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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives, Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, August 3, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School. John L. Cameron, President, called the meeting to order at 8:20 P.M.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 25 present and 15 absent. The absent members list as follows: Michael Vitti, Patrick Scarella, Clifford Waterbury, Leon Staples, Michael Hoffman, Frederick Littleworth, John Canavan, John Sandor, Joseph Zdanowicz, Dr. Francis Dolan, Vito Longo, Helen Peatt, George Russell, Harold Clark and Ralph Nau. Patrick Scarella and Ralph Nau arrived later making the attendance 27 present, 13 absent.

John Cameron submitted minutes of July 6, 1953 for approval.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Patrick Hogan, that on Page 607 paragraph 8, "Joseph Carlin" be changed to "George Connors". CARRIED.

William Kaminski MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly, that a correction be made on Page 610, third line, last paragraph, that "Welfare Director and his commission" be changed to read "Welfare Commission and the Director of Public Welfare". CARRIED.

William Murphy MOVED, seconded by William White, that a change be made on Page 612, paragraph 3, line 5, inasmuch as the Chair had made the ruling. Instead of "It was agreed" insert the following: "On ruling of the Chair that the Engineer's report would be considered a certificate, the Board acted", etc. CARRIED.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that the minutes of July 6, 1953 be approved as corrected, seconded by Joseph Caputo and CARRIED.

John Cameron requested that Item #8 on the Agenda be taken up at this time pending arrival of other members.

Joseph Carlin MOVED that the September meeting date be changed from September 7 to September 9, 1953, seconded by William Murphy. CARRIED.

Helen Bromley submitted a report for the committee appointed to investigate other meeting sites stating that after due deliberation Burdick Junior High was chosen in preference to any other site, as the meeting place for the Board of Representatives. The Board accepted this decision.

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley, Chairman, stated the committee recommended the deferral of the appropriations requesting amendment to the Capital Budget for 1953-1954 inasmuch as the committee believed these items could have been foreseen and could have been included in the original Capital Budget. The committee also believed that in amending the Capital Budget at this time, the Board might be placing the issuance of bonds in jeopardy, thereby delaying the building of schools, drainage systems, parks, etc. as approved in the original Capital Budget. Helen Bromley MOVED DEFERRAL of amending the Capital Budget at this time, seconded by Patrick Hogan. Copy of the Fiscal Committee report is attached to these minutes.

James Mulreed spoke against the motion and for approval of \$200,000. covering engineering and legal costs and construction of two bridges, one at Broad Street and another at Bridge Street. He explained in detail why these were emergencies, stressing the construction of Bloomingdale's store now under way and the bottleneck of traffic prevalent at River and Broad Street, which will be increased when the store opens for business; the unsafe condition of the Broad Street Bridge and the dangerous traffic situation at the Bridge Street bridge.

Joseph Carlin and Patrick Hogan spoke for deferral again stressing the urgency of getting the bond issue through before any amendments are made, eliminating any possible legal entanglement. Patrick Hogan called attention to the fact that

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3. William Kaminski MOVED, seconded by William Murphy, that this Board adopt the recommendation of the Planning Board approved by the Board of Finance that the Capital Projects Budget for 1953-1954 is hereby amended by adding thereto the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the construction of a bus station on land adjacent to the City Hall.

James Mulreed, William Kaminski and William Murphy spoke in favor while Robert Lewis and Gordon Patterson opposed the motion.

Motion was DEFEATED on a standing vote of 12 in favor, 15 opposed.

Helen Bromley requested Suspension of the Rules to consider the pensions for three retiring policemen, seconded and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by George Connors, that the following emergency appropriations be approved.

\$1842.50 for pension for John Gleason from August 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

\$1926.25 for Joseph Kersten from July 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

\$2010. for George Petrone from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Webster Givens MOVED that the proposed Survey of Sewage, Garbage & Refuse Situation be taken up at this time because of the number of people present in the audience who were interested in this matter, seconded and CARRIED.

Public Works Committee

Webster Givens submitted the committee's report stating that it was felt that a survey of the Sewage, Garbage & Refuse Situation of Stamford was needed. Webster Givens MOVED adoption of the report, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED that the appropriation of \$5000. for this engineering survey be approved by this Board, seconded by George Connors

Helen Bromley requested permission for Mr. Edward S. Patterson to speak for the group attending. Permission was granted.

Mr. Patterson spoke on the unhealthy conditions prevalent at the Scofieldtown dump; that the dump covered about 18 acres of which there was about 6 acres of uncovered and burning refuse and garbage; that this is in direct violation of the State Sanitary Code #107. He stated that if the incinerator was run on a 24 hour basis a great deal of this could be eliminated.

There was a great deal of discussion on this matter for and against the survey and prevailing conditions at Scofieldtown Road as well as proposals of how the condition might be remedied.

Upon questioning by Mr. Kaminski, Mr. Patterson said his group opposed the survey and wanted immediate relief. Mr. Kaminski pointed out that the survey would not only point up the Scofieldtown problem but also the problems prevalent thruout the City.

William Kaminski requested the privilege of hearing from Aaron Chase of the Public Works Dept. Permission was granted.

Mr. Chase stated that definite hours for covering refuse at the dump were not set; that coverage of garbage at Scofieldtown Road was perhaps not as good as it should be or had been in the past. He also pointed out that private collectors are only charged \$1.00 a year for the privilege of using the dump or incinerator. He stated that he felt the survey for \$5000. might give us a solution. He indicated no pat solution was likely to work.

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The members speaking in behalf of the Survey were Webster Givens, George Connors, Helen Bromley. Those questioning the advisability of the survey were Dr. Peter Somma, Gordon Patterson and Robert Lewis, all of whom raised the question of utilization of the incinerator 24 hours daily.

James Mulreed raised point of order on the grounds that the discussion was not pertinent to the motion which merely involved authorizing an appropriation for a survey. The Chair ruled that discussion was relative to matters at hand. A vote of the chair's ruling was taken with 14 in favor and 9 opposed to sustaining the Chair.

Karl Young, a member of the Public Works Committee, reported that on previous findings of the committee it showed that the incinerator could not run 24 hours a day in which Mr. Chase concurred.

Joseph Caputo MOVED the question to end debate, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED by a vote of 21 in favor, 3 opposed.

A vote on the motion to grant the \$5,000. appropriation was taken and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Helen Bromley MOVED Suspension of Rules to consider the matter of this Board sending a letter to the Mayor requesting that the incinerator be operated for as many hours daily as possible thereby alleviating the condition existing presently at Scofieldtown Road, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Mrs. Bromley and Edward Hogan were asked to put the wording of the motion in writing.

Joseph Carlin MOVED for a five minute recess, seconded by Webster Givens and CARRIED.

John Cook and Ralph Nau asked to be excused at this time.

On resumption of the meeting Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Edward Hogan, that the President of the Board of Representatives be empowered to direct a letter to the Mayor requesting that the City Incinerator be operated on an added shift basis to immediately relieve the present untenable situation now existing at the town dump at Scofieldtown Road, it being understood that only normal suitable city refuse, to be determined by the Public Works Commissioner, will be handled at the incinerator. Be it further suggested that the increased cost of such increased operation be assessed against all 3 tax districts.

Legislative & Rules Committee

1. James Mulreed, Chairman, stated that the traffic conditions at River and Broad Street involves the establishing of Building Lines on Broad Street. He read Mr. Hanrahan's letter re the getting together of the various boards so that the establishment of a building line can be set. Mr. Morrissey's letter covering an estimate of costs according to the proposed building line set by the Board of Representatives was presented as follows: \$327,132. for Summer St., \$146,754, for Broad Street and \$196,261. for Bell Street or a total of \$670,147. These figures do not include property owned by the Library. Estimating one-half of this figure as City cost, the sum would be \$335,073.50. Mr. Mulreed pointed out that Bloomington has offered the City 12' frontage on Broad St. property for street widening. The committee recommended that the establishment of a building line on Broad Street be set at 12' (instead of 20' as previously approved) so that costs will be lessened to the City. The Mayor has indicated that he will see that the Southeasterly Corner of Broad and River Streets will be rounded so as to make the flow of traffic from River into Broad Street easier.

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James Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Patrick Scarella, that this Board favor the establishment of a building line on Broad Street from Bedford Street to the river, same to be set at 12'. CARRIED.

2. Dog Warden. Mr. Mulreed stated the committee recommended no action on the Resolution re the Dog Warden. A letter from the Mayor to the Chief of Police was read re the duties of the Dog Warden giving instructions that Mr. Schwimer report to the Chief each morning and phone in hourly for instructions on calls that have been received by the Police re handling of dogs. Mr. Mulreed MOVED that the report be accepted, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

3. Re: New Street from Hoyt St. to Morgan Street. Mr. Mulreed reported the committee would make no recommendations re the proposed new street from Hoyt St. to Morgan Street even though it was pointed out that the taxes from Strawberry Hill Court, which would be placed in A district with sewers installed, would more than cover the costs. However, he did state the committee was not opposed to this proposed street. Robert Lewis MOVED, seconded by William Kaminski, that the report be accepted, CARRIED.

Welfare & Recreation Committee

Mr. Cameron stated a copy of the liason committee report on the recent welfare survey was being distributed to all members of the Board and will be considered for action at the September meeting.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by William Kaminski, that the following Resolution be adopted:

Resolution #167

WHEREAS the Survey of the Operations of the Stamford Welfare Department by the American Public Welfare Association of Chicago contains the following recommendation, viz: "The State's required report is a lengthy, time-consuming document to complete and is a mixture of identifying data on the number of Home Relief cases and costs together with tables requesting fragmentary data on the characteristics of the Home Relief load. What happens to the data after it reaches the State Welfare Commissioner, the City Welfare Director does not know as he never receives from the State any publication which shows a compilation of these reports which affords a comparison of Stamford with other Connecticut towns."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to notify the State Welfare Authorities of this recommendation and urge said authorities to make such simplification in required reports and elimination of information not used in the reports made by the agency as is in any way possible to the end of permitting substantial savings in administrative costs to Stamford and other communities required to file such reports.

Planning & Zoning Committee

William Murphy delivered the committee report in Mr. Zdanowicz' absence. Mr. Murphy requested that the Chair make a ruling as was done in July re certificate from the engineer. The Chair ruled that the engineer's report would be considered as a certificate on streets proposed for acceptance at this meeting.

William Murphy MOVED acceptance of the following streets, in accordance with the committee's report, seconded and CARRIED.

1. Connecticut Avenue from Stillwater Avenue running south-westerly for a distance of 2720 feet.

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2. Myano Lane from the southerly property line of the Housing tract which is further located as being 120 feet northerly from Catoona Lane and running 1200 feet to Connecticut Avenue
3. Myano Court running southeasterly from Myano Lane for a distance of approximately 200 feet.
4. Maitland Road (1299.33 feet) as appears on map entitled "Map of Highfield, Stamford, Conn., the Reed G. Haviland Co., April 1937, signed by Samuel W. Hoyt, Jr., Inc., South Norwalk".
5. Silver Hill Lane for a distance of 960 feet.
6. White Birch Lane for a distance of 605 feet.
7. Loveland Road for a distance of 860 feet.

Appointments Committee

George Connors read the committee's report recommending all of the various appointees listed on the Agenda. He pointed out that Mr. Mathews was not available for interview, but the committee was familiar with his qualifications and recommended approval of his appointment. Several members spoke in support of this recommendation.

Ballots were distributed by Tellers Murphy and Young. Ballots were counted and results of same are listed as follows:

Robert G. Davis, Republican, 11 Cowing Place was approved for appointment to the Sewer Commission by a vote of 22 - 2. His term will expire December 1, 1955.

Michael J. Sweeney, Republican, 511 Summer Street, was approved for appointment to The Sewer Commission by a vote of 18 - 6. His term expires December 1, 1954.

Anthony W. Walsh, Democrat, 8 Washington Court, was approved for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals by a vote of 22 - 2. His term expires December 1, 1956.

William Katz, Wildwood Road, Republican, was approved for appointment to the Parking Authority by a vote of 23 - 1, term to expire January 1, 1956.

Thomas P. Cassidy, 758 Shippan Avenue, Democrat, was approved for appointment to the Parking Authority by a vote of 23 - 1, term to expire January 1, 1955.

Hugh J. Mathews, 42 Gurley Road, Democrat, was approved for appointment to the Parking Authority by a vote of 23 - 1, term to expire January 1, 1954.

Steering Committee

John Cameron submitted the committee report. Helen Bromley MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

Stephen Kelly MOVED, seconded by Gordon Paterson, that the Clerk be instructed to purchase a set of General Statutes with index from the Secretary of State office, Hartford, Connecticut, at the quoted price of \$10.30, which is less than the regularly established price because the set is not in first class condition. This is for the use of the Legislative & Rules Committee. CARRIED.

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Copies of letters from the Mayor were read advising the appointment of Hawley C. Oefinger had been accepted on the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Pension Fund for a term of two years; and Walter Lyons on the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund for a term of two years, ending June 30, 1955.

Petition #147 - North Stamford Settlers Day on September 19, 1953

Webster Givens MOVED that permission be granted to hold North Stamford Settlers Day on September 19, 1953 when a Block Dance will be held from Cascade Road North 500' and electric lights will be strung across North Stamford Road at this point, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

John Cameron again stated that his ruling that the two motions on the Capital Projects Program had been CARRIED were based on the assumption that the Board had amended the Capital Projects Program for 1953-1954 only; that no appropriations for Capital Projects had been made at the meeting. As President of the Board he expressed his intention to request information from the Corporation Counsel with the understanding the ruling would stand unless the Corporation Counsel advised to the contrary.

Dr. Somma requested Suspension of the Rules to entertain a motion on the drainage of the Rippowam River, seconded by Wardham Collyer and CARRIED.

Dr. Somma MOVED that the Board request the Mayor to have the City Engineering Department submit a plan reporting as to what can be done, how it can be done and how much the entire cost would be to alleviate the flood conditions of the Rippowam River, seconded by Dr. Sigler and CARRIED.

William Kaminski MOVED to adjourn at 12:15, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff
Clerk