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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held at the Walter Dolan Junior High School Cafeteria on Monday, March 7, 1955. The meeting was called to order by President George V. Connors at 8:15 P.M.

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

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 30 present, 10 absent. The absent members list as follows: Joseph Caputo, Mary Bankowski, Martin H. Cash, Sr., Robert Lewis, Phil C. Coulter, Thomas Killeen, John Cook, Helen Peatt, Jack McLaughlin and Helen Huben. Two of the members arrived later, namely Mary Bankowski and Jack McLaughlin, changing the final roll call to 32 present, 8 absent.

George Connors presented the minutes of the adjourned meeting of January 24, 1955 for approval. Alanson Fredericks MOVED acceptance of the minutes as presented, seconded by Wardham Collyer and CARRIED.

George Connors presented the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 1955 for approval. Barbara Winsor MOVED for acceptance of these minutes as presented, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Samuel Picciallo, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, submitted the committee report recommending the approval of the following additional appropriations appearing on the agenda:

- a. Samuel Picciallo MOVED approval of \$500.00 for Code 800.27, Court Orders, requested by City Court, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.
- b. Samuel Picciallo MOVED approval of \$150. for Code 530.1, Salaries, requested by the Board of Tax Review, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.
- c. Samuel Picciallo MOVED approval of \$5000. for claim of Remington Rand, Inc. against the City for rent of tabulating equipment, formerly deleted from the Operating Budget, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.
- d. Samuel Picciallo MOVED the approval of the Resolution for the Board of Education re Burdick Junior High School Building Project for \$755,000. seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.

Resolution #193 - Additional Appropriation of \$755,000. for the Repair and Additions to Burdick Junior High School Building for the Board of Education

"WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested that bonds of the City of Stamford be issued to finance the capital project included in the 1954-55 Capital Budget, as amended by this resolution, and consisting of the Burdick Junior High School Building Project; and

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Jim Mulreed MOVED that the Board give a rising vote of thanks to George Russell for his efforts in this regard.

Communications from the Mayor

A letter from the Mayor was read requesting the Board's action to confirm the following appointments to the Personnel Commission.

John E. Sotire, 646 Hope Street, Springdale, term to expire December 1, 1957.

Thomas F. Hanrahan, 28 Oakhill Street (Employees Selection), term to expire December 1, 1956.

Herbert C. Rice, 318 Sound View Ave. East, term to expire December 1, 1955.

Thomas Topping MOVED that same be referred to the Appointments Committee for report in April, seconded and CARRIED.

Petitions

Norton Rhoades MOVED that the following petition be approved, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Petition #185 - Permission to hold the annual Cancer Drive during the month of April 1955 and to erect signs in Bedford Park and Central Park.

Helen Bromley MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to consider another request for permission to use Cummings Park on Easter Sunday, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED.

Petition #186
Helen Bromley MOVED that the Board grant permission to the Methodist Church to use a portion of Cummings Park for sunrise service on Easter morning, seconded by Wurdham Collyer and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Alanson Fredericks asked to speak on the letter sent by Corporation Counsel to each member of the Board re Personnel Commission Appointments and also about secret ballot voting, and that a summation of same appear in the minutes of the Board of Representatives. Mr. Fredericks contended that the Corporation Counsel is to only give legal advise and/or opinions when asked by the Board and that his reply should cover the question asked. He stated that Mr. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, had not been asked about voting and that his own personal opinion should not be made, inasmuch as many of the statements detailed in above letter were untrue and could not be proven facts and that it might be possible for Mr. Hanrahan to convince laymen who did not have the knowledge, but it was impossible to make such statements to those in the legal profession. Mr. Fredericks stated further that he would challenge Mr. Hanrahan's opinion re voting by secret ballot. Mr. Fredericks stated if this was written by someone other than himself, he should be properly reprimanded for writing such an opinion, inasmuch as he had great respect for Mr. Hanrahan.



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Communications from Other Boards and Individuals

George Connors read a letter from Walter Wachter re extension of Cowing Place stating that a letter from the Planning Board of December 22, 1954 clarified the desire of the Planning Board to extend Cowing Place, and the Planning Board still recommends this extension.

James Muireed MOVED to re-enact the Resolution withdrawn in the minutes of February 7, 1955 on Page 807.

William Murphy MOVED to hear from Mr. Wachter, present in the audience, seconded and Carried.

Mr. Rhoades questioned Mr. Wachter about the \$60,000. appearing in the Capital Budget and Mr. Wachter stated that this was for another part of that road given by the Glenbrook Sand & Gravel Company. Mr. Rhoades did not believe there was the urgency of passing this resolution at this meeting in view of the \$60,000. to be considered in the Capital Budget. Considerable discussion followed about an outlet at the other end, inasmuch as Rolling Place shown on the map is now private property and costs would mount to acquire same even through condemnation proceedings.

Question brought on the motion, seconded by _____ and CARRIED by a 2/3 majority 20 voting, in favor, 10 opposed.

Resolution #1276 - 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 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 Thomas Topping, that the Planning Board be requested to furnish the Board with a diagram and outline of area to be affected by the \$60,000. appropriation shown in the Capital Budget for 1955-56 with some reasonable explanation attached. CARRIED,

Frank LiVolsi asked that this statement be made a part of the minutes. Mr. LiVolsi requested that the Board go along with him requesting that the Housing Committee be reactivated with reference to reviewing the City Housing and Town Housing in the City of Stamford. It was suggested that consideration for the appointment of a committee be given thought and brought up at the April meeting.

Paul Plotkin stated that in accordance with Section 202 of the Charter the recent notice of the Special Meeting of March 2, 1955 should have been delivered by messenger in order to cover the statement at least seventy-two hours before the time fixed for such meeting.

George Connors stated that since the office is closed on Saturday and



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WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has duly approved such a request of the Mayor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under and pursuant to the Charter of the City of Stamford and any other general or special act thereto enabling, there be and hereby is authorized the issue and sale at one time or from time to time of general obligation, coupon bonds of the City of Stamford aggregating \$373,000 in principal amount for the purpose of financing to that extent the following capital project contained in the Capital Budget for the year 1954-55, as amended, namely:

"BOARD OF EDUCATION

Burdick Junior High School Building Project.....\$755,000

Major alteration and reconstruction of school building damaged by fire and construction of a new addition consisting of:

- One Gymnasium
- Two Locker Rooms - boys and girls - with shower rooms
- One Entrance Vestibule
- One Cafeteria Eating Room
- One Food Preparation Room
- Necessary Toilet Rooms

Total Estimated Cost.....\$755,000

Less proceeds received from fire insurance on old building..... 382,000

Balance (to be raised by bonds).....\$373,000"

Said bonds shall be issued under the corporate name and seal and upon the full faith and credit of the City of Stamford in such manner and in such amount as the Board of Finance may prescribe from time to time under and pursuant to the applicable provisions of law and of the City Charter. Said capital project hereinbefore described and contained in the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year, as amended, is hereby confirmed as a duly authorized capital project of the City of Stamford.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to any issue of the bonds hereinbefore authorized as to which the Board of Finance shall have determined the principal amount, and the manner of sale, there be and hereby is authorized under and pursuant to Section 277c of the 1953 Supplement to the General Statutes, the City Charter and any other authority thereto enabling, but within such limitations as may be imposed by resolution of the Board of Finance, the making of a temporary loan or loans by the issue and sale from time to time, as funds may be required, of a temporary note or notes of the City of Stamford in anticipation of the money to be received from the sale of each such bond issue and the renewal of any such temporary loan or loans

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by the issue and sale of a temporary renewal note or notes, provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of the temporary notes or renewal notes at any one time outstanding shall never exceed the principal amount of the bonds issued in anticipation of which such notes were issued, and provided further that the date, maturities, rate of interest or discount, the form, manner of sale and other particulars of such temporary notes or renewal notes shall be, within such limitations as may be imposed by law or by resolution of the Board of Finance, be determined by the Commissioner of Finance with the approval of the Mayor."

e. Samuel Picciallo MOVED that \$20,000. for Code 460.61, Cash Relief, requested by the Welfare Dept. be approved, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.

f. Samuel Picciallo MOVED that \$750.00 for Code 430.3, Stationery and Supplies, requested by the Police Dept. be approved, seconded by Vincent Vitti and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.

g. Samuel Picciallo MOVED that \$3000.00 for Code 430.25, Uniforms and Equipment, requested by the Police Dept. be approved, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.

h. Samuel Picciallo MOVED that \$2000.00 for Code 575R, Reserve for Tax Refunds, requested by the Tax Collector be approved, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 29 members voting yea.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to consider a resolution permitting the Mayor to accept State Aid on the Julia A. Stark School, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Samuel Picciallo MOVED that the following resolution, which was read, be adopted in order that the Mayor might accept or reject State Aid, seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk.

James Mulreed questioned whether the Building Committee that had been appointed was functioning and if they had approved the new addition to the Julia Stark School inasmuch as no word had been received as to their activity and MOVED that Mr. Reginald Neuwein, Superintendent of Schools, be hears, seconded by Thomas Topping and Carried.

Mr. Neuwein stated to the best of his knowledge the building committee had approved the plans and building in accordance with requirements of a state statute and this was a requirement before State Aid would be given or could be accepted by the City of Stamford.

Question on approval of the Resolution. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 30 members voting yea.

Resolution #194 - Authorizing Mayor Quigley to apply for State Aid on the Julia A. Stark Elementary School Addition.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that it does hereby authorize Thomas F. J. Quigley, Mayor of the City of Stamford to apply to the State Board of Education, State of

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Connecticut, for state aid and further authorizes said Mayor to accept or reject such state aid grant in the name of the City of Stamford on the Julia A. Stark Elementary School Addition.

Legislative & Rules Committee

Paul Plotkin, Chairman of this committee, submitted the committee report.

Paul Plotkin MOVED approval of the Poltrack Lease with the City of Stamford at \$100.00 per year, with a year's renewal clause, which may be cancelled by the City in 30 days, covering 50' frontage on West Main Street, the depth of the lot varying. Copy of said lease will be on file in the office of the Board of Representatives, seconded by Helen Bromley.

Thomas Topping questioned whether this small sum of \$100. was equal to what would be received from taxes at present assessed valuation. Mrs. Bromley said this was checked in 1949 and it was considered fair at that time. Mr. Topping asked whether values had not changed since that time.

Question on the motion and carried, 30 members voting yea.

Ordinance No 47
Paul Plotkin submitted an amendment to an existing ordinance changing the height of hedges from 4' to 2' on a corner lot and running in either direction along the street for a distance of not less than 30' for publication.

There was considerable discussion of proper wording of this ordinance, and it was felt generally that it should be rewritten to its proper form before being presented for publication.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED, seconded by Helen Bromley, to recommit to committee. The Vote was 29 yeas, 1 nay.

Paul Plotkin MOVED that the Board approval of the following Resolution exchange of land between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Historical Society. The Stamford Historical Society is giving the City of Stamford .0102 acres along Bedford Street (50 feet in from the corner of Bedford and North Street, East Side). The City of Stamford is giving in exchange to the Stamford Historical Society .1216 acres of land adjoining the Society's property on the North and Northeast. This new frontage will allow the City of Stamford to widen and straighten out Bedford Street whereas the land given to the Society is very rocky. Motion seconded by Irving Snyder and Carried, 30 members voting yea.

Resolution #195 - Exchange of property between the City of Stamford and Stamford Historical Society.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with section 488 of the Charter, to hereby approve the exchange of City-owned property on Bedford Street for property of the Stamford Historical Society, Inc. as set out on a certain map entitled "City of Stamford, Map Showing Exchange of Properties between the City of Stamford and the Stamford Historical Society, Inc., Nov. 19, 1954,

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Charles W. White, City Engineer," and that the Mayor be authorized to execute such documents as are incidental and necessary to convey title to such city-owned land.

Paul Plotkin submitted a list of names, which at a meeting with the Planning Board, Legislative & Rules Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee, had been chosen as the most urgent cases requiring a street name change because of duplication in the City of Stamford or very close similarity.

Considerable discussion followed on the proper method of handling.

James Mulreed MOVED that the following resolution be adopted, seconded by Wardham Collyer and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, 30 members voting yea.

Resolution #196 - Changing of various street names because of duplication with the City of Stamford.

WHEREAS there are in Stamford a duplication of street names or names which phonetically are similar which is apt to cause confusion,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives declare its intentions to change the names of the following streets:

- Beachwood Road - Turn of River
- Elm Place - Glenbrook
- Elm Court - East Central
- Fowler Street - Glenbrook
- Glendale Road - Glenbrook
- Hendric Court - West Side
- Hickory Way - Springdale
- Hubbard Court - Woodside
- Maple Ave. - Glenbrook
- Nobile Street - West Side
- Ocean Drive N. - Shippan
- Quintard Terrace - East Central
- Summer Place - Central
- Union Street - Cove
- West Lane - Revonah
- West Street - West Side
- Whittaker Place - Central
- Willowbrook Place - Cove
- Wilson Street - Springdale
- Woodland Avenue - South End

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the various district representatives in the areas affected will be willing to receive from these residents of the streets named suggestions as to the future name of the street.

George Russell read a letter that was sent to Bernard J. Quigley, Clerk on Committee of Juvenile Delinquency expressing the feeling of the Board of Representatives' belief that the need of state legislation to control the distribution of objectionable "Comic" books and magazines sold to minors was most urgent. It pointed out that several of the States had now evoked such legislation that was proving effective.

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it was impossible to make arrangements for the meeting place until Monday, a notice could not be sent before Monday. He further stated that the notice was mailed at the Post Office at his request and was delivered at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in accordance with 202 reading "at least twenty-four hours before such meeting and left at his usual place of abode."

Paul Plotkin stated that he did not want the Board to feel that this was a political issue inasmuch as the Board should work cooperatively and not in opposition. Paul Plotkin Moved that because of the legal technicality re delivering of the Special Meeting Notice of 3/2/55 that a letter requested to be sent to the various committees at the General Assembly in Hartford re the action of the Board on the various proposed bills be disregarded and not forwarded. Motion seconded by William Murphy.

James Mulreed stated that such a letter had always been sent by the Board in the past and a motion was made and adopted at an earlier meeting that this be done.

It was asked that the Chair rule. George Connors refused to rule stating he was being put on the spot.

Alanson Fredericks stated that it should be left for decision among the group.

Rutherford Huizinga MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Helen Bromley and CARRIED. The meeting adjourned without action on Mr. Plotkin's motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Alphonse C. Jachimcayk
Clerk

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