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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, February 7, 1955 at the Walter Dolan Junior High School Cafeteria 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 Rev. Daniel Golden of the Sacred Heart Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 33 present, 7 absent. Those absent were Phil Coulter, Edward Ryba, Helen Peatt, Hayes B. Hoyt, Frank LiVolsi, William Murphy and Helen Bromley. Frank LiVolsi, William Murphy and Helen Bromley arrived later changing the final roll call to 36 present, 4 absent.

George Connors presented the minutes of January 10, 1955 for approval. Alanson Fredericks MOVED that the minutes be approved as set forth seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

George Connors presented the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Charter Amendments of January 21, 1955. James Mulreed MOVED for approval of these minutes as submitted, seconded by Mary Bankowski and CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Samuel Picciallo, temporary chairman, submitted the committee report stating that the committee recommended approval of the items appearing on the agenda.

1. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the additional appropriation of \$2,910. for a deficiency in the salary account 460.1 requested by the Welfare Dept., seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.
2. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the additional appropriation of \$750. requested by the Board of Public Safety for the Police Dept. for Investigations, Code 430.27, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.
3. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the additional appropriation of \$3500.00 requested by the Corporation Counsel to cover settlement of Non-Contract Claims, Code, 450.60, seconded by Joseph Iacove and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.
4. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the additional appropriation of \$1750.00 requested by the Registrar of Voters for Election Expense, Code GG-100-53, seconded by Vincent Vitti and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.
5. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the additional appropriation of \$1,072.19 as pension for Chester Kowalski of the Police Dept. for the balance of the fiscal year 1954-1955. His annual pension will be \$2,427.60. Motion was seconded by Thomas Topping and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.
6. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the additional appropriation of \$1,083.75 as pension for Daniel A. Mulreed of the Police Dept. for

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the balance of the fiscal year 1954-1955. His annual pension will be \$2,601., seconded by Frank Longo and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.

7. Samuel Picciallo MOVED that the 1952-1953 Capital Projects Budget be amended transferring \$1,572.31 from the Atlantic and Henry Street stormdrains and \$12,810.33 from the Garden and Henry Street stormdrains and adding thereto an item to be known as "Noble Street Sanitary Sewer" in the amount of \$14,382.64. Motion was seconded by Frank Longo.

Thomas Topping stated that inasmuch as the bid for the work on the Noble Street Sewer was only \$10,648.50, he did not feel a transfer of \$14,382.64 was necessary and therefore MOVED that the motion be amended to read only \$12,810.33 on the one item, seconded by Alanson Fredericks.

Irving Snyder and William Kaminski spoke against the amendment stating that there are always contingencies arising on such contracts, that the overage should be left for such an emergency and if not used would then be applied toward the amortization of the bond issue.

Question brought on the amended motion and DEFEATED by a vote of 6 in favor, 26 opposed.

Sam Picciallo MOVED that John Hanrahan be heard regarding this amendment, seconded and CARRIED.

John Hanrahan requested that the motion appear in Resolution form in the minutes so that there can be no question of its legality by bonding counsel.

Samuel Picciallo submitted the same resolution as approved by the Board of Finance reading as follows:

Resolution #192 Amending the 1952-1953 Capital Projects Budget by approval of a transfer of funds and adding an item known as Noble Street Sanitary Sewer

Be it Resolved by the Board of Representatives that an amendment to the 1952-1953 Capital Projects Budget be approved by the addition of an item to be known as the "Noble Street Sanitary Sewer", and to approve the transfer of surplus bond funds from the Atlantic and Henry Streets stormdrains in the amount of \$1,572.31, and the Garden and Henry Streets stormdrains in the amount of \$12,810.33 or a total of \$14,382.63, both of which are items in the 1952-1953 Capital Budget.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED adoption of this resolution seconded by Frank Longo and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 32 members voting yea.

8. Samuel Picciallo stated that the Board of Education in their letter of January 27, 1955 to the Mayor and other boards had submitted a request a sum of \$755,000.00 less the insurance paid for fire damage of \$382,000.00 and State Aid of \$123,000.00 or a net of approximately \$250,000.00 to rebuild Burdick Junior High School as well as adding an addition thereto. The Board of Education wishes to be assured in some measure that the Board of Representatives will follow along in their thinking.

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Helen Bromley, Katherine Kaminski and Frank LiVolsi arrived late.

Helen Bromley MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to consider this item, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED that we as a board recommend approval of the actions taken by the Board of Education as set forth in Paragraph 3 of Mr. Neuwien's letter dated January 27, 1955 addressed to Mayor Quigley and other Boards, seconded by Thomas Topping,

Paul Plotkin MOVED to amend the motion by adding \$755,000. to paragraph 3, seconded by William Kaminski.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED to amend the amended motion by adding to the end of the third paragraph "which would make a total expenditure of \$755,000."

Rutherford Huizinga, Thomas Topping, Paul Plotkin and William Kaminski accepted the amended amendment to the motion. Question was brought on the motion and CARRIED by 33 members voting yea. Joseph Caputo left just before the vote.

Legislative & Rules

Paul Plotkin, Chairman, stated that Mr. Isadore Mackler, who was present at the P.U.C. hearing when the Stamford Water Company had requested an increase in water rates, was in the audience and would be happy to give a summary of the hearing. Paul Plotkin MOVED that Mr. Mackler be heard, seconded by Robert Lewis and CARRIED.

Mr. Mackler stated that the Stamford Water Company had appealed for an increase in the water rate stating that the old method of per hydrant figure was obsolete and asked to be established on the per inch volume as being used in other cities. He checked figures reported by the water companies in other cities in Connecticut and found that fire protection cost was approximately 6% and that the figure to be paid by Stamford was not in excess of 6%. Although the revised rate is much higher for Stamford, in comparison with other communities we are not paying more than 6%. Mr. Mackler stated that although it is customary to petition to reopen a case hearing with P.U.C. within thirty days, it can be reopened at any time by petition and proper appeal to P.U.C. In summation Mr. Mackler stated that Stamford had been enjoying a very low rate for past years and that from statistics available to the Public in Hartford from other cities, the present charge does not seem inequitable.

William Murphy arrived late. Joseph Caputo returned.

Cowing Place (Extension)

Paul Plotkin stated that the committee fully concurred on the following resolution and Moved its adoption, seconded by Jack McLaughlin and CARRIED by a vote of 30 in favor, 5 opposed.

Resolution #193 - Re Extension of Cowing Place

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that, in accordance with section 641 of the Charter of the City of

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Stamford, it hereby declares its intention to widen and extend Cowing Place in accordance with the plans and map on file in the office of the Planning Board of the City of Stamford, and it hereby requests the mayor to cause a report to be made thereon pursuant to said Section 641.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 50% of the cost of the public improvement shall be assessed against the property benefited thereby.

William Kaminski MOVED, seconded by Doris Zuckert, that Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan be heard at this time.

John Hanrahan stated that the Planning Board was considering the subdivision of a tract of land whereby Larkin Street might be extended, thereby giving access to this undeveloped area on the one side of the New Canaan Railroad tract. He felt with this possibility arising, consideration and further study would be made before formal adoption of the Resolution #193 becomes a part of the minutes.

James Mulreed, stated, as a member of the committee, that the Planning Board had never advised them of these developments.

James Mulreed MOVED for reconsideration of the motion, seconded by William Murphy CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED that a letter be directed to the Planning Board asking that they make known to this Board in the future, its intentions on matters which require this Board's approval, particularly in reference to chapter 64. For example, this Board had not received any correspondence on the extension of Larkin Street as a through street. Motion seconded by Paul Plotkin and CARRIED.

Paul Plotkin MOVED for approval of Resolution #193 - Extension of Cowing Place as heretofore submitted, seconded by William Murphy. Motion defeated by a vote of 36 opposed. Accordingly by Resolution #193 - Extension of Cowing Place is stricken from the record.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the following Ordinance changing the name of 400' of Stillview Drive to Blueberry Drive be approved, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 35 members voting yea.

ORDINANCE #46 Supplemental - Change of Name of 400' of Stillview Drive to Blueberry Drive.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Stamford that the name of 400' of Stillview Drive running south from Blueberry Drive to Pond Road is hereby changed to Blueberry Drive.

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

Paul Plotkin MOVED that a letter of thanks be sent to John Hanrahan and Arthur DiSesa for their efforts in assembling the new Charter, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk. CARRIED.

Paul Plotkin also reported on an inquiry from the Board of Taxation re the printing of the grand list and the possibility of charging for same. The committee did not recommend submitting a bill changing the State Statute at this time.

Appointments Committee

William Kaminski stated that in view of the number of appointments to be voted on, it would be best to delegate distribution and counting of ballots to four tellers to avoid delay and confusion. George Connors called the tellers, namely Mary Bankowski, Thomas Topping, Barbara Winsor and Joseph Iacovo. Mary Bankowski and Thomas Topping counted the ballots. Barbara Winsor and Joseph Iacovo distributed the ballots.

William Kaminski, Chairman, submitted the committee report and recommended the appointment of all of the new appointments as well as the reappointments. William Kaminski MOVED approval on the following, motions were seconded and ballots distributed and counted. The recorded ballot vote lists as follows:

P. Lawrence Epifanio, 75 Plymouth Road was confirmed as member of the Planning Board, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 28 in favor, 8 opposed. He will replace Sherman R. Hoyt.

Joseph T. McCue, Jr., 1070 Main Street, was confirmed as a member of the Zoning Board, term to expire December 1, 1958. Ballot vote count was 30 in favor, 6 opposed. He will replace John Sotire.

Edward J. Wojciechoski, 9 Pulaski Street, was confirmed as a member of the Public Welfare Commission, term to expire December 1, 1957. Ballot vote count was 20 in favor, 8 opposed. He will replace Harry C. Smith.

Robert F. Crosswaite, 96 Turner Road, was confirmed as a member of the Board of Recreation, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 34 in favor, 2 opposed. He will replace Frederick M. Petersen

William Troy, 16 Revere Drive, was confirmed as a member of the Sewer Commission, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 33 in favor, 3 opposed. He will replace Dr. John G. Moore.

John Allison, 1201 Stillwater Road, was confirmed as member of the Urban Redevelopment Commission, term to expire December 11, 1959. Ballot vote count was 32 in favor, 4 opposed.

Joseph Dejewski, 93 Hope Street, was confirmed as a member of the Board of Tax Review, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 32 in favor, 4 opposed. He will replace Thomas C. Barker.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

The reappointment of Joseph K. Sherman, 40 Strawberry Hill Court as member of the Zoning Board, term to expire December 1, 1959, was defeated. Joseph K. Sherman was DEFEATED by a ballot vote of 24 opposed, 12 in favor.

Dr. Frank J. Sproviero, 1911 Summer Street, was confirmed as reappointment to the Board of Taxation, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 28 in favor, 8 opposed.

Thomas P. Cassidy, 758 Shippan Avenue, was confirmed as reappointment to the Parking Authority, term to expire January 1, 1958. Ballot vote count was 30 in favor, 6 opposed.

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Michael J. Sweeney, 221 Strawberry Hill Avenue, was confirmed as reappointment to the Sewer Commission, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 28 in favor, 8 opposed.

Linsley A. Pettit, 62 Turner Road, was confirmed as reappointment to the Hubbard Heights Golf Course Commission, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 33 in favor, 3 opposed.

James J. Morris, 86 Belltown Road, was confirmed as reappointment to Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire December 1, 1959. Ballot vote count was 33 in favor, 3 opposed.

Alanson Fredericks asked permission of the Board to discuss a matter with Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan. Mr. Fredericks stated that the minutes of January 10, 1955 stated it was unnecessary to confirm the appointments to the Personnel Commission made by Mayor Quigley. Mr. Fredericks referred to Section 500 and 503 of the Charter, stating since this is an appointive board, it should follow the usual procedure of confirmation of the Board of Representatives. He asked for a ruling and John Hanrahan stated he was not prepared to give one immediately.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED that the Corporation Counsel be requested to give us an opinion in writing on this particular point, seconded.

