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The adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives, Stamford, Connecticut was reconvened on Wednesday, October 14, 1953 at the Burdick Junior High School. John L. Cameron, President, called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Reverend Bernard Johnson of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 25 present and 15 absent. The absent members were Paul Plotkin, Michael Vitti, Patrick Scarella, Clifford Waterbury, P. Wardham Collyer, Dr. Abraham Sigler, Michael Holahan, John M. Canayan, John A. Santor, Joseph Zdanowicz, Vito Longo, Harold Clark, Edward Hogan, Frederick Littleworth and Ralph Nau. The following members arrived later (Patrick Scarella, Paul Plotkin, Ralph Nau and Frederick Littleworth), making the attendance 29 present and 11 absent.

John Cameron submitted the minutes of September 9, 1953 for approval. Helen Bromley asked that a correction be made on page 626, third paragraph, changing "in speaking with Mayor Quigley" to "in speaking with James F. Manning", Commissioner of Public Works".

John Cameron noted that on page 627, third line - first word "representative" should be "representing".

Babette Ransohoff indicated that on the minutes of August 3, 1953, page 619, Resolution #162 should be #163.

Walter Seely MOVED and George Connors seconded that the minutes of August 3, 1953 and September 9, 1953 be approved as corrected. CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

1. Amendments to Capital Budget 1953-1954. Helen Bromley, Chairman, submitted the committee report reading the breakdown of figures as submitted by Mayor Quigley on the Broad Street Bridge for \$134,000. and the Bridge Street Bridge for \$75,900., details of which are on file at the office of the Board of Representatives.

The committee recommended the approval of \$134,000. for the construction of a new bridge at Broad Street.

Karl Young requested further details on the number of lanes, weight capacity, borings, etc. James Mulreed, Patrick Scarella and William Kaminski spoke in favor of the project.

Helen Bromley MOVED that Mayor Quigley be heard, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Mayor Quigley stated that on recommendation of the Traffic Engineer, the bridge will be a four lane artery bridge with a safety esplanade in the center and sidewalks for pedestrians on each side. The Engineering firm is willing to start two bridges at once, but suggested construction of one at a time to avert traffic tie-ups. The Mayor pointed out that the cost listed by the Planning Board on a projected program was approximately \$250,000, as against this figure of \$134,000.

George Connors MOVED approval and requested a roll call vote, seconded by Joseph Caputo and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by Patrick Scarella, that the Resolution adopted by this Board be the same as adopted by the Board of Finance so that there can be no possibility of error for bond acceptance. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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RESOLVED that the Capital Projects Program for the year 1953-1954, in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board and the approval of the Mayor, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following capital project and there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$134,000.00 for the same:

Public Works Department - Highways

CONSTRUCTION OF BROAD STREET BRIDGE	\$134,000.00
Description:	
Construction cost based on engineer's preliminary estimate	115,000.00
Engineering fees, including preparations of plans and specifications, shopwork and general supervision	7,500.00
Acquisition of a strip of Hanrahan, West Broad Street property	10,000.00
Borings	1,000.00
Legal fees and surveys	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$134,000.00</u>

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, the following members present casting their vote as "yea": Joseph Caputo, William White, William Kaminski, Paul Plotkin, Patrick Scarella, James Mulreed, Dr. Somma, Walter Seely, Gordon Paterson, Robert Lewis, Leon Staples, David Waterbury, Patrick Hogan, George Connors, William Murphy, Stephen Kelly, Katherine Kaminski, Dr. Francis Dolan, Babette Ransohoff, John Cook, Helen Peatt, Joseph Carlin, George Russell, Helen J. Bromley, Karl Young, Jr., John Cameron and Webster Givens.

Helen Bromley stated the committee recommended approval of \$75,900. for the construction of a new bridge at Bridge Street, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

James Mulreed, George Connors and Patrick Scarella spoke in favor of the project. Babette Ransohoff and Gordon Paterson spoke against it.

George Connors MOVED for a roll call vote, seconded by William White and CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Capital Projects Program for the year 1953-1954, in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board and the approval of the Mayor, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following capital project and there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$75,900.00 for the same:

Public Works Department - Highways

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE	\$75,900.00
Description:	
Construction cost based on engineer's preliminary estimate	70,000.00
Engineering fees, including preparation of plans and specifications, shopwork and general supervision	4,500.00
Borings	1,000.00
Legal fees and surveys	<u>400.00</u>
	<u>\$75,900.00</u>

Motion CARRIED by a vote of 25 "yeas" and 3 "nays", listed as follows:

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(YEAS) Joseph Caputo, William White, William Kaminski, Paul Plotkin, Patrick Scarella, James Mulreed, Dr. Somma, Walter Seely, Robert Lewis, Leon Staples, David Waterbury, Patrick Hogan, George Connors, William Murphy, Stephen Kelly, Katherine Kaminski, Dr. Francis Dolan, John Cook, Helen Peatt, Joseph Carlin, George Russell, Helen Bromley, Karl Young, Jr., John Cameron and Webster Givens. (NAYS) Gordon, Paterson, Babette Ransohoff and Ralph Nau.

2. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of \$7,200. for Code 450.60, subject to approval by the Board of Finance who had tabled the question for further information, inasmuch as Mr. Hanrahan had submitted a detailed list of the current charges, seconded by Patrick Hogan.

Mr. Hanrahan detailed the expenses to this account which totaled over \$6,000. and further expenses requiring payment at once. He asked that the Board consider this sum at this meeting to avoid delay of another month.

Robert Lewis spoke against the Board taking action before approval had been given by the Board of Finance.

The MOTION was CARRIED by a vote of 26 - 1.

Helen Bromley MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to add three other items and two transfers from Sundries, seconded by Joseph Carlin and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley consented to defer her motion so that Mr. Hanrahan might discuss Building Lines and three other items at this time.

1. John Hanrahan stated that action was required to change voting hours, inasmuch as Section 108 of Public Act #368 of the 1953 General Assembly had set hours of voting in municipal elections from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. unless the local community extended them and would naturally affect the November 3rd local election. Inasmuch as Section 1 of Special Act 467 of the 1951 General Assembly setting voting hours of Stamford from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. has been repealed by Public Act #368, it will require an Ordinance to change the voting hours from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. in Stamford. Mr. Hanrahan suggested, in accordance with Section 204.1 of the Charter as amended, that prior publication of the ordinance be waived by a two thirds vote of the membership of this Board to permit the introduction of and action upon the following ordinance entitled "Voting Hours in Municipal Election".

James Mulreed read the proposed Ordinance and MOVED its adoption without prior publication, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 2/3 of the membership of the Board being present.

ORDINANCE #27 Supplemental - "VOTING HOURS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION"

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT, on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1953, and biennially thereafter, the polls for the casting of votes shall be open from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

2. Building Lines on Broad Street. John Hanrahan stated that the estimated cost of securing the property on Broad Street had been \$156,140.09 giving due consideration to the 12 foot strip to be donated to the City by Bloomington. However, since that time, the individual property owners had submitted their appraisals which would increase the cost considerably, making the total stand \$230,556. or an approximate increase of \$80,000. Settlement, however, would vary and the figure might be considerably lower. After agreements are made and proper arrangements set, an appropriation will be requested requiring

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the approval of the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives. Mr. Hanrahan requested that the same resolution be approved by this Board as was adopted by the Board of Finance to initiate steps for procedure.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that the Corporation Counsel and the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to proceed with negotiations with owners of properties involved in the proposed Building Lines on Broad Street with the limitations of the appraisals presented at the Special meeting of the Board of Finance on October 9, 1953 and as presented by John Hanrahan to this Board tonight, seconded by George Connors and CARRIED.

3. Lighting. Mr. Hanrahan stated that he and Mr. John Clark of the Connecticut Power Company had met to discuss and study the lighting situation of Stamford, in an effort to arrive at a sensible procedure for the City to follow. This involves new lighting, additions to existing lights and repairs to lights generally required. In the present budget the monies will not take care of the present lighting costs, to say nothing of additional lights. Mr. Hanrahan asked that the Board consider installation of lights on approved city highways, namely Myano Lane, Myano Court and Connecticut Avenue where lack of lighting may have caused two recent accidents.

A number of the members questioned whether the new type of lights was adding to the cost and also asked who had authorized their installation.

James Mulreed stated that Section 522 of the Charter definitely places the duty upon the City Engineer and that he felt that it should remain there. However, on new streets or new developments it might be referred to the Planning Board for their consideration and suggestions.

Mr. John Clark of the Connecticut Power Company was asked to speak and outlined the procedures of previous years. Mr. Clark stated that the growth of Stamford during the past five years has increased the cost of lighting.

