

December 1, 1955

An organizational meeting of the Board of Representatives of Stamford Connecticut, was held on December 1, 1955, at the Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Mayor Thomas F. J. Quigley.

INVOCATION - Given by Rev. John P. McNerney, Chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mayor Quigley administered the oath of office to Mr. Patrick J. Hogan, newly elected member of the Board of Finance and to Mr. Ray H. Huhta, newly elected member of the Board of Education, both of whom had been unable to attend the inauguration earlier in the day.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Secretary. All members were present.

Mayor Quigley then administered the oath of office to the following newly elected members of the Board who were unable to attend the inauguration ceremonies earlier in the day: William Kaminski, Joseph Milano, Joseph Iacovo, Robert Lewis, Paul Plotkin, William Murphy, Stephen Kelly, Alanson Fredericks, John Lilliendahl and Rutherford Huizinga.

The Mayor named Thomas Topping and Mary Bankowski as Temporary Tellers.

The Mayor addressed the new Board briefly, complimenting the Board for their service for the two years just past and expressing the pleasure he felt in welcoming the new Board and his desire to cooperate to the fullest extent to help make Stamford a city of which they could feel justly proud.

The Mayor then called for nominations for Temporary President.

George Connors nominated Paul Plotkin as Temporary President.

Norton Rhoades nominated Irving Snyder as Temporary President.

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Carried unanimously.

Vote taken by ballot, there being 21 votes for Mr. Plotkin and 19 for Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Plotkin, Temporary Chairman, took the Chair.

Mr. Plotkin asked for nominations for Temporary Clerk.

Mr. Kaminski nominated John Macrides as Temporary Clerk.

Mr. Fredericks nominated Doris Zuckert as Temporary Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Carried unanimously.

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for Mrs. Zuckert.

Mr. Macrides, the Temporary Clerk, assumed his duties.

Mr. Plotkin, Temporary Chairman, asked for nominations for President.

Mr. Georgoulis nominated George Connors for President.

Mr. Fredericks nominated Norton Rhoades for President.

There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Carried unanimously.

Vote taken by ballot, there being 21 votes for Mr. Connors and 19 votes for Mr. Rhoades.

Mr. Connors, President, assumed the Chair.

Mr. Connors appointed two tellers, Mr. Topping and Mrs. Bankowski. He appointed Mr. Giuliani and Mrs. Peatt as Alternates.

Mr. Connors called for nominations for permanent Clerk.

Mr. Georgoulis nominated John Macrides as permanent Clerk.

Mr. Fredericks nominated Joseph Iacovo as permanent Clