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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, December 6, 1954 at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by George V. Connors, President at 8:15 P.M.

Invocation was given by Monsignor John J. Hayes of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 30 present, 9 absent, 1 vacancy. Those absent were Mary Bankowski, Samuel Picciallo, Wardham Collyer, Martin Cash, David Waterbury, William Murphy, Jack McLaughlin, Hayes B. Hoyt, Rutherford Huizinga. Rutherford Huizinga and Samuel Picciallo arrived late changing the final roll call to 32 present, 7 absent, 1 vacancy.

George Connors read a letter of resignation from Patrick Scarella to be filed in the office of the Board of Representatives.

Vincent Vitti nominated Joseph Milano as third district representative to fill the vacancy of Patrick Scarella, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk.

Barbara Winsor nominated Roger Taranto for this post, seconded by James Mulreed.

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

Helen Bromley MOVED that the tape recorder not be used at this meeting, seconded by Phil Coulter.

Robert Lewis amended the motion to not use the tape recorder at this meeting but to refer same to the Steering Committee for consideration and for proper action on the remarks made.

Amended motion accepted by Helen Bromley and Phil Coulter.

Vote counted 14 in favor, 16 opposed, 1 abstaining namely Thomas Topping. Amended motion defeated.

William Kaminski MOVED that the recording taken at this meeting be the property of the Board, in custody of the Clerk and that it be referred to the Steering Committee for further consideration and discussion, seconded by Irving Snyder and CARRIED.

Ballots were distributed and counted by Tellers Thomas Topping and Barbara Winsor. The counted vote was 21 for Joseph Milano and 10 for Roger Taranto.

John Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, administered the oath of office to Joseph Milano who was elected third district representative replacing Patrick Scarella. His term of office will expire December 1, 1955.

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George Connors presented the minutes of November 8, 1954 for acceptance.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED their approval as submitted, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

George Connors stated there were two corrections to be made in previously accepted minutes, which in oversight were not read at the November meeting.

On Page 771 of the October 1, 1954 minutes, third from last paragraph, after the word "denied" add "seconded by Rutherford Huizinga and CARRIED."

On Page 760 of the September 12, 1954 minutes, eight and ninth paragraphs, change the name of Mr. Eastman to Mr. Eastburn.

William Kaminski MOVED that these corrections be accepted, seconded and CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Samuel Picciallo, Acting Chairman, submitted the committee report recommending approval of the following additional appropriations.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED that an additional appropriation of \$1,719.55 for a pension for Fireman Nicholas J. DeVito for the balance of the Fiscal Year 1954-55 be approved, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED that an additional appropriation of \$1,679.81 for a pension for Fireman William J. Mead for the balance of the Fiscal Year 1954-55 be approved, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED that an additional appropriation of \$200.00, Code 731.3 Supplies for the Department of Civil Service be approved, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED that an additional appropriation of \$150.00, Code 833.3 Supplies for the Classified Employees' Retirement Fund, be approved, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED approval of an additional appropriation of \$2,850.00 covering a cost of living bonus for part-time employees, Code GGCLA, seconded by Frank Longo and Helen Huben. CARRIED by a vote of 30 in favor, Alphonse Jachimczyk opposing and one abstaining.

Legislative & Rules Committee

Proposed Rules of Order for the Board

Paul Plotkin, Chairman, Submitted the committee report making a few minor changes and MOVED their approval, seconded by George Russell.

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Several of the other members then suggested changes and indicated that it seemed best to hold a special meeting, the board to act as a whole committee, in order that full agreement be met on adoption of a new set of rules for the Board.

Thomas Killeen MOVED to close debate, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that rules be adopted with corrections as submitted by the committee with the exception of item 10 which shall be deleted, seconded by James Mulreed. Motion defeated as vote was 17 in favor, 14 opposed, 1 abstaining. Present rules require a 2/3 majority of those present.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that a Special Meeting be called for this purpose sometime in January, the Board to act as a committee as a whole, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED.

The following members asked to be excused early and left- Thomas Killeen, Helen Huben and Robert Lewis.

Radio and Television Antennae

Paul Plotkin MOVED the adoption of the proposed ordinance for Radio and Television Antennae. He stated however that the published ordinance had been changed somewhat. The last sentence of the one published had been deleted and another had been inserted reading as follows: "All metal structures supporting antennae shall be permanently and effectively grounded and each conductor of a lead-in from an outdoor antennae shall be provided with a lightning arrester approved for the purpose and located on the outside of the building. Size, material and method of installation of all lead-in and grounding conductors shall conform to the National Electrical Code of 1953". Motion was seconded by George Russell and CARRIED by a vote of 29 yeas, 1 nay - Mr. Edward Ryba opposing.

Ordinance #42 Supplemental - Amending Section 911 of the Building Code of the City of Stamford by adding the following sub-section "Radio and Television Antennae".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that Section 911 of the Building Code of the City of Stamford be amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

7. Radio and Television Antennae. Antennae structures for private radio or television reception not more than 12 feet in height may be erected and maintained on the roof of any building without a building permit. The installation shall in no case be erected nearer to the lot line than the total height of the antennae structure nor shall such structure be installed near electric power lines nor shall it encroach upon any street or other public space. The approval of the building inspector shall be secured for all antennae structures more than 12



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

Dated this _____ day of December 1954.

George V. Connors, President and Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the Board of Representatives at its regular meeting held on December 6, 1954.

George V. Connors, President

/s/ Alphonse C. Jachimczyk
Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Clerk

Approved:

Dated this _____ day of December, 1954

Thomas F. J. Quigley, Mayor

Mr. Huizinga arrived at this time.

Paul Plotkin MOVED adoption of the proposed published Ordinance re Cellar Exits, seconded by Irving Snyder.

Paul Plotkin stated there was some question as to whether it affected existing buildings. Since it is in the nature of an amendment to the Building Code, it automatically excludes existing Construction. This observation was made by request of Attorney Sidney J. Kweskin who appeared at the committee meeting.

Question was brought on the motion and the motion was carried, 30 Members voting yes.

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ORDINANCE #43 SUPPLEMENTAL

Amending the Building Code of the City of Stamford by adding to Section 602 thereof the following Sub-Section:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the Building Code of the City of Stamford is amended by adding to Section 602 thereof the following sub-section.

7. Cellar Exits. Where heating furnaces are placed in cellars of dwellings or where such cellars are used as recreation areas, there shall be in addition to the primary interior stairway an exit to a yard or court.

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

Dated this _____ day of December 1954.

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/s/ Alphonse C. Jachimczyk

Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Dated this _____ day of December, 1954.

Thomas F. J. Quigley, Mayor

Paul Plotkin submitted for publication two proposed ordinances relative to changing of street names, seconded by George Russell and Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

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Changing the name of a portion of Lawton Avenue to Sleepy Hollow Lane as described.

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the name of that portion of Lawton Avenue running northerly and westerly from Knapp Street to a dead end for a distance of approximately 795' and shown on a certain map entitled "Map showing property known as Black Swamp to be conveyed to the City of Stamford", on file in the office of the Town and City Clerk of the City of Stamford and there numbered 4965, is hereby changed to Sleepy Hollow Lane."

Changing the name of Bedford Place to Dolsen Place.

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the name of that street known as Bedford Place be and is hereby changed to Dolsen Place."

Mr. Plotkin requested that a copy of both of the above proposed ordinances be sent to the Planning Board.

Proposed Ordinance re: Providing of Compensation Insurance for Auxiliary Police and Firemen

Paul Plotkin submitted the proposed ordinance. Paul Plotkin MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to void previous publication of this ordinance and Moved it be considered for adoption at this meeting inasmuch as these men will be putting in a great many hours during the holiday season, seconded by Samuel Picciallo.

Considerable discussion followed re costs involved to the city, their approximation, etc.

John Hanrahan stated he felt the urgency was not so great that it could not follow the customary pattern of publication and then adoption since the City would probably be obligated anyway should any man be injured in line of duty.

Paul Plotkin withdrew his motion for adoption without previous publication. Paul Plotkin MOVED that the following proposed ordinance be published, seconded by Rutherford Hulzinga and CARRIED by a vote of 21 - 9.

Proposed Ordinance re: Providing of Compensation Insurance for Auxiliary Police and Firemen

WHEREAS, auxiliary police and firemen are covered by compensation insurance under the State Civil Defense Act during the following periods: basic training, field training of ten hours each month and during disaster emergencies as proclaimed by the governor; and

WHEREAS the number of hours in field training often exceeds ten hours a month per man due to the request for assistance by the Chiefs of our regular protection departments; and

WHEREAS, the auxiliary police and firemen give their time free to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford owes a deep obligation to these

individuals to provide protection for themselves and their familiar for any possible injuries that they may sustain in the line of duty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Stamford that all members of the Civil Defense Forces of the City of Stamford shall be compensated for death, disability or injury incurred while in training for or on civil defense duty in the same manner and amount as that provided for municipal employees of the City of Stamford whenever such compensation is not provided by the provisions of the State Civil Defense Act and whenever such compensation is not otherwise provided.

Helen Bromley Moved that a letter be sent to the Board of Finance enclosing a copy of the proposed ordinance requesting that they endeavor to pass it at their December meeting, inasmuch as it will involve the expenditure of money. Also a copy to the Fiscal Committee so that they may ascertain from statistics the approximate cost to the City.

Paul Plotkin MOVED adoption of a resolution, prepared and approved by the Federal Government, re making application for Federal Disaster Relief Funds for damage to property in the City of Stamford resulting from Hurricanes Carol and Edna, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 30 members voting yea.

Resolution #188 - Application for Federal Disaster Relief Funds resulting from Hurricanes Carol and Edna.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD: That Thomas F. J. Quigley, its Mayor, be and he hereby is appointed OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE with authority to act in all matters in connection with an application for Federal Disaster Relief Funds for damage to property of the City of Stamford resulting from Hurricanes Carol and Edna and that said Mayor is authorized to sign and file said application and other papers pertaining to said application and to handle all matters in connection therewith.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Joseph Iacovo presented the committee report in Mr. Murphy's absence. The committee recommended the sale of City owned property as recommended by the Planning Board. John Hanrahan questioned if the Titles had been checked to ascertain if the property actually belonged to the City, to avoid difficulties that had arisen at the last auction sale of City Owned property.

Joseph Iacovo MOVED that the submitted list from the Planning Board be submitted to the Corporation Counsel's Office for review and check of proper title to the City of Stamford, seconded by Patrick Fortunato and CARRIED.

Joseph Iacovo stated the committee approved and Moved that the request to change the name of 400' of Stillview Road to Blueberry Drive running south from Blueberry Drive to Pond Road be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for drawing of the proper ordinance, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

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Joseph Iacove stated the committee had approved the proposed Firing Range on the Town Farm.

Health & Protection Committee

Joseph Caputo stated that Chief Richardson advised that the present force is inadequate in manning trucks for fires and that it would be impossible to arrange to train men to operate the fire boat for Civil Defense in case of an emergency.

Joseph Caputo MOVED approval, with committee's recommendations, of the firing range on the Town Farm for temporary use of the Reflectone Corporation as has been definitely outlined in their letter and which would later become a firing range for the Police Department which presently is inadequate, seconded by Stephen Kelly and Carried by a vote of 25 in favor, 4 opposed.

Before the motion was brought to question Mr. Bennett of Reflectone was asked to speak and he explained quite satisfactorily how the firearms would be used as well as the arrangements being made for the safety and protection of humans and animals.

Joseph Caputo reported that Chief Kinsella is taking under advisement the matter referred to him on Hot Rod Drivers.

Alanson Fredericks questioned if the committee had a report on the matter referred to them re the traffic light at the intersection of lower Atlantic Street which is congesting traffic particularly at commuting hours.

Irving Snyder MOVED that the Clerk send a letter to the Chief of Police and Traffic Director Mr. Hurd requesting a statement from them as to how the traffic can be handled better during heavy commuting hours, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED.

Welfare & Recreation Committee

Stephen Kelly reported that the committee had not accumulated sufficient information on the band shell to date and would report fully at a later meeting.

Personnel Committee

Dr. Frances Dolan submitted a report on the position for Administrative Assistant and Liaison Officer of the Sewer Commission with a salary range of \$4050. to \$4890. plus \$315. Cost of Living Adjustment per annum. The Personnel Commission had approved this position to be under Classified Service to thereby insure a qualified applicant. On August 15, 1954 Mr. Robert J. Themack was appointed on a provisional basis to this position. Since then an examination announcement was made and 5 applications were made. In checking with Mr. Weathers, I was told that Mr. Themack was the only one who passed the test.

Charter Revision Committee

James Mulreed report that the committee had met and there were a number of charter changes under consideration but at this time there was nothing concrete to report.

John Cook asked to be excused.

PETITIONSPetition #178 - Nativity Display in Bedford Park for the 1954 Xmas Season

Stephen Kelly MOVED that permission be granted the Bedford Street Association to hold the Nativity Display in Bedford Park for the 1954 Xmas Season, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

Petition #179 - Salvation Army - Christmas Drive

Stephen Kelly MOVED that permission be granted the Salvation Army for placement of the Christmas booth on Atlantic St. near Liggetts Drug Store as well as Christmas kettle stands at C.O. Millers, F.W. Woolworths, Fidelity Title & Trust and Ridgeway Shopping Center, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED.

Paul Plotkin submitted a resolution re locating a County Courthouse in Stamford and Moved its adoption, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

Resolution #189 - Re: "Location of a County Courthouse in Stamford"

WHEREAS, in any civil action wherein the matter in demand exceeds one thousand dollars, in any criminal action wherein the penalty provided shall exceed a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars or imprisonment for six months or both, and in any action that is triable only by a county court, it is necessary to go to Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, this entails unnecessary hardship and expense not only for the people of Stamford and vicinity but also for the City of Stamford, which is itself often a party in these actions; and,

WHEREAS, on occasion, the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and other city officials have spent days just waiting for a case to come to trial and have thus, lost considerable time from their duties here in Stamford; and

WHEREAS, many cities smaller than Stamford have a county courthouse, it is a sad state of affairs for Stamford, a city of some 84,000 and the fifth largest in the State not to have a county courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the location of a county courthouse would bring business into Stamford and not take it away from Stamford; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity now presents itself whereby the location of a county courthouse here in Stamford is in the realm of possibility;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that this Board puts its own record as strongly favoring the location of a county courthouse in Stamford, and affirms that it will cooperate to the fullest extent in obtaining the location of said courthouse here in Stamford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Charles E. Mocre, Esq.; President of the Stamford Bar Association."

Respectfully submitted

Paul A. Plotkin
9th District Representative

Paul Plotkin submitted a resolution re the Problem of preventing industry from moving out of Stamford and moved its approval, seconded by Alphense Jachimczyk. Frank Livolsi MOVED to amend the motion to include that Labor be properly represented on the commission.

Considerable controversy followed with the feeling that this was within the jurisdiction of the Mayor and is set up forthwith. Paul Plotkin and Alphense Jachimczyk would not accept the amended motion.

Rutherford HuiZinga MOVED that the original resolution as presented be adopted, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED, 28 members voting

Resolution #199 - Problem of preventing Industry from Moving Out of Stamford

WHEREAS, in the last decade, highly industrialized New England has seen an alarming trend develop whereby industry was moved out of New England in favor of areas where land and labor are cheaper and taxes are less; and

WHEREAS, in the last few years, this trend seems to have reached the City of Stamford, especially the announcement by Schick in the last month of its intention to move out of Stamford so seems to indicate; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that the City of Stamford had much to offer industry which would more than compensate for the above factors; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of great concern to all the people of Stamford as it means loss of wages, loss of gainful employment, loss of tax revenue, and a general worsening of all business conditions;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that it recommends to the Mayor of the City of Stamford that he appoints a man commission to work with the proper state authorities and local industries in an attempt to retain our present industry and attract new industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board signifies its intent to approve any reasonable appropriation for this purpose."

Respectfully submitted,


Paul A. Plotkin
Representative 9th District

James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor expressing the feeling of this Board that Labor be included on the Commission as well as the various fields of activity which will compose the commission, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

George Connors read two letters from the Mayor, one with reference to the Board's parking in the Bedford Street Parking Lot which is open to the public for free nights and another letter re the selection of a site known as Case Property on Newfield Avenue near Belltown Road for the new J. M. Wright Technical School, and the need for \$125,000. to acquire this property by negotiations or condemnation. He requested favorable action of the Board so that this item may be included in the 1955-56 Capital Budget.

Irving Snyder MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor requesting that he appoint a committee to investigate an acceptable site for building the proposed J. M. Wright Technical School in Stamford forthwith; that this committee explore all possibilities and, if necessary, submit a recommendation that the Mayor request an additional appropriation to assure retention of the J. M. Wright Technical School in this area, seconded by Phil Coulter.

Patrick Fortunato and Thomas Killeen brought up the possibility of using some portion of the forty acres available on Cove Island, its accessibility as well as nearness to Ball Fields, etc. and MOVED that this suggestion also be incorporated in said letter to the Mayor.

Irving Snyder accepted the amendment and the amended motion was CARRIED.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor asking that he initiate an additional appropriation for \$450.00 for the

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purpose of continuing the public address system for the balance of the fiscal year, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

George Connors read a letter from Mr. Morrissey dated December 2, 1954 stating that the City's share of receipts from public telephone booths from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 amounted to \$1,052.17 and would be even greater for the coming year.

George Connors also read a notice of a meeting to be held December 13, 1954 re a Railroad Spur Track at Grade Across Jefferson St. to East Meadow Redevelopment before the Public Utilities Commission.

Helen Bromley MOVED that the January meeting of the Board be postponed until January 10, 1955 because of the Holidays, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED.

Helen Bromley MOVED, seconded by William Kaminski that a letter be sent to Mr. Neuwein requesting he open the back parking lot so that members of the Board may park their cars there on the night of a meeting.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Helen Teatt and CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alphonse C. Jachimczyk
Clerk