Karl Young MOVED that lights be installed at Connecticut Avenue, Myano Court and Myano Lane, seconded by John Cook.

Karl Young withdrew his motion in consideration of Mrs. Bromley's amended motion.

Helen Bromley amended the motion to defer action on lighting until the November meeting, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

4. Parking Authority. John Hanrahan submitted a request from the Parking Authority to lease 25,000 square feet of land on the east side of Atlantic Street between Beckley Avenue and Cottage Street at \$100.00 per month on a 1 year lease. Approval of the Board of Representatives is required under Sec. 4 of Special Act #374 of the 1953 Legislature. An option to purchase this land is also being sought.

George Connors MOVED to Suspend the Rules to act on this item at this time, seconded by Patrick Scarella. Motion was defeated by vote of 11 in favor, 18 opposed.

Helen Bromley's Deferred Motion re approval of other fiscal items was brought on the floor at this time.

Fiscal Committee

Helen Bromley stated the Fiscal Committee recommended approval of the three pensions and the transfers requested from Sundries.

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3. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of Pension for Fireman William H. Speh for the balance of 1953-1954 (October 1 - June 30, 1954) in the sum of \$2,010.00 to Code GG711.F, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of Pension for Sergeant Maurice O'Brien of the Police Department for the balance of 1953-1954 (August 15 - June 30, 1954) in the sum of \$2,129.40 to Code GG-711.P, seconded by William Murphy and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of emergency appropriation of Pension for Sergeant Thomas Lynch of the Police Department for the balance of 1953-1954 (October 1 - June 30, 1954) in the sum of \$2,106.00 to Code GG-711.P, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$709.50 from SUNDRIES to Account "Special Document Drawer" - Probate Court, covering the additional cost of this item. The amount appropriated was \$950.00 and the cost is \$1659.50. Motion was seconded by Gordon Paterson and CARRIED.

7. Helen Bromley MOVED approval of \$430.90 from SUNDRIES to Account Printing Legislative Bills, Code #835 for funds to defray the cost of printing legislative bills amending the Charter of the City of Stamford. Motion was seconded by Frederick Littleworth and CARRIED.

William Kaminski and Paul Plotkin left at this time.

Legislative & Rules Committee

1. Building Code. James Mulreed submitted for publication an ordinance clarifying the original meaning of "home owner" as was intended at the time of the adoption of the Building Code, by limiting the "home owner" to building a house once in five years.

Several members felt that five years was too long a period of time.

James Mulreed MOVED approval of the submitted ordinance for publication, seconded by Patrick Hogan. Motion was declared CARRIED by a vote of 14 in favor, 13 opposed - Mr. Cameron casting the deciding vote.

ORDINANCE #28 SUPPLEMENTAL - Amending the Building Code Clarifying the Meaning of Home Owner

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT Section 1700-3 (m), Page 114 of the Building Code, of the ordinance entitled Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended by adding thereto the following sentence - "no permit for installation of plumbing by home owner nor any certificate of compliance of installation of plumbing by home-owner shall be issued to any individual home owner which involves more than one premise during any five year period". This ordinance shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

2. Street Excavations. James Mulreed submitted and MOVED approval for publication an ordinance covering street excavations limiting the time that street excavations may remain uncovered, seconded by Gordon Paterson and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ORDINANCE #29, SUPPLEMENTAL - Amending Sections 31 and 32 of Chapter 25 re "Excavations" of the Code of General Ordinances.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT Section 31 and Section 32 of Chapter 25 of the Code of General Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section 31. Expiration of permit. Every permit issued under the provisions of this article shall expire on a date set by the City Engineer but in no event more than thirty days after the date of its issuance.

Section 32. Openings to be refilled before expiration of permit; method of refilling. Every opening made under the provisions of this article shall be properly refilled, in accordance with standards and specifications set up by the City Engineer, before the expiration of the permit.

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

3. City Owned Property. James Mulreed submitted an ordinance amending Ordinance #11 Supplemental re Rental and Sale of City-Owned Property and procedures to be followed. Mr. Mulreed MOVED its acceptance for publication, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #30 SUPPLEMENTAL - Amending Ordinance #11 Supplemental re Rental and Sale of City Owned Property.

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT Supplemental Ordinance #11 of the Code of General Ordinances of Stamford is hereby amended by substituting the following therefore:

Chapter 31 - Rental or Sale of City Owned Property.Sec. 1. Procedure for Authorizing Rental or Sale.

a. Annually, the Commissioner of Finance shall furnish the Planning Board with a list of all real property owned by the city, excepting from said list such real estate as is being used for schools, public buildings or public parks, and any properties so restricted by deed or otherwise as to preclude rental or sale. Such list shall include a description of each parcel, its assessed valuation, the use to which it is being put, and the income, if any, received from the same by the City during the preceding fiscal year.

b. The Planning Board shall review the list and shall transmit to the Mayor, the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance, said list with its recommendation as to present and future use of each parcel on the same. Such use may be stated in general terms.

c. The Board of Representatives, after its receipt of the list, shall, by a majority vote, authorize the lease or sale of any property on said list which is recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the rental or sale of any property on said list which is not recommended for lease or sale by the Planning Board. The Board of Representatives, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, may authorize the sale or lease of any property owned by the City of Stamford at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Sec. 2. Negotiation of Rental or Sale.

The Mayor is hereby empowered to negotiate leases of such properties as are authorized for rental in accordance with Sec. 1 hereof, and, subject

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to the approval of the Board of Finance of the terms and conditions thereof, to enter into such leases on behalf of the City, but no lease extending over a period of more than two years may be made without specific approval by the Board of Representatives.

The Mayor, upon receipt of the list as approved by the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance, shall sell at public auction but for not less than its assessed value, such of the properties authorized by the Board of Representatives for sale as the Mayor and the Board of Finance shall approve. Notice of the time and place of such sale shall be given by publishing a notice of the same for two consecutive days in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford, beginning not less than five days nor more than twenty days before the date of said sale.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such property.

Sec. 3. Procedure if no Acceptable Bid.

If there shall be no acceptable bid for any particular parcel of real estate, the City shall continue to hold it and it shall be included on the list to be submitted by the Commissioner of Finance the following year, unless, prior to submission of such list the Board of Representatives shall again authorize sale by a two-thirds vote of those present at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose.

Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

James Mulreed stated that all of the above ordinances were simply to be published and would be considered for adoption at the November meeting.

Public Works Committee

David Waterbury, Chairman, said he was unable to contact the members of his committee for a meeting and, therefore, had no report to submit on the details submitted by Mayor Quigley on the flood conditions of the Rippowam and Noroton Rivers.

Babette Ransohoff and Dr. Somma spoke in favor of immediate action to alleviate spring flood conditions.

Helen Bromley MOVED that this Board suggest to the Mayor, with copies to the Board of Finance, that he initiate an appropriation in accordance with his original proposal for flood control of the Noroton and Rippowam Rivers, seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Legislative & Rules Committee

James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be sent the Commissioner of Finance advising him to hold the request of Florence M. Paight to purchase property on West Side of Stamford Avenue in abeyance at this time, foregoing her offer of \$3,500. which is less than the assessed value; that it be held until the next list of city-owned property is listed for sale. Motion seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

Planning & Zoning Committee

William Murphy, submitted the committee report, in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Zdanowicz. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the following

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streets as public highways and the change of name of two streets. William Murphy MOVED acceptance of the changes and the streets, seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Change of name from Oliver Road to Judy Lane,
 Change of name from Bleeker Street to Timber Lane.
 Judy Lane, southerly 1202.31' from Hamilton Avenue
 Jane's Lane, 1095.45' plus or minus
 Hickory Way, 960' more or less
 Muriel Drive, 920' more or less
 Turner Road, 325.60' more or less between Sherwood Road and Dann Drive
 Sherwood Road, 915' more or less northerly from Oaklawn Avenue
 Kenilworth Drive East, 1090' more or less
 Beach View Drive, 501' more or less
 Kenilworth Drive West, 560' more or less
 Wyndover Lane - 1170' easterly from West Hill Road
 Wyndover Lane North - 374.70' more or less northerly from Wyndover Lane
 Quarry Road, 2012' easterly from Lakeside Drive and thence northerly to a turn
 around.

William Murphy MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly, that road and street acceptances be extended for another month, to the next meeting of the Board of Representatives. CARRIED.

Sub-Committee of Planning & Zoning

Babette Ransohoff stated that a detailed letter with maps from the Urban Redevelopment Commission had been received at the office and was open for review of any of the members of the Board. Also that copies of the Urban Redevelopment Commission proposal for the Meadow Street Project had been addressed to each member with an invitation to meet with the Urban Redevelopment Commission for further discussion on October 19th or October 22nd.

Karl Young MOVED that this Board accept the invitation of the Urban Redevelopment Commission to attend a meeting with them on either October 19th or October 22nd as the individual board member sees fit, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

Babette Ransohoff amended the Motion to suggest another meeting date between the Urban Redevelopment Commission and newly elected members of the Board of Representatives.

Karl Young and Patrick Scarella accepted the amendment and the motion was CARRIED.

Health & Protection Committee

Robert Lewis, Chairman, reported that the committee had checked the traffic control set for Connecticut Avenue and Myano Lane and reported that the Police Department had done an excellent job. The only possible improvement would be closer cooperation of the tenants in complying with the parking regulations.

Robert Lewis also presented a map forwarded by the Connecticut Power Company showing existing lighting and the needed lighting at Connecticut and Myano Lane. This map was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for review.

Robert Lewis stated that monthly reports from the Police and Fire Departments on their training program had been received. Karl Young MOVED acceptance of the report, seconded by Frederick Littleworth and CARRIED.

John Cook MOVED that the matter of duplicate names of streets in the now incorporated city of Stamford be referred to the Planning Board for review and request for

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a remedy. Motion seconded by Babette Ransohoff and CARRIED.

Welfare & Recreation Committee

Helen Peatt, Chairman, stated the committee recommends the Lions Club of Stamford be granted permission to use the Magee Avenue tract for an exhibition for the week of June 21, 1954 providing all ordinances are complied with (specifically Ordinance #24 Supplemental); adequate liability insurance taken to cover all losses, the content of such policies to be accepted by the Corporation Counsel; also that proper and necessary guards for the grounds under Police Supervision be supplied. Admission prices shall be clearly posted.

Helen Peatt MOVED that permission be granted the Lions Club with the above stipulations, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Petition #149 - Permission granted Lions Club for Exhibition on week of June 21, 1954

William Murphy left at this time.

Appointments Committee

George Connors, Chairman, presented the committee report endorsing Alfons Bach and Gerald J. Rybnick.

Tellers Karl Young and David Waterbury distributed the ballots, and counted the votes. Reappointment of Alfons Bach to the Urban Redevelopment Commission, term to expire August 7, 1958, was approved. The vote was 16 in favor, 10 opposed.

Appointment of Gerald J. Rybnick to the Board of Tax Review, term to expire December 1, 1957, was approved. The vote was 25 in favor, 1 opposed.

Leon C. Staples and Joseph Caputo left at this time.

Liaison Committee of the Welfare Survey

John Cameron, Chairman, submitted the committee report, reviewing status of the Welfare Department from suggestions of the survey. Discussions are still being held by Mr. Morrissey with International Business Machine and Remington re setting up a machine for tax work; the new state law changing responsibility for certain kinds of welfare cases has caused considerable confusion in Stamford and other communities; the monthly report for August was prepared and submitted and is on file at the office of the Board of Representatives and with the Town and City Clerk; insurance policies held as collateral are properly filed and in order and all unassigned policies returned to owners. The committee feels there is still need for follow-up on administrative procedures after Mr. Morrissey submits his report. Also periodic meetings between the Welfare and Recreation Committee, the Fiscal Committee and the Welfare Commission should be held in order that sound public relations may be maintained in the administration of public welfare. The committee also asked that it be discharged from further duties.

Helen Peatt MOVED acceptance of the report.

Babette Ransohoff amended the motion to accept the report, but exclude the statement that the committee be discharged, seconded by Robert Lewis.

Helen Peatt accepted the amendment and the motion was CARRIED.

Steering Committee

John Cameron, Chairman, read the report and the committee's recommendation that

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the request from Buettner to use a portion of the street in front of their store for a one-day display, where a steam roller might roll to and fro over a foam rubber mattress, be refused.

Ralph Nau MOVED permission be granted, seconded by Helen Bromley. Motion was DEFEATED.

New Business

John Cameron read a letter from the Mayor submitting the name of John E. Sotire, 646 Hope Street, Springdale for membership on the Zoning Board replacing George E. Lockwood. term to expire December 1, 1953. Robert Lewis MOVED that it be referred to the Appointments Committee, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron stated that Stamford Municipal elections were being held November 3 and therefore suggested that the meeting date of this Board be postponed until November 16, 1953. A motion to this effect was duly made, seconded and CARRIED.

Walter Seely MOVED at 12:30 A.M. that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette S. Ransohoff
Clerk