminated.

In reviewing the Board of Education Budget we have endeavored to make a realistic approach and a realistic cut. Mindful of the fact that this Board has no control over the manner in which money allotted to the Board of Education is expended, your Fiscal Committee felt that in order to make a realistic cut in this Budget, it should be prepared to show in detail accounts where reductions were made to support a total cut. This procedure was followed and because your Fiscal Committee was unable to aggregate enough reductions in individual accounts to exceed the cut made by the Board of Finance, we have recommended that this budget be approved as is.

Mindful of our obligations to provide funds for adequate and essential services to the people of Stamford and also conscious of our responsibilities to those who pay the bill, and guided by the role we ourselves play as ordinary citizens, we have tried conscientiously to be as fair and reasonable to all concerned as is humanly possible.

With these thoughts in mind we are now prepared to present to you for your consideration our recommendations for the Operating Budget requests for next year. You should keep in mind that this Committee proposes only a total reduction of approximately \$45,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen J. Bromley, Chairman  
Joseph W. Carlin  
John E. Charleson

Patrick J. Hogan  
Michael J. Holahan  
George W. Lockwood