

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 1, 1955, at the Walter R. Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors at 8:15 P. M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Robert C. Lamar, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent. Those absent were: Joseph Milano, Phil C. Coulter, Paul A. Plotkin, Edward G. Ryba, Joseph Caputo, Thomas M. Killeen, Helen Huben and Dwight Marshall.

MRS. ZUCKERT MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held July 11, 1955. SECONDED by Mr. Cook.

Mrs. Bromley called attention to an error on Page 896, 8th paragraph, reading "Mr. Connors moved" and requested that this be changed to "Mrs. Bromley moved." Vote taken and CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Picciallo, Chairman, read the following report of his committee:
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The Fiscal Committee unanimously approves the following additional appropriations:

1. Request for additional appropriation for Planning Board in amount of \$100.00 covering cost of membership in Regional Plan Association, Inc.

Due to the fact that the Association increased its dues, the Planning Board decided to drop this account. However, queries from the Planning Board members and outside sources thought that this membership was well worth the \$100.00. Technical papers and studies for planning activity in the New York metropolitan area are available to the membership and also excellent library facilities at the offices of the Regional Plan Association. See attached letter. (Letter dated May 4, 1955 from Mayor Quigley)

2. Request for additional appropriation for Civil Service Department in amount of \$550.00 as follows:

Code 731.23 Examination of Personnel Director....\$350.00

The expended amount in this account at the present time is \$37.37, plus the outstanding invoice from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$500.00 covering the expenses in connection with compilation and administration of the examination. See attached letter. (Letter dated July 1, 1955 from Mayor Quigley)

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Code 731.9 Medical Examinations..... \$200.00

The amount originally appropriated has been expended, and the request for additional funds is made to take care of outstanding and anticipated medical examination expenses. See attached letter. (Letter dated July 1, 1955 from Mayor Quigley)

3. Request for additional appropriation for Department of Public Works in amount of \$6000.00, Gas, Oil and Repair Account.

In order to meet the payment of bills which accumulated, \$3,000.00 for Gas and \$3,000.00 for oil and Repair Account. See attached letter. (Letter dated July 7, 1955 from Mayor Quigley) ✓

In this connection, the attention of the Public Works Department is directed to Section 619.1 of the Charter, reading:

"Appropriations not to be exceeded. No liability shall be incurred or expenditure made by any officer or employee which is not provided for in the annual appropriation resolution or in a special appropriation resolution, or by a bond issue, nor shall the Controller pay out any money for any purpose not authorized by an appropriation." ✓

4. Request for additional funds of \$1200.00, Code 731.1 Salaries, Department of Civil Service, to take care of increased salary rate from \$6300. to \$7500. per annum for position of Personnel Director, previously approved by Board of Representatives as minimum rate for this position.

The Personnel Commission and the Examining Committee selected to hold the competitive examination for the position of Personnel Director to fill the existing vacancy had agreed to advertise the position at the established salary range of \$6300. to \$7500. per annum with the proviso that the maximum rate may be paid immediately to a fully qualified candidate.

The 1955-56 Budget, as approved by the Board of Finance for the salary of Personnel Director is \$6300., or the minimum rate.

In view of the fact that an eligible register has been submitted by the examining committee to the Personnel Commission, the eligible candidates are not interested in appointment at other than the maximum rate. See attached letter. (Letter dated June 23, 1955 from Mayor Quigley)

5. Request for additional funds needed to complete Roxbury School, by transfer of surplus, 1954-55 Capital Funds from "Public Housing School" to "Roxbury School" in amount of \$36,000.00 ✓

A transfer of \$36,000. be made from the Capital Project Budget provided for the Westover Elementary School to The Roxbury School Project Budget. This transfer is

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requested because of unanticipated expenditures in connection with the ~~Coxbury~~ School construction. These include the expenditures made necessary by rock excavation which has used the entire contingency fund provided in the original budget; a higher expenditure than the anticipated budget for the extension of the high pressure water line on West Hill Road, and a high expenditure in connection with the sewage disposal system and sanitary line. The funds are available within the Westover account without any penalty to that project. (See letter dated July 13, 1955 from Mayor Quigley.)

Sam Picciallo, Chairman
Dr. Francis V. Dolan
Helen J. Bromley

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED for acceptance of additional appropriation of \$100.00 for Planning Board for membership in Regional Plan Association, Inc. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED, 30 in favor and 2 opposed.

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED for acceptance of additional appropriation of \$350.00 for Civil Service Department, Examination of Personnel Director. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED, 30 in favor and 2 opposed.

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED for acceptance of additional appropriation of \$200.00 for Civil Service Department, Medical Examinations. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED 30 in favor and 2 opposed.

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED for acceptance of additional appropriation of \$6,000.00 for Department of Public Works, Gas, Oil and Repair Account. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. TOPPING said he had a report of the Public Works Committee relative to this matter and presented the first portion of his Committee report, as follows:

Public Works Committee Report
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This Committee approves under protest the \$6,000.00 requested by the Public Works Department for additional gas, oil and repairs, Code 417.0 and wishes to call to the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works, Section 619.1 of the City Charter.

MR. TOPPING said his Committee approves, under protest, the request for additional appropriation of \$6,000.00 for the Department of Public Works and called attention to Section 619.1 of the City Charter.

MR. LEWIS MOVED that the Board hear from the representatives of the Public Works Department. SECONDED by Mr. Russell and CARRIED un-animously.

MR. CHASE, Supervisor of Roads and Highways, addressed the Board: "In the early part of March, request was made for \$8,000 to take care of gas, oil and repairs. In view of the fact that the Board of Finance was in the midst of the Operating and Capital Budget, it was deferred

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for further action and not taken up again until the Month of May, at which time they reduced the \$8,000 requested to \$6,000 and approved by them. It was, in turn, submitted to the Board of Representatives, who approved it at their June 21st meeting. However, in the meantime, it was impossible to get a true balance on the Budget and outstanding bills. Therefore, when we did get a balance on the Budget, it was found necessary to request an additional \$6,000 due to the fact that we had \$2,000 reduced on the original request, plus a reduction on the appropriation of the bridge approach from \$15,000 to \$10,000. Also, due to more new construction in the Public Works Department, in addition to our ordinary maintenance work, we found it was necessary to make a second request for another \$6,000. Also, the amount appropriated in 1951 for the gas, oil and repair account has never been increased by the Commissioner of Finance, and, in the meantime the price of gas and oil has gone up and the price of gas has gone up 1/2¢ per gallon, which alone would represent several thousand dollars increase for this item alone. And, as far as parts and replacement to equipment and highways, they also have increased at least 40%. It is impossible to operate on the same basis of 1951 with higher prices, plus added new construction in the Department."

MR. LEWIS thanked Mr. Chase and said he thought the Public Works Department should be commended for their efforts.

MR. HUIZINGA: "We have been taking money out of other accounts in order to keep the trucks rolling, have we not?"

MR. CHASE: "No, these bills have not been paid as yet."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the \$6,000 requested for gas, oil and repairs. SECONDED by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED for approval of additional funds of \$1200.00- Department of Civil Service, Salaries, Code 731.1. SECONDED by Mrs. Zuckert.

MR. TOPPING: "We did not approve the \$7,500 as the starting rate for this position, but we did approve a salary of \$7,500., but not as a starting rate."

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED for approval of request for additional funds of \$36,000 needed for completion of Roxbury School by the transfer of this amount from "Public Housing School" to "Roxbury School." SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. MULREED: "I would like to know if this matter of rock excavation was included in the original bid, or was there a clause in the bid?"

MR. LEWIS MOVED to hear from Mr. Nolan. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. NOLAN: "If it exceeds the amount estimated-that is the reason for the Contingency Fund."

MR. LEWIS: "You bring up a very interesting point. Suppose this happened to be \$50,000 or \$60,000?"

Discussion followed in which Mr. Picciallo mentioned that the Board of Education saved approximately \$28,000 by having equipment and men furnished to them by the Public Works Department for the purpose of paving the roads and walks.

Mr. Lewis remarked that he would like to have these remarks substantiated and said he would like to hear from Mr. Nolan as to how serious it would be if this transfer were held up until a more complete investigation could be made.

MR. NOLAN: "We are planning to have this school ready for occupancy by September and need the money to enable us to have it ready by then. However, I shall be glad to get in touch with Mr. Neuwien and have him come over and give you an explanation."

MR. LIVOLSI: "We, as members of the Board are in the same position as Mr. Nolan. I am sure that Mr. Nolan, or any other member of the Board wouldn't like to see the Budget padded. I don't think that Mr. Nolan is able to give us an answer now."

MR. KAMINSKI: "I would like to mention we have no right to question where Mr. Nolan gets his information and I MOVE that we defer action on this until more information is forthcoming."

SECONDED by Mr. Topping.

MR. MULREED read a letter from Mr. Nolan saying all information would be supplied to the Board by Mr. Neuwien.

MR. COLLYER said he wants this item deferred until the September meeting.

MR. HUIZINGA: "This is a transfer-they are not asking for more money. We are not spending \$36,000 but are merely taking it from one account to another. I would hate to see this deferred because it is a transfer."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I think the intelligent curiosity shown here is good, but as pointed out by Mr. Huizinga and Mr. Nolan, Mr. Kaminski's motion is pertinent. I think we should approve this transfer as a transfer and ask Mr. Neuwien to give us the information or have the Fiscal Committee make an ex post facto report which they should have given us at this time."

MR. KAMINSKI: "The only reason I made this motion was to defer action until we could get the facts. I will withdraw the motion."

MR. MULREED: "I would suggest that this matter be placed at the end of the Agenda and get Mr. Neuwien here."

VOTE taken on Mr. Kaminski's motion. LOST. Action deferred until later in the evening.

MR. PICCIALLO brought up the subject of salaries for retired personnel. He explained the salary account is set up at the beginning of the fiscal year, and when a Fireman or a Patrolman retires, the money stays in the salary account until the end of the year and what is left goes back to Surplus.

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MR. LEWIS: "We recently had a Fireman retire. The gall of someone to put in for one day's pay. It would seem to me that the honorable way would be to appropriate the money."

Legislative & Rules Committee:

Mr. Russell, in the absence of the Chairman, stated that he and Mr. Mulreed would give the Committee report.

1. Sale of City-owned property located on South side of Hillandale Avenue to Bernard N. and Essie Levine.

Mr. Russell said the City was offered \$200 for this piece of land, assessed at \$30 and MOVED the offer be accepted. SECONDED by Mr. Cook and CARRIED, 27 in favor and 4 opposed.

2. Proposed amendment to Charter regarding retirement and pension plan of Classified Employees, presented in letter dated July 11, 1955 from Attorney Charles Moore, and printed on pages 900 and 901 of the Minutes of July 11, 1955.

Mr. Russell reported that the Committee, after consideration, felt that considerable investigation was necessary by the Fiscal Committee and so decided at this point to turn the matter over to the Fiscal Committee for a complete investigation as to cost and effect to the City.

3. Board of Education Committee.

Mr. Russell stated that referral to the Committee as to the desirability of the Board of Representatives having a Board of Education Committee as a five-man permanently formed Committee was discussed and it was agreed that it was very desirable and probably would be of great aid to the Board to have such a Committee to act in liaison between the Board of Education and the Board of Representatives in obtaining pertinent information from time to time.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that the President set up a five man Standing Board of Education Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Mulreed asked if it wasn't necessary to have a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board in matters amending the Rules.

Mrs. Bromley stated this was out of order, and MOVED that this be referred to the Steering Committee for their next meeting. SECONDED by several and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MULREED presented the following report in reference to Septic tank installations, as the result of a joint meeting held on Friday, July 29, 1955 by the members of the Health and Protection, Legislative & Rules Committees and the Stamford Health Department.

