

The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held Monday, September 13, 1954 at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Alphonse C. Jachimczyk at 8:20 P.M.

Mr. Jachimczyk advised that President George V. Connors would be late and asked for nominations for a temporary president.

Helen Bromley MOVED to nominate William Kaminski as temporary president, seconded by John Cook.

Patrick Fortunato MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by Frank Longo. CARRIED.

The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot thereby naming William Kaminski temporary president. Mr. Kaminski took the chair.

Invocation was given by Rev. Edward Scull of St. John's Catholic Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 present and six absent. The absent members were Martin Cash, Frank LiVolsi, Robert Lewis, George Connors, John Cook and Hayes B. Hoyt. George Connors and John Cook arrived about twenty minutes later and Frank LiVolsi arrived at 10:20 P.M. making the final roll call 37 present and 3 absent.

William Kaminski presented the minutes of August 2, 1954 for approval.

James Mulreed MOVED that the acceptance of these minutes be deferred until the October meeting, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Patrick Scarella, Chairman, presented the committee report - item by item - as it appeared on the Agenda, recommending approval.

1. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the pension of \$3,191.25 for Desk Sgt. George W. Bates for the balance of the fiscal year 1954-55, seconded by Doris Zuckert and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 34 members voting yea.

2. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the pension of \$2,393.44 for Sgt. William P. Dunn for the balance of the fiscal year 1954-55, seconded by Thomas Topping and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 34 members voting yea.

George Connors arrived at this time and took the Chair.

3. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the pension of \$2,151.87 for Lt. Theodore Studley of the Fire Dept. for the balance of the fiscal year 1954-55, seconded by Doris Zuckert and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 35 members voting yea.

4. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the additional appropriation requested by the Planning Board for \$784.00, for the following accounts: \$300.00, Code 520.22, Office Equipment; \$100.00, Code 520.8

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Travel and Transportation, \$384,000 Code 520:11 Maps and Prints. Motion was seconded by Irving Snyder and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 35 members voting yea.

5. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of an additional appropriation of \$25,000.00 for setting up of a third shift, skeleton crew, at the incinerator to take care of the growing needs in Stamford, as requested by the Public Works Dept. Motion was seconded by Vincent Vitti.

Patrick Hogan MOVED to hear from Mr. Chase on this matter seconded by Helen Huber and CARRIED. Mr. Chase stated since the new ruling went into effect that there was an increase in garbage from the B and C districts that private collectors must now bring to the incinerator what was formerly brought to the town dump.

Patrick Hogan MOVED to amend the original motion requesting that this question be referred to Mr. Morrissey for proper apportionments to the various districts.

Patrick Scarella and Vincent Vitti accepted the amendment and the amended motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 36 members voting yea.

6. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of an additional appropriation of \$148.00 requested by the Mayor for Code 300:21 Membership Dues to the Conn. Assoc. of Towns and Cities. Motion Carried, 35 members voting yea, the one dissenting vote being Phil Coulter.

7. Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of an additional appropriation for \$5760. requested by Civil Defense and divided into four accounts.

Joseph Iacovo MOVED that the last two items, namely \$3500. for Maintenance and Operational Equipment and \$260. for personnel Equipment be referred to Health and Protection Committee, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED by a vote of 19 yeas and 15 nays.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED that the following two items requested by the Civil Defense be granted as additional appropriations, having been cut from the budget originally through oversight, and list as follows: \$1000. for telephone and \$1000. for Light, Fuel, Water and Power, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 35 members voting yea.

8. Patrick Scarella MOVED that an additional appropriation of \$2000. requested by the Ferguson Library to make major roof repairs be granted, seconded by Helen Bromley and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 35 members voting yea.

9. Patrick Scarella MOVED that the pension for Captain Victor W. Kurth of the Fire Dept. for \$2185.00 for the balance of the fiscal year 1954-55 be granted, seconded by Doris Zuckert and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 35 members voting yea.

10. Patrick Scarella MOVED that Cost of Living Bonus be apportioned to those firemen and policemen retiring after July 1, 1953, making reference to the bonus granted January 1954 and retroactive to July 1, 1953. It is understood this will not involve any additional appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954. The ad-

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ditional appropriation requested is \$904.40 for the following men:

Policemen - Joseph Kersten	\$105.
John Gleason	\$105.
Thomas Lynch	\$126.
Francis Kane	\$109.20
Maurice O'Brien	\$109.20
John Burke	\$105.00
Firemen - William Speh	\$140.00
David Burke	\$105.00
Total	\$904.40

11. Patrick Scarella read the minutes of the Board of Finance of September 10, 1954 approving the three items submitted by the Mayor for flood emergencies and MOVED their approval.

Thomas Topping MOVED that each of these items be voted on independently, seconded by Phil Coulter and CARRIED.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED approval of an additional appropriation for \$8,000 requested by the Public Works Dept. for Code 412A6B, Hurricane Emergency to pay for the labor hire, rental and purchase of extra pumps created by the recent storm and flood. Motion seconded by Thomas Topping and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 35 members voting yea.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of an additional appropriation for \$31,000. "Flood Area Repairs" for the construction and installation of a five foot pipe tide drain and valves to relieve the South End area, seconded by Frank Longo.

William Kaminski amended the motion to include that a letter be sent to the Mayor urging him to do everything in his power to have the survey started immediately and that the engineers of said survey be requested to take as their first order of business the matter of the proposed five foot line to ascertain whether or not it would fit into an over all plan.

Patrick Scarella and Frank Longo accepted the amendment.

The amended motion was brought to question and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 35 members voting yea.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of an additional appropriation of \$11,000. to defray the estimated cost of an engineering survey of Stamford shore area for tide and flood control, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 35 members voting yea.

Legislative & Rules Committee

Paul Plotkin, Chairman, submitted a progress report on the setting up of new rules and procedure for the Board of Representatives and stated a mimeographed copy would be forwarded to each member, after committee approval, so that any suggested changes can be made before formal adoption.

Paul Plotkin stated the committee would not submit any recommendations concerning the Heliport.

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HELIPORT

Irving Snyder MOVED approval of the lease of the Heliport on the Magee Avenue site, seconded by Wardham Collyer.

William Murphy MOVED to amend the motion requesting that a public hearing be held on the lease and site of the heliport prior to the October 4th meeting.

Irving Snyder and William Murphy withdrew their motions temporarily.

William Kaminski stated that there were definite steps involved in this matter and should be considered individually. Whether the Board desired a Heliport in Stamford; whether the proposed site was satisfactory and third, approval of the lease.

Irving Snyder spoke at great length as to the benefits of establishing a Heliport for mail and passenger service in the City of Stamford.

Joseph Caputo, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee submitted a report of his committee recommending that the Heliport be established on the West Side of Magee Avenue, where it is presently operating.

Doris Zuckert stated the Welfare & Recreation Committee had no report on this matter.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that Mr. Eastman of the New York Airways be heard, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Eastman^{turn} explained why the West Side of Magee Avenue would not be adaptable to passenger service; that the plan was an experimental one and that the lease could be severed in ninety days by either party. He stated New York Airways was subsidized by the U.S. Government and at this time they were not in a position to pay a greater sum than \$1.00 annually for the use of said property.

Irving Snyder and William Murphy withdrew their motions.

Irving Snyder MOVED that the Board Resolve its approval of having a Heliport in the City of Stamford suitable for carrying regular passengers, seconded by Wardham Collyer and Carried by a vote of 31 yeas, and 1 nay (4 members were excused from voting).

Irving Snyder MOVED approve the establishment of the Heliport on the East Side of Magee Avenue on the site as proposed and requested by the Mayor in his letter to this board and as outlined in the proposed lease between the City of Stamford and New York Airways, seconded by Wardham Collyer.

Motion was carried by a vote of 24 yeas, 11 nays and 1 abstainer, Patrick Scarella.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the letter from the first district be read, seconded and Carried.

George Connors read the letter from the West Beach Association and

considerable controversy followed as to when the meeting was held, number of persons belonging, number of persons present at the meeting, etc.

William Kaminski stated the unfairness of reading this letter and Moved that the secretary send a letter to the West Beach Association asking the above questions, seconded by Paul Plotkin.

James Mulreed MOVED to amend the motion that a similar letter be sent to all of the other letters that had been received.

William Kaminski and James Mulreed withdrew their motions.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED that the lease between the City of Stamford and New York Airways be approved as submitted, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk and CARRIED by a vote of 31 yeas and 5 nays.

Planning & Zoning Committee

William Murphy, Chairman, submitted the committee report.

The committee recommended that the request for change of name of 400' of Stillview Road to Blueberry Road be rejected, and requested that same be referred to the Planning Board for further study. William Murphy so MOVED, seconded and CARRIED.

Soundview Court . The committee states that this is within the province of the Corporation Counsel and Legislative & Rules Committee. William Murphy so MOVED, seconded and CARRIED.

William Murphy MOVED acceptance of the following roads as public highways, seconded by Rutherford Huizinga, Helen Bromley, Stephen Kelly and George Russell. CARRIED.

STREETS ACCEPTED

950' Alpine Street	1570'	Clay Hill Road
950' Ken Court	290'	Timber Lane
100' Rushmore Circle	1270'	Archer Avenue
1100' Woodbrook Drive	250'	Lancer Lane
650' Parry Road	440'	Bayberrie Drive
	1100'	Indian Hill Rd.

There are still a number of unaccepted roads and a list of same can be found on the Planning & Zoning Report as well as other details in the office of the Board of Representatives.

Health & Protection Committee

Joseph Caputo, Chairman, submitted the committee report. He stated that the various meetings of other committees with the Conn. Company representatives and their attorneys as well as Corporation Counsel, Mr. Neuwein and Lt. Mayo of the State Police re signs on school buses was still unsettled. The committee is sending a letter to Mayor Quigley asking that he bring the matter before Mr. McGinnis, President of the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad and owner of the Connecticut Company.

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Mr. Caputo reported that the committee felt that Mr. McLaughlin's report on the sale of objectionable magazines at the local newsstands should be turned over to the Legislative & Rules Committee for review and consideration.

At this time Mr. McLaughlin spoke to state that a law had been passed in the State of N.Y. banning the sale of such publications; also that same has had the ruling of the Superior Court in New York. He suggested that a similar ordinance be adopted by the City of Stamford.

Mr. Caputo reported that the matter of an ordinance violation with regards to housing of pigeons on Lincoln Ave. had been reviewed and Dr. Costanzo notified. The Prosecutor was also notified and action and report of their findings is awaited.

Letter written
The committee further requests that a letter be sent by the President to the local Police, Fire and Civilian Defense as well as the Big 5 commenting on their excellent work in preparing for the expected hurricane. Also that a letter be sent to the Mayor recommending the purchase of metal rowboats in the next budget to aid in the evacuation of families during floods.

Mr. Caputo stated that Chief Kinsella reported that immediate steps were being made to remedy any violation of the ordinance covering driving instructions.

Thomas Killeen MOVED acceptance of the report seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Welfare & Recreation Committee

Doris Zuckert, reported for the committee, inasmuch as Mr. Kelly had to be away because of the hurricane.

The committee recommended that their full report be sent to Mayor Quigley, Mr. Laturney and to members of the Liaison Committee of the Welfare Dept. The committee recommended that the sum of \$2,910. that would adjust the difference in the salary budget of the Welfare Dept. be allowed until such time as the Liaison Committee submit their full report.

Irving Snyder Moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Phil Coulter and CARRIED.

Appointments Committee

William Kaminski, Chairman, read the committee report recommending the appointments of Joseph Peltz to the Parking Authority and John Sotire to the Zoning Board.

Ballots were distributed and counted by Tellers Bankowski and Topping. The recorded vote was as follows:

Defeated the appointment of Joseph Peltz to the Parking Authority by a vote of 23 nays, 14 yeas.

Defeated the appointment of John Sotire to the Zoning Board by a vote of 20 nays, 17 yeas.

