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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on Monday, June 1, 1953 at 8 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by Babette S. Ransohoff, Clerk, in Mr. Cameron's absence from the City.

Mrs. Ransohoff asked for nominations for a Chairman pro tem.

George Connors nominated Helen Bromley as Chairman pro tempore, seconded by Joseph Carlin.

James Mulreed MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by William Kaminski.

Babette Ransohoff declared Helen Bromley elected Chairman pro tempore.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 12 absent, 1 vacancy, making the total present 27. The absent members were Paul Plotkin, Wardham Collyer, Michael Vitti, Clifford Waterbury, John Charleson, Joseph Zdanowicz, Katherine Kaminski, Dr. Francis Dolan, Vito Longo, Harold Clark, Ralph Nau and John Cameron. The resigned member was John Rubino. The following members arrived later: Paul Plotkin, Wardham Collyer, Katherine Kaminski, Dr. Francis Dolan and Harold Clark, changing the attendance to 32 present, 7 absent and 1 vacancy.

Helen Bromley requested action on acceptance of minutes of 4/13/53 and 4/20/53. ✓

Karl Young MOVED acceptance of minutes of April 13, 1953, seconded by William White and CARRIED.

Babette Ransohoff stated that Mr. Buttrees requested that the page numbers on the minutes of April 20, 1953 be changed to read 587-8-9-590-591 instead of 584 through 588 as they now incorrectly read. ✓

Webster Givens MOVED that the minutes of April 20, 1953 be accepted as corrected, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

David Waterbury MOVED nomination of Dr. Abraham Sigler for 8th District Representative replacing John Rubino, seconded by Frederick Littleworth.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by Helen Peatt.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot, seconded by Edward Hogan and CARRIED.

Dr. Abraham Sigler was elected as 8th District Representative, replacing John Rubino. His term will expire December 1, 1953.

George Connors MOVED nomination of Joseph Ryan, Courtland Avenue, as Selectman, replacing Ralph Carroll, resigned.

Webster Givens MOVED nominations be closed, seconded by Karl Young and Carried.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Joseph Ryan was elected as Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen, term to expire December 1, 1953.

Webster Givens MOVED nomination of George Russell as alternate on the Appeals Board of the Board of Representatives, seconded by David Waterbury.

Leon Staples MOVED that nominations be closed and that the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot, seconded by Dr. Somma and CARRIED.

Mr. Russell was appointed as alternate on the Appeals Board.

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Fiscal Committee

1. Patrick Hogan submitted the report of the Committee, recommending the approval of the emergency appropriation of \$57,300. for the Welfare Department for the following accounts: Code 460-61 Cash Relief \$15,000.; Code 460-62 Child Placement \$5,000.; Code 461-A General Hospitals \$28,000.; Code 461-B Mental Hospitals \$2,300.; and Code 461-D Other Institutions \$7,000.

Patrick Hogan MOVED approval, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED with 27 members voting "yea" and one member, Karl Young, voting "nay".

2. Patrick Hogan stated that the Committee recommended deferring action until the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 1953) on \$13,139. requested as an emergency appropriation by the Board of Education for Pupil Transportation, and so MOVED, seconded by Joseph Carlin.

Frederick Littleworth MOVED that Mr. Neuwein, Superintendent of Schools, be heard, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED

Mr. Neuwein explained why this request had been made.

The Motion was voted and CARRIED by a vote of 16 "yeas" and 14 "nays".

3. Patrick Hogan stated the Committee recommended approval of emergency appropriation of \$3,508. for Account O-1, Custodian Salaries, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Patrick Hogan MOVED, with committee's approval, that the emergency appropriation of \$6,666. which will cover an equal amount of expenditure expended from Board of Education funds for services to other departments, receipts for which will be turned over to the general fund. Declared CARRIED by a vote of 29 "yeas" and 1 "nay", David Waterbury voting "nay".

Mrs. Bromley read Mr. Morrissey's letter re setting a price of \$5. to \$6. on the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford.

4. Patrick Hogan MOVED, seconded by George Connors, that the price of the new printing be set at \$6.00 on the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

1. James Mulreed stated the committee recommended and so MOVED the adoption of Ordinance #23 Supplemental (detailed below) seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, all 31 members voting "yea".

ORDINANCE #23 SUPPLEMENTAL - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE LIMIT FOR PURCHASES REQUIRING SEALED BIDS FROM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD that Section Seven of Chapter 6 of the Code of General Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section Seven - Purchases requiring sealed bids generally. All single purchases in which the amount of the expenditure is estimated to exceed five hundred dollars shall be let by sealed bids.

This ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

2. James Mulreed stated the Committee objected to adoption of the Ordinance on Ragweed as it would appear from information obtained from adjoining communities that the enforceability and legality is questionable.

Paul Plotkin, who had originally submitted this ordinance, spoke in favor of it.

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Karl Young opposed the ordinance.

The Motion to defeat the ordinance was voted and the Ordinance on RAGWEED was declared DEFEATED by a vote of 20 for, 9 opposed.

Patrick Hogan MOVED that Mayor Quigley be requested to issue a Proclamation to property owners that ragweed on their property be destroyed, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

The L & R Committee was excused from the meeting to revise a proposed ordinance.

#### HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Lewis, Chairman, submitted monthly training reports from the Police and Fire Departments for the files of the Board of Representatives.

#### WELFARE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Helen Peatt, Chairman, stated that copies of the recent survey of the Welfare Department were distributed to members of the Board of Representatives this evening.

William Kaminski MOVED that any discussion be held up until the Welfare & Recreation Committee has had time to consult with the Welfare Commission, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

Babette Ransohoff amended the Motion to read Welfare & Recreation Committee and Fiscal Committee as it was originally referred. Amendment accepted by Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Scarella, and the motion was CARRIED.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

James Mulreed, Chairman, at this time introduced for publication in the Stamford Advocate and for consideration at the July meeting the following ordinance and so MOVED, seconded by Patrick Hogan, repealing Sections 12, 13 and 14 of Chapter 27 of The Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford. CARRIED.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT:

Section 12, 13 and 14 of Chapter 27 of Stamford General Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefore.

#### STAMFORD GENERAL ORDINANCES - CHAPTER 27

#### SEC. 12. SAME -- LICENSES REQUIRED: LICENSE FEE: DURATION OF LICENSE: RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT, ETC.

The board of representatives may, if it deems the time and place suitable for such purpose, grant a license to such local organization to conduct such carnival employing therein any part of a travelling carnival upon the payment of a license fee of five dollars per day and for a period not exceeding ten consecutive calendar days. Such an organization must, prior to obtaining such license, undertake to become responsible to the City of Stamford for the conduct and management of such carnival and for the types and character of entertainment to be offered therein and post a bond in an amount and character satisfactory to the board of representatives to insure the same.

#### SEC. 13. SAME -- MODIFICATION OR WAIVER OF LICENSE FEE.

The board of representatives may, with the approval of the mayor, waive or modify the amount of the license fee required when satisfied that the proceeds of such carnival, fair or similar amusement are to be used for bona fide local charitable, philanthropic or eleemosynary purposes.

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## SEC. 14. SAME -- REVOCATION OF LICENSE

Any license granted to a local organization as above described may, nevertheless, be revoked at any time by the board of representatives, irrespective of how long a period such license would otherwise continue, if and when the board of representatives in its discretion deem that the operation and conduct of such carnival is detrimental to public peace, health, safety, morals or welfare of the community or when any violation of any federal or state law or municipal ordinance occurs, or when the board of representatives deems that the applicant misrepresented any material fact in obtaining such license.

## SEC. 14A.

The board of representatives may authorize one of its existing committees, or create a new committee, to exercise or perform all of the duties and privileges imposed upon the board of representatives by Sections 12, 13 and 14.

The above ordinance will take effect upon the date of its enactment.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

George Connors read the committee's recommendation on both Dr. McGourty and Michael Laurenno favoring their appointments.

Ballots were distributed by teller Karl Young, Jr. and counted.

Dr. David McGourty of 95 Hope Street, Stamford, Conn. was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring December 1, 1957 by a vote of 30 in favor, none opposed.

Michael Laurenno of 89 Liberty Street, Stamford, Conn. was appointed to the Planning Board, term expiring December 1, 1957, by a vote of 21 in favor, 9 opposed.

Inasmuch as an appointment to the Town Housing Authority does not require the consent of the Board, as a matter of record the appointment of Alphonse C. Jachimczyk by Mayor Quigley, with term expiring December 1, 1953 was brought to the attention of the Board.

Patrick Hogan questioned details of a referendum vote required by the State and MOVED that we hear from Joseph Toner, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Toner stated that the State had passed a bill at the last General Assembly requiring local municipalities to hold a referendum vote on June 22, 1953 to vote on (1) the date State Officials are to take Office and (2) 47 amendments to be consolidated into the present State Constitution. Mr. Toner stated that an emergency appropriation request for approximately \$7000. would be needed to run this special election.

James Mulreed stated that all of the bills endorsed by the Board of Representatives were either passed by the General Assembly or incorporated in other bills. He also reported that Substitute for House Bill #162 (File 1158) regarding Home Rule now requires only 26% of the electors in a referendum vote whereas previously 51% were required.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Joseph Carlin stated that the Personnel Committee had met to discuss the report of the Personnel Commission dated May 21, 1953 on Detective Sergeants John F. Treat and William J. Tynes re their appeal in a transfer of their duties of uniformed Police Sergeants. The appeal was denied and a copy of the Personnel Commission's report is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives together with a mimeographed letter distributed to all Department Heads relative to Employee Transfers.

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James Mulreed MOVED that the report be accepted, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bromley read the report of the committee which required that two items be given consideration by the Board.

##### 1. Bus Situation

Mrs. Bromley read the Mayor's letter stating that the voluminous files on transactions with the Bus Company were available at his office to anyone interested in going there to look them over.

2. Mrs. Bromley read Mr. Cameron's letter to Mr. Atherlay, Chairman of the Long View Park Association.

James Mulreed stated that inasmuch as there has been so much publicity on this matter, he would like to make clear certain points of criticism that had come to his attention. In a discussion with the association and in a report to this board he definitely stated that the City could not proceed to make plans for completing the roads or drainage systems unless a willingness was indicated by the property owners to share in the difference between what might be the cost and what might be reclaimed from Mr. Syska. The Committee did not negotiate with Mr. Syska. The Corporation Counsel indicated that he was conferring with Mr. Syska's attorneys and it would be very poor taste for this committee to approach Mr. Syska. They were simply exploring the possibilities of helping the people who owned property up there.

Robert Lewis MOVED that this Board give this Special Committee a vote of thanks for the tireless way they tackled this task, but that the Board entertain no thoughts of action whatsoever; that the committee remain as a group to give what assistance it can, seconded by Wardham Collyer and CARRIED.

3. Helen Bromley read the letter from the Salvation Army requesting permission to erect signs for their annual 1953 drive. David Waterbury MOVED Petition #140 be granted to The Salvation Army to erect signs for their annual drive in 1953 in the parks in the center of Stamford, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

#### PETITIONS

Petition #141 - John Cook MOVED that the Hubbard Heights Garden Club be granted permission to have a street fair on 9/15/53, at the dead end of West North St. at Rachele Avenue, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

Petition #142 - Walter Seely MOVED that the Holy Name Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps be granted permission to have a parade on 8/8/53 requesting that they confer with the Police Dept. for routing, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

Petition #143 - Robert Lewis MOVED that permission be granted the North Stamford Community Group to hold a block dance on June 18, 1953, blocking off North Stamford Avenue adjacent to the Community House, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Petition #144 - Stephen Kelly MOVED the Lafayette Assembly, 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus be granted permission to hold a parade for June 7, 1953 and requested that they confer with the Police Dept. on routing, seconded by William White and CARRIED.

Petition #145 - James Mulreed MOVED Suspension of the Rules to consider a request just received by the Board, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

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James Mulreed MOVED that permission be granted to Rockrimmon Country Club to display fireworks on July 4, 1953 and that the one day permit be issued, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

PICNIC COMMITTEE

The committee advises the picnic will be held June 21, 1953 at Cross Roads Farms from 12: noon and the charge will be \$3.00 per person.

Joseph Caputo submitted a Resolution which was withdrawn in favor of a Motion requesting that a letter of thanks be sent to Getman & Judd Company for the invitation to the Board members to their 100th anniversary, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

Babette Ransohoff stated that the Corporation Counsel had just submitted a letter re the property given as a gift by Jesse Hartmann at Lawn Avenue and Main Street and Moved that same be referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee, seconded and CARRIED.

Joseph Carlin MOVED to adjourn at 11:30, seconded and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff  
Clerk