PURSUANT to a motion made and carried at our last meeting, that the "Health & Protection Committee and the Legislative and Rules Committee find out what steps need to be taken to straighten out the conditions in regard to septic tank installations", a meeting between the two Committees and representatives of the Health

Department was called for last Friday evening. The following were present: Messrs. Russell, McLaughlin and Mulreed of the Legislative and Rules Committee, and Mr. Andrew Thorpe, Sanitarian of the Health Department; Mr. Thomas Topping, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, was also present and took part in the discussion.

After considerable interrogation, Mr. Thorpe stated:

1. The Health Department enforces the provisions of the State Sanitary Code.
2. In the matter of septic tank installations, the Health Department functions under a set of rules prepared by the Health Department.
3. In each instance the requirements of the Health Department rules are more restrictive than those of the State Code. For example, under the provisions of the State Code, the minimum capacity of the septic tank is governed by the number of families in the house, whereas under the Health Department rules, the number of baths and lavatories is what governs the capacity; and again, in the minimum area of the effluent disposal field, in the case of the State Code, the number of families control, but under the Health Department rules, the number of rooms and the number of baths is what controls. In each instance the minimum capacities under the Health Department rules are greater.
4. The Health Department insists that in unsewered areas, a separate cesspool or dry-well be provided for an automatic washing machine.
5. Automatic garbage disposal systems are prohibited by the Health Department in unsewered areas.
6. Nos. 4 and 5 are not incorporated in the printed rules of the Department, but by September of this year the rules will be revised to include these items.
7. An additional Sanitarian is sorely needed in the Health Department. Additional help would not only facilitate the inspections and tests necessary before subdivisions are approved, but it would also make possible a more adequate inspection of sewer disposal plants under construction.

(It might be pointed out that Greenwich devotes the full time of three men and part time of another, to do the work now being performed by one man in Stamford).

Appointments Committee:

MR. LEWIS MOVED that the Board have a five-minute recess for a Caucus. SECONDED by Mr. Collyer and LOST, 15 in favor and 16 opposed.

MR. MURPHY MOVED for a five-minute recess that will take no longer than ten minutes. SECONDED by Mr. Cook and CARRIED, 20 in favor and 11 opposed.

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The recess being over, MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the appointment of DR. JAMES J. COSTANZO as HEALTH COMMISSIONER for a term of five years.

TELLERS Mary Bankowski and Thomas Topping handled the balloting.

VOTE taken by secret ballot and CARRIED, 28 in favor and 4 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for the approval of appointment of MR. RICHARD PENFIELD for appointment to the PLANNING BOARD to take the place of Mr. A. J. Donahue. VOTE taken by secret ballot and LOST, 15 in favor and 17 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for the approval of appointment of MR. EDWARD CAREY as a member of the PARK COMMISSION. VOTE taken by secret ballot and LOST, 13 in favor and 19 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI explained that the three members of the Clergy nominated to the Park Commission by Mayor Quigley, were not called in for personal interviews, but were sent a letter requesting certain information. However, no decided action was taken at the meeting of his Committee because this information had not yet been received at the time of their meeting and two members of the Committee expressed concern as to whether the Clergy would have available time. Mr. De Forest and Mr. Fredericks suggested that it would be expedient to have at least two members of the Park Commission who possessed technical and practical knowledge of the problems involved.

MR. KAMINSKI stated that for those reasons he personally MOVED for the approval of the appointment of RABBI DAVID W. PEARLMAN as a member of the PARK COMMISSION.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I was out of town at the last meeting held in July and did not see a copy of this letter in the files of the Appointments Committee." He then read a letter dated June 27, 1955 from the Joint Committee on Parks and Recreation to Mayor Quigley which set forth their recommendations for qualifications for members of the Park Commission. He asked Mr. Connors, the President, if he had received this letter and Mr. Connors replied he had never seen it.

MR. FREDERICKS: "This is not an ordinary Commission - it is not just an honorary job and will take a great deal of time. The people of Stamford are interested in this new Park Commission. I question whether or not the members of the Clergy have the time to serve extensively on this Commission and I believe that at least two members of the Commission should have some technical or practical information on the problems involved and for this reason do not believe that three members of the Clergy on a five-man Commission would be practical, as Mr. Carey would have to take a large part of the burden of work."

VOTE TAKEN by secret ballot on the nomination of Rabbi Pearlman. LOST, 11 in favor and 21 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the Board act favorably on the nomination of REV. DONALD F. CAMPBELL. SECONDED by Mr. LiVolsi.

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Mr. Kaminski stated that he would not read the recommendations of the qualifications of the members of the Clergy, explaining that it would be only a "waste of time."

MR. MULREED: "I believe this is a serious matter and the Chairman of the Appointments Committee should be heard."

✓ MR. HUZINGA: "I think it isn't a waste of time for the Chairman of the Committee to read his report."

MR. SNYDER requested the Chairman of the Committee to read the letter from Rev. Campbell.

MR. KAMINSKI read the letter from Rev. Campbell and MOVED for favorable action on this appointment.

VOTE taken by secret ballot. LOST, 11 in favor and 21 opposed.

MR. KAMINSKI read the letter from Mons. Hayes and MOVED for favorable action on this appointment.

VOTE taken by secret ballot. LOST, 11 in favor and 21 opposed.

Public Works Committee:

MR. TOPPING: "I read the first part of my Committee report before" (See Fiscal Committee)

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(Last part of report)

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✓ ✓ Concerning people picnicking at Cummings Park in areas not intended for picnic purposes: This Committee feels that the condition can be remedied by proper police supervision.

The Chairman of this Committee attended the meeting of the Rules and Legislative Committee relative to Stamford's Sanitary Code. It is his feeling that the Sanitary Code of Stamford is good. Stamford's Code is generally stricter than our State Code. Better education of the occupants in the use of septic tank equipment would help in eliminating many of the present complaints. The supervision of the Sanitary Code is as good as one man can make it. A printed lists of "Do's and Don'ts for Septic Tank Users" might help eliminate some of the present problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Committee

Thomas J. Topping, Chairman
Frank LiVolsi
Frank Longo

MR. TOPPING said, he had a copy of a Petition signed by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kapitan and some 25 others, requesting alleviation of a storm drain condition on Givens Avenue. He stated that approximately \$39,000 would be needed to correct this condition and this money had

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been previously requested, but had been cut out by the Board of Finance.

MR. NEUWIEN arrived at this time and the Board returned to Fiscal Committee matters on the Agenda.

Fiscal Committee:

MR. JACHIMCZYK MOVED that the Board hear from Mr. Neuwien. SECONDED by Mr. Mulreed and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. NEUWIEN addressed the Board, explaining the reason for the request by the Board of Education for the transfer of \$36,000 from the 1954-1955 budget "Public Housing School" to "Roxbury School" to cover the cost of unanticipated higher construction costs.

Several questions were asked by various members of the Board. Mr. Neuwien explained the reasons why this additional money was needed and also why the money was available for transfer-because of economies effected in other construction of school projects, principally the Westover School, where a large saving was effected by the cooperative efforts of the Public Works Department in lending equipment and men.

MR. LEWIS thanked Mr. Neuwien for his explanation.

MR. MUIREED: "Earlier in the evening we discussed an appropriation for \$6,000 for the Department of Public Works which they claim was needed. Has any thought been given to reimbursing the Department of Public Works for work done by them that could have been done by outside contractors?"

MR. NEUWIEN: "I do not think I am qualified to answer that question-I can just give you my feelings on the subject. Whether or not this can be done under our present method of fiscal operation I do not know. We like to have people cooperate with us."