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William Kaminski nominated Leo Gallagher to fill the vacancy of Richard V. Holahan on the Board of Finance in accordance with recommendations of the Democratic Town Committee.

James Mulreed nominated Patrick Hogan to fill the vacancy of Richard V. Holahan on the Board of Finance reiterating his long experience on the fiscal committee of the Board of Representatives and his knowledge of city departments, etc.

Alphonse Jachimczyk MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Ballots were distributed and counted by tellers Topping and Bankowski. Patrick Hogan was elected by a vote of 22 in favor, 15 opposed to fill the vacancy of Richard V. Holahan on the Board of Finance, term to expire December 1, 1955.

Phil Coulter, Edward Ryba and Frank LiVolsi asked to be excused.

Steering Committee

George Connors read the committee report and same is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

Petitions

Doris Zuckert, temporary chairman, stated the Welfare & Recreation Committee had considered the request for a Kiddie Amusement Park at Bull's Head and recommended that it be referred to the Health & Protection Committee for further study, and so MOVED, seconded and CARRIED.

Petition #176

Doris Zuckert MOVED that the Board grant permission to The Stamford Community Chest to erect a Red Feather Sign and report board in Central Park and smaller boards in Bedford, St. John's and West Park triangles from October 11, to October 29, 1954 during this year's Chest campaign. Motion seconded by Dwight Marshall and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Laddins Rock Property

George Connors read a letter dated August 27, 1954 from Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan reading as follows:

"Reference is made to your letter dated August 25, 1954 seeking information on the gift from Mr. Hartman of the Laddins Rock property to the City of Stamford.

I have been in communication with the attorneys for Mr. Hartman for the past year and the matter cannot be resolved until such time as the State of Connecticut fixes the line for the Thru Way through Mr. Hartman's property. When the permanent line of the Thru Way is determined I have been assured by Mr. Hartman's attorney that the City of Stamford will receive a deed of the remaining property, together with the monetary gift offered to the City".

The letter has been placed on file for follow-up at a later date.

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Public Hearing re. Ext. of First Tax District

George Connors read a letter dated August 18, 1954 re Resolution #181 on the above matter stating that the Corporation Counsel had conferred with Mr. Dawless, Assessor and Mr. White, City Engineer and it is their hope that the map will be ready for action in the near future. As soon as the survey is completed it will be in order to arrange for publication of notice.

New Roxbury Firehouse

George Connors read a letter from the Turn of River Fire Dept. dated September 9, 1954 stating reasons for building the new firehouse on the school property; also that same had been approved by the Fire Underwriters. The letter also stated why the Finch property, which had been offered as a gift, was not suitable for the new firehouse.

The Board stated it was not within their jurisdiction to consider this matter; that it was a matter for the Planning Board to decide upon.

Cost of Living Bonus for Part-Time Classified Employees

George Connors read a letter from Mr. Morrissey dated September 13, 1954 outlining the status of this matter.

William Kaminski MOVED that same be referred to the Personnel Committee for attention, seconded and CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack McLaughlin requested that the Board initiate steps for consideration of a roadway between Cowing Place, Glenbrook and Rolling Place, Springdale in order to give access to approximately 14 acres of unused land in back of the railroad.

Several members of the Board spoke stating that such a roadway had been considered on previous Planning Boards, but in every case the matter had died by the wayside.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that several industries were interested in this property if access were possible. That if buildings were erected, taxable income would more than offset the cost of a roadway.

Mr. McLaughlin MOVED that the City Engineers be requested to make a study of the estimated costs to acquire such a roadway and that the matter be also referred to the Planning Board, seconded by George Russell.

(I have not record of this motion being carried).

Helen Peatt reported on the Annual Picnic of the Board of Representatives stating that there was approximately \$52.00 left in reserve. Helen Peatt stated that letters of thanks had been sent to the Glenbrook Fire Dept., Mrs. Nau, Webster Givens and Mr. Maguire of the Glenbrook Lumber Company for their contributions and cooperation in making the picnic an outstanding success.

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Thomas Killeen MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded and CARRIED.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Alphonse C. Jachimczyk
Clerk

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