Planning & Zoning Committee

William Murphy, Chairman, reported that the committee had reviewed the list of city-owned properties submitted by Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan as being in condition permitting their sale by the city at public auction pursuant to City Ordinance #30 and MOVED the Board approve the list presented herewith for public auction, seconded by Thomas Killeen and CARRIED.

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
M	Miramar Lane
N	" "
O	" "
18	Stamford Avenue
19	" "
24	" "
16	Rockledge Private Drive
70	McClurg Avenue
30	Penzance Road
15	Tupper Drive
9	" "
6	Southfield Avenue

William Murphy MOVED, seconded by Patrick Fortunato, that the City Engineer be requested to furnish this Board with a large map of the entire City of Stamford, as well as a stand for this map, illustrating by color all city-owned property and, if possible, all presently accepted roads. CARRIED.

Steering Committee

George Connors submitted the Steering Committee report. James Mulreed asked that the two letters from the local unions be read. Letters from the Stamford Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union No. 317 and International Association of Machinists stated they were gravely concerned about the lack of Labor being represented on the various Boards in the local city government, more particularly the recently appointed Industrial Commission, who seemingly are doing very little to prevent industry from moving out of Stamford.

Stephen Kelly MOVED that the report be accepted and placed on file, seconded and CARRIED.

PETITIONS

Steve Kelly, Chairman, submitted the committee report recommending the granting of permission to the following petitions and so MOVED, seconded by Vincent Vitti on #181 and #182, by Frank Longo on #183 and Helen Huben on #184. CARRIED.

Petition #181 - Permission granted American National Red Cross for annual 1955 Red Cross Drive from March 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955 for the erection of displays, flags and signs in the various parks and buildings as designated. The Board also voted to permit cardboard light pole collars on light poles in the business section providing permission to do so is granted by the Connecticut Power Co.

Petition #182 - Permission was granted to hold Lily Tag Day on Friday, April 1, 1955, contributions for Stamford Rehabilitation Center.

Petition #183 - Permission was granted to the Oscar H. Cowan Post, No. 3, Inc. to use the city carnival grounds on Magee Avenue from April 29 through May 7, 1955 to present the Reithoffer Show with the provisions that they check with Corporation Counsel if there is any interference or additional danger involved because of the Heliport; also that proper bonding and liability insurance is covered as well as assurance of proper police protection.

Petition #184 - Permission granted to Stamford Aerie No. 579 Fraternal Order of Eagles to use St. John's Park on Saturday, February 12, 1955 from noon until program is over for ceremonial opening of Freedom Week.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Letter from the South End Taxpayers Organization requesting that an appropriation for flood control for reinforcement of present dykes be included in the 1955-1956 Capital Budget was read. No action was taken.

Letter from G. Albert Hill, State Highway Commissioner, re the removal and trimming of large shrubs at intersections on State Highway property in reference to our recent request voted during the January meeting was read and placed on file.

Joseph Iacovo presented a bill which was sent to the General Assembly in Hartford for consideration which would change the present method of taxing cars by residence or tax district to the rate charged in District

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"C", 3rd district or lowest rate. A copy of the presented bill was sent to each member of the Board and is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives. Joseph Jacovo MOVED for its approval by the Board, seconded by William Murphy.

James Mulreed MOVED that action be tabled until various other bills are acted upon by this body, seconded by Nortcn Rhoades. Motion defeated by a vote of 11 in favor, 21 opposed.

Question on original motion voted and CARRIED being 25 in favor, 9 opposed.

George Connors confirmed the appointments on committees of the Board of Representatives as listed:

Thomas Killeen	-	Fiscal Committee
Joseph Milano	-	Appointments Committee
Frank LiVolsi	-	Public Works Committee
Samuel Picciallo	-	Chairman of the Fiscal Committee

Frank LiVolsi MOVED that a letter be sent to Frederick Petersen for his efforts, cooperation and interest as a member of the Board of Recreation from 1938 through December 1, 1954, seconded by Mary Bankowski and CARRIED.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded and CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, Clerk