MR. MULREED: "The Department of Public Works budget is being exhausted because of work being done by them for other departments. It seems strange to me that the money from the bond issue cannot be used to replenish the money they spent in this way."

MR. HUIZINGA: "If the Board of Education is able to get the Public Works Department to perform these services free of charge, I can see why the Public Works Department has to request more money. How is it possible for the Public Works Department to spend \$28,000 for the Board of Education's use?"

MR. CHASE: "The material is furnished by the Board of Education and we contribute only the labor and equipment."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I am not quite clear on the \$28,000 figure."

MR. LIVOLSI: "Maybe the Public Works Committee should review these things. The road building used to be done by private contractors, but now it would seem the Public Works Department is doing it for free." ✓

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MR. FREDERICKS: "We are going somewhat afield of the issue under dispute. I think Mr. Neuwien should be excused."

MR. SNYDER MOVED the Board thank Mr. Neuwien for providing the information for which he was invited and that the Board return to the Agenda. SECONDED by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PICCIALLO MOVED that the request of the Superintendent of Schools for the transfer of \$36,000 needed for the completion of the Roxbury School be approved. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED unanimously.

The Fiscal Committee matters being completed, the Board returned to the Agenda.

Public Works Committee:

MR. LIVOLSI MOVED that the Public Works Committee review the responsibilities of the Public Works Department.

MRS. BROMLEY: "I think this Board is going way out of line. I think as long as a saving is made to the taxpayers of the City of Stamford, why harp on all these little things?"

MR. MULREED: "I asked the question of Mr. Neuwien if any consideration had been given to the paying back to the Public Works Department of the money expended by the Public Works Department in their behalf."

MR. LIVOLSI: "I concur with everything Mrs. Bromley has said. If the Chairman of the Committee had been informed of what he should have known, this would not have happened."

MR. TOPPING: "I think the Board of Education should return this money to the Public Works Department. In that way we could get along without Mr. Chase having to come in and ask for additional appropriations."

MR. LIVOLSI withdrew his MOTION.

Health & Protection Committee:

MR. CAPUTO, being absent and because only two members of his Committee showed up for a meeting of the Committee, there was no report.

Planning & Zoning Committee:

MR. WILLIAM MURPHY, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

The Committee met on Friday, July 29, 1955 and recommends that the following roads be accepted as public highways:

1. Bouton Street West from Hope Street westerly for a distance of approximately 2,590 feet as shown on maps Nos. 3613, (3361) and 4157 on file at the Town and City Clerk's office. 3461 ✓
2. Minivale Road, from Hope Street northerly for a distance of approximately 3,200 feet as shown on maps Nos. 3462, 3461, 4157, 4458 and 4459 on file in the Town and City

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3. Prudence Drive, from Minivale Road easterly for a distance of approximately 1,415 feet, as shown on maps Nos. 3462 and 3613 on file in the Town and City Clerk's office.
4. Gaymoor Drive, from Prudence Drive, westerly for a distance of approximately 1,630 feet, as shown on maps Nos. 3462, 7413, 3465 and 3461 on file in the Town and City Clerk's office.
5. Salem Place, from Minivale Road easterly for a distance of approximately 420 feet as shown on map No. 3462 on file in the Town and City Clerk's office.

All these roads have been approved by the City Engineer.

William D. Murphy, Chairman
Joseph F. Iacovo
P. Wardham Collyer
Patrick J. Fortunato

MR. MURPHY MOVED for acceptance of item No. 1 (Bouton Street West).
SECONDED by Mr. Iacovo and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MURPHY MOVED for acceptance of item No. 2 (Minivale Road).
SECONDED by Mr. Iacovo.

There was a question at this point as to the procedure for road acceptance and the President read the procedure for road acceptance as prepared by the Planning Board.

MR. MULREED said he believed a bond should be posted to insure that the work was done according to the recommendations of the City Engineer.

MR. McLAUGHLIN asked why it was that the Board accepted a road in bad condition.

MRS. ZUCKERT: "By City acceptance of a road, doesn't this mean that the road will be kept up by the City?"

