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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, January 5, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by John L. Cameron, President.

Mr. Cameron gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Those absent at the time of roll call were Theodore P. Donohue, Aage Feldtmose, Edward Hogan, Katherine Kaminski, Paul Plotkin and George Russell. Reporting later were Katherine Kaminski, Paul Plotkin and George Russell making an attendance of 36 present, 3 absent and 1 vacancy.

Leon Staples MOVED acceptance of the minutes of November 10, 1952, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Karl Young MOVED to correct minutes of December 1, 1952. On Page 550 under Planning & Zoning Committee change "Nicholas" mentioned in several instances in the next few paragraphs to Nichols. Also on Page 552, paragraph 2, a typographical error was made. Correct "Helen Bromley" to read "Helen Bromley".

Joseph Carlin MOVED acceptance of minutes of December 1, 1952 with corrections as noted by Mr. Young, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Webster Givens MOVED approval of minutes of Special Meeting of December 11, 1952, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Mr. Cameron made reference to a letter from Corporation Counsel stating that according to #703 of the Charter all resignations of elected officials except the Mayor must be presented to the Mayor and that such resignation or vacancy does not occur unless filed by the Mayor in the office of the Town and City Clerk. Also according to Sec. 201 said vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the Board of Representatives to serve for the remainder of the term, although Section 21 might possibly be held to modify this.

Mr. Cameron stated that in order to make sure we have fulfilled such requirements, an election to fill the vacancy of Joseph Mancusi, Third District Representative, must be acted upon again and that the action of the election of Mr. Vitti on November 10, 1952, Page 546, be rescinded.

Mr. Cameron also stated that inasmuch as the Corporation Counsel's letter stated Sec. 304.2 of the Charter pointed out that only the Mayor, Town Clerk, Justice of the Peace and Justices of the Court were qualified to administer and take acknowledgments of oaths, it would be necessary that Dr. Dolan and Mr. Littleworth again take oath of office and that such oath of office would be administered by Mayor Quigley.

George Connors nominated Michael Vitti to fill the vacancy of Third District Representative. Certification of Mr. Mancusi's resignation from Town and City Clerk Joseph Toner was read. The nomination was seconded by Patrick Scarella. Clifford Waterbury MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that one ballot be cast by the Clerk to elect Michael Vitti as Third District Representative to fill the vacancy of Joseph Mancusi, seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Michael Vitti of 2 Nurney Street was unanimously elected to succeed Joseph Mancusi, Third District Representative.

Mayor Quigley administered the oath of office to Frederick Littleworth, 9th District Representative; Dr. Francis Dolan, 14th District Representative and Michael Vitti, Third District Representative.

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At this time Mayor Quigley spoke to the Board members thanking them for their cooperation for the year 1952, asking the members to call on him at any time. He stated that with combined efforts and collectively it was possible to build and make a better Stamford.

Helen Bromley MOVED that Item 1 on the Agenda, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education, be considered at this time, seconded by Clifford Waterbury and CARRIED. Certificate of the Town and City Clerk as to the resignation of George Hamilton, Jr. from the Board of Education was read.

Helen Bromley nominated Mrs. J. Platt Okie to fill the vacancy, seconded by Leon Staples.

Joseph Carlin nominated Catherine Cleary, seconded by Ralph Nau and David Waterbury.

Ralph Nau MOVED that the nominations be closed, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

The ballot was cast and counted by Tellers Young and Longo. Catherine Cleary was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education by a vote of 25 to 12.

George Connors MOVED that Item #7 on the Agenda be advanced and that we hear from Mr. Hurd at this time, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Mayor Quigley introduced Mr. Frederick Hurd, Traffic Advisor to the Mayor.

Mr. Hurd submitted a report of progress to date of recommended traffic solutions for the City of Stamford. A copy of this report has been placed on file.

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE

Helen Bromley, Chairman, advised that the pension for Joseph Rich for \$1005. for balance of fiscal year 1952-1953 was approved by the Board of Finance at a meeting held January 2, 1953 and MOVED approval by the Board of Representatives, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED by all members present voting yea.

Joseph Rich resigned from the Police Department effective January 1, 1953.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. Referendum vote at November election. James Mulreed, Chairman, stated a four page opinion had been received from the Attorney General's Office as to the status of the Charter amendment submitted for referendum vote at the November 1952 election indicating that the so-called Home Rule Bill requires that 51% of the electors vote on proposed charter amendments is required at regular elections as well as special elections. Therefore our proposal failed to carry.

2. Proposed Charter Changes by Stamford Good Government Association. James Mulreed stated the Committee commended the Stamford Good Government Association for their efforts in connection with the proposal of a charter amendment to more clearly define the functions of the Planning and Zoning Boards. The committee has recommended that the Stamford Good Government Association include in its proposed legislation the following provisions:

- a. That the Planning Board be required to submit to the Board of Representatives its city-wide development plan not later than the first meeting of the Board of Representatives in 1954.
- b. That the Board of Representatives be required to vote for adoption or rejection of the development plan not later than the third regular meeting of the Board of Representatives in 1954.

- c. That petitions advocating a change in the development plan or zoning regulations, before being submitted to the Board of Representatives for final determination shall contain the signatures of the owners of 51% of the property in the area affected or within 500 feet of the borders of the area.
- d. That in the interim between the passage of the proposed legislation and the adoption of a city-wide development plan, any proposed zoning change which is opposed by the Planning Board shall be submitted to the Board of Representatives for approval.

3. Limitations placed on Purchasing Agent. Due consideration has been given the letter received from the Commissioner of Finance re sound practice to increase the specified amount on purchases without public notice. The committee concurs and recommends that this amount be changed from \$200. to \$500. and Moves adopting bill to be submitted to the Legislature changing Sections 484.1 and 484.7, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

4. Mr. Mulreed read a request from the Planning Board for legislation to relieve it of responsibility for action on acceptance of specific streets once the general plans of the division in which they are located are approved. The committee concurs and James Mulreed MOVED that bill presented changing Sec. 526 and also Sec. 415 of the Charter be approved, seconded by Joseph Caputo and CARRIED.

5. Other Bills amending the Charter. James Mulreed MOVED that the following bills amending sections of the Charter be approved, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

- a. A bill to correct the titles used in the Charter
- b. A bill to clarify the administrative procedures in the City of Stamford
- c. A bill placing the controller under the Merit System.
- d. A bill to give the fiscal officials and representatives better basis for action on appropriations required after the budget is adopted.

Sections referred for amendments are Section 21, 202.4, 204.1, 303, 400, 412, 414, 415, 416, 500, 501, 503, 530, 540, 575, 575.1 and Chapter 53. Bills as submitted to the General Assembly are on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

#### 6. Building Lines

James Mulreed MOVED an amendment to Resolution #145 - Establishing Certain Building Lines adopted July 21, 1952, by adding as the last paragraph the following: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 50% of the cost of public improvements contained in this resolution be assessed against the property benefited thereby and 50% be assessed against the community at large." Amendment was accepted and all members reported present recorded as voting "yea".

#### RESOLUTION #145 - RE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN BUILDING LINES

Be it resolved that this board hereby expresses its intent to establish building lines on each of the following streets, but not necessarily in the order in which they are listed, upon receipt of more detailed recommendation from Planning Board and consideration of such report or reports hereinafter requested as shall be pertinent to the action with respect to any such street:

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Summer Street   | from Broad to Main Streets          |
| Broad Street    | from Atlantic St. to Rippowam River |
| Franklin Street | from Broad to Woodside Streets      |
| Guernsey Street | from State to Willow Streets        |

Be it further resolved that this board hereby reaffirms its intent to establish

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building lines on each of the following streets, but not necessarily in the order in which they are listed, upon receipt of more detailed recommendation from the Planning Board and consideration of such report or reports hereinafter requested as shall be pertinent to the action with respect to any such street:

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Summer Street              | from Broad to Woodside Streets  |
| Spring Street              | " Summer to Bedford Streets     |
| Willow Street              | " Atlantic to South Streets     |
| Greyrock Place             | " Main to Grove Streets         |
| Bedford Street (east side) | " Spring St. to High Ridge Road |
| Gottage Street             | " Atlantic to Pacific Streets   |
| Bell Street                | " Atlantic to South Streets     |
| Canal Street               | " State to Atlantic Streets     |

Be it further resolved that notice of the foregoing resolutions be given, through the Corporation Counsel, by publication and by mail to each owner of property on any street referred to therein;

Be it further resolved that this board, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Stamford Charter, hereby requests the Mayor in cooperation with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance, to make a report on such program as the Planning Board may recommend with respect to each street, or any portion of any such street which he considers requires a separate report, each such report to show, (a) the reasonable damages, if any, to be awarded each property owner as a result solely of establishing such building lines and prior to the taking of any property for city use as a result thereof, (b) an estimate based on current values, of the reasonable award, if any, to each property owner, if subsequent to establishing any such building line, part or all of his property should be acquired by the city by condemnation for the purpose of street widening, parking or other uses, and (c) an estimate, based on current values, of the reasonable amount of the assessment, if any, against each such property which would arise because of benefit to the property on account of any such improvement made by the city;

Be it further resolved that this board hereby requests that each such report be submitted as it is completed, with priority being given to reports regarding Summer and Broad Streets and that, if the Mayor shall determine that section (a) of said reports can be made independently of sections (b) and (c), the reports on section (a) be submitted as independent reports as soon as completed;

Be it further resolved that this board indicate to the Mayor its willingness, subject to approval by the Board of Finance, to entertain a request for an emergency appropriation to cover reasonable cost of such appraisals and other professional services as the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance shall require to prepare the material for such reports, and

Be it further resolved that 50% of the cost of public improvements contained in this resolution be assessed against the property benefited thereby and 50% be assessed against the community at large.

#### 7. Bonds

James Mulreed report that Mr. Sherman Hoyt, Chairman of the Stamford Planning Board, advises that any bonds accepted on developments are now two year bonds and have been for sometime past. However, there are still some existing five year bonds pending.

John Cook MOVED acceptance of the Legislative & Rules Committee report, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee requests a report from the City Administration regarding a recent survey of garbage disposal, more particularly in reference to the Scofieldtown Road Dump, said report to be submitted to the February meeting; also a further request that copies of report be sent by the Mayor to the Planning Board and Board of Finance. The Committee also requests that an appropriation be included in the Capital Projects Budget for an incinerator large enough to do away with the Scofieldtown Road Dump.

Webster Givens **MOVED** adoption of the report, seconded by Karl Young and **CARRIED**.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Joseph Carlin, Chairman, submitted the committee's report re time off to various members of the fire department. Although entitled to certain holidays per year, because of shift rotation, some members have failed to receive such holidays. The committee felt that they should be given time off at another time. A further report will be made at a later meeting.

Various promotional and competitive examinations were listed.

Joseph Carlin **MOVED** that the report be placed on file, seconded by Michael Holahan and **CARRIED**.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Lewis, Chairman, submitted the committee's report. The committee reports that Mr. Chase did an excellent job of repairing the cars of the Police Department and also reported that Mr. Chase is planning to maintain continued careful inspection of the equipment. Also mention was made of reports received from the Police and Fire Departments on the training program. Robert Lewis **MOVED** that the report be placed on file, seconded by James Mulreed and **CARRIED**.

STEERING COMMITTEE

John Cameron read the report of the Steering Committee including an item covering the budget for the Board for the fiscal year 1953-1954. The Committee requested that the classification of the secretary be changed to Executive Secretary. The proposed budget is as follows:

|                                  |             |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 200.1 Salary Executive Secretary | \$3,450.    |  |
| 200.3 Printing                   | --          |  |
| 200.4 Official Notices           | 250.        |  |
| 200.5 Telephone                  | 50.         |  |
| 200.6 Supplies and Postage       | 250.        |  |
| 200.7 Janitor Service            | <u>225.</u> |  |
| Total                            | \$5,575.    |  |

*Over Time 225. } done  
Print Time 1000. } done  
etc.*

William Kaminski **MOVED** approval of the budget, seconded by Walter Seely and **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments to various boards ~~was~~ submitted by Mayor Quigley in several letters as follows:

Michael Grzelacyk as reappointment to the Sewer Commission term to expire December 1, 1957. Democrat

Jack Flaherty as reappointment to the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission term to expire December 1, 1957. Republican.

*were reappointed 2/1/50*

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Rev. Paul Du Bois as appointment to the Welfare Commission, term to expire December 1, 1955. Democrat.

John F. Power as reappointment to the Board of Taxation term to expire December 1, 1957. Democrat.

Samuel Gordon as appointment to the Planning Board, term to expire December 1, 1957. Democrat

Joseph Carlin MOVED that same be referred to the Appointments Committee for review and consideration and be brought up at the February 2, 1953 meeting for election, seconded by William Murphy and CARRIED.

#### PETITIONS

Helen Bromley MOVED suspension of the Rules, seconded by George Connors, to add to the Agenda a request from The Stamford Automobile Association submitted by E. W. Fossum.

Petition #130 - Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin, that permission be granted The Stamford Automobile Association to hold a festival on February 20 and 21 and to hold a car parade on either of these days, depending on the weather. CARRIED.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Webster Givens MOVED Suspension of the Rules to add to the Agenda a letter from Mr. Murray McConnel re resignation from the Board of Finance because of his moving from Stamford shortly after April 1, 1953, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that the Steering Committee be authorized to meet to consider the date of filling of this vacancy in view of Mr. McConnel's offer to present the resignation at the convenience of the Board. Motion was seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Walter Seely MOVED that the Corporation Counsel be requested to review the Long View Park Incorporated Bond to see if it was legally signed, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Mr. Frederick Littleworth MOVED that the clerk be authorized to send a letter of thanks to the Glenbrook Fire Department as well as the Ladies Auxiliary of the Glenbrook Fire Department for the recent Xmas party, seconded by Walter Seely and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED Suspension of the Rules to place the following item on the Agenda, seconded by Karl Young and CARRIED.

Patrick Hogan submitted a petition signed by many residents of Revere Park. Patrick Hogan MOVED that said petition be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his advice, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff  
Clerk