There followed some discussion about the procedure on acceptance of roads.

Mr. Murphy explained that a road is often in very good conditions, but by the time it is finally accepted, a winter has gone by, leaving the road in poor condition, which is not the fault of the petitioners.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the QUESTION.

VOTE taken on item No. 2 and CARRIED, 1 voting against it.

MR. MURPHY MOVED for acceptance of item No. 3 (Prudence Drive).
SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED unanimously.

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MR. MURPHY MOVED for acceptance of item No. 4 (Gaymoor Drive).
SECONDED by Mr. Jachinczyk and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MURPHY MOVED for acceptance of item No. 5 (Salem Place).
SECONDED by Mr. Iacovo and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FORTUNATO: "As a point of information - these roads have already been accepted by the City Engineer. What would happen if we refused to accept these roads?"

MR. MURPHY: "Last fall we turned down the Pepperidge Road and since that time the developer has gone broke."

MR. COLLYER: "The City is maintaining many roads that are not in good condition - there are many inequities - the whole matter needs to be reviewed to take care of these inequities."

MR. RUSSELL: "At the time the road is submitted, they should not release the bonds until the roads are made public roads. The developer should make it clear whether the road is to be a private or a public road."

MR. MULREED: "I am afraid Mr. Russell's suggestion is not feasible, because our Charter requires that the City Engineer approve the road upon completion. We are not qualified, nor do we have the time to constantly inspect these roads."

Public Welfare & Recreation Committee:

Mr. Kelly reported on the questionnaire he mailed out to the members of the Board in regard to traveling carnivals and circuses coming to Stamford. He said that he had received 20 replies, 15 signed and 5 unsigned, and that it would seem the Board does not want traveling carnivals and shows coming to town. He said: "We think we should take no action until after the referendum on local carnivals is passed, as we do not want to take anything away until there is something to replace it." ✓

Cummings Park: Mr. Kelly stated that they had requested a meeting with the Chief of Police, the Board of Recreation, the Park Superintendent and the Public Works Superintendent to ask that they take action on the situation existing at Cummings Park in regard to disregard of local ordinances and park regulations.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Mr. Collyer asked to be excused at this time.

Housing Committee:

Mr. LiVolsi presented the following report of his committee:

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After due deliberation, the Housing Committee of the Board of Representatives feels that there is a definite need for rental units for families with limited means. Since private enterprise is not meeting these needs and since it appears an opportunity exists under Title seven to provide added housing of the type needed;

Therefore, we recommend that a joint meeting be called with the Mayor, the Planning Board, the Board of Finance, the Zoning Board, the Board of Representatives and the Connecticut FIA representative. The purpose of this meeting would be to allow representatives of the Equitable Financial Corporation to present their plan which would enable Stamford to meet the needs for additional housing.

Frank LiVolsi, Chairman
 Patrick J. Fortunato
 Frank W. Longo
 Dwight Marshall
 James Mulreed
 Irving Snyder

Mr. LiVolsi said he had requested the City Housing Authority to meet with his committee on Tuesday, August 9th.

Mr. LiVolsi said the representatives of Equitable Financial Corporation came into town and he called up the Corporation Counsel to arrange with the Mayor to meet with this group and he was told to call up Tuesday prior to the meeting and that the Mayor was busy locating a site for the 400 units for displaced persons. (The Bill that was recently passed).

Mr. LiVolsi read a letter that he wrote to the Mayor, requesting a meeting.

He spoke of housing projects now under construction and said none of them would be ready for occupancy for at least one to two years. He requested that the President call a Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives for Monday, August 15th.

MR. LIVOLSI MOVED that the Board meet two weeks from tonight.
 SECONDED by Mr. Snyder.

MR. MULREED MOVED to AMEND that invitations be extended to other boards. SECONDED by Mr. Snyder and CARRIED unanimously.

Accident Committee:

MR. HUIZINGA: "We have had a meeting of our Committee and set up a definite plan of procedure to follow. However, I find it is humanly impossible to get out a report in a short time because of facts and figures that must be gathered and analyzed and it will take some time to work these up. We will have a progress report at the next meeting."

MR. CONNORS added the following names to the Accident Committee:
 Mr. Vincent Vitti and Mr. John L. DeForest.

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Mr. Connors read the report of his Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Letter dated August 1, 1955 from Mayor Quigley, submitting the name of Patrick De Luca, Westover Park, as a member of the PARK COMMISSION for a term ending December 1, 1956.

MR. JACHIMCZYK MOVED this be referred to the Appointments Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

2. Letter dated August 1, 1955 from Mayor Quigley, submitting the name of Mr. Stearns Woodman, 83 Helltown Road, as a member of the ZONING BOARD to replace Mr. Webster Givens who has resigned. His term to expire on December 1, 1957.

MR. KELLY MOVED this be referred to the Appointments Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED unanimously.

PETITIONS:

MRS. WINSOR asked to be allowed to read a letter from the Cove Civic Association, enclosing a petition, addressed to the Cove Civic Association, from a Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kapitan, signed by approximately 25 persons in their neighborhood, in regard to flooding conditions during storms, which they claim are due to improper installation of storm drains.

MR. HUIZINGA: "The letter is not addressed to the Board of Representatives, but is addressed to the Cove Civic Association."

MRS. WINSOR MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order that she may read the letter.

POINT OF ORDER raised by several voices.

MR. WAMINSKI: "I think we are making use of a technicality. I MOVE that the Board let Mrs. Winsor read this letter." SECONDED by several voices.

Mr. Connors, the President, left the Chair in order to ask a question of Mrs. Winsor. Mr. Jachimczyk, the Clerk, took the Chair.

Mr. Connors called Mrs. Winsor's attention to certain erroneous statements in the petition from Mr. and Mrs. Kapitan, namely the last paragraph on the first page where it is stated "We have been in constant touch for the past two years with Mr. George Connors..... Mr. Scarella.....etc." He said he objected to having erroneous statements such as these appear in the Minutes, and that the time referred to in the letter as having elapsed was not two years, but some four months, more or less.

MR. CONNORS MOVED that the Board hear from Mr. Kapitan in regard to this.

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MR. HUIZINGA: "We are a little out of order because we are getting into a hassel and I MOVE that this particular letter be referred to the Public Works Committee with instructions that they make a report at the next meeting of the Board." SECONDED by Mr. Livolsi and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. CONNORS: "I took this matter up with Mr. Scarella and he tells me that a project to correct this condition was included in the Capital Projects program for 1955-1956, and an appropriation was requested for approximately \$39,000 but was moved up to the years 1956-1957."

MRS. WINSOR MOVED that the erroneous statements be stricken from the record when the letter appears in the Minutes. SECONDED by Mr. Kaminski.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED to AMEND that when the report comes back from the Committee that the sequence of events be arranged in the proper chronological order.

Mrs. Winsor said she agreed that if the period of time that elapsed was erroneous in the petition that it should be stricken from the record.

MR. MULREED: "This letter is addressed to the Cove Civic Association and not to the Board of Representatives."

MR. TOPPING: "This matter has been investigated by the Board two years ago and the Board of Finance at that time did not see fit to pass this item."

VOTE taken on Mrs. Winsor's MOTION and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Connors resumed the Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

1. Card of appreciation from the Jachimczyk family in regard to letter of sympathy sent them from the Board of Representatives upon the recent death of their son.
2. Petition dated July 20, 1955 from occupants of High Ridge Veterans' Housing Project, requesting that the Board of Representatives take immediate action on proposed plan to allow the purchase of these homes by the occupants.

MR. IACOVO MOVED this be referred to the Legislative and Rules and the Fiscal Committee. SECONDED by MRS. BROMLEY and CARRIED unanimously.

MRS. BROMLEY MOVED for adjournment at 12:20 A.M. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors, President
Board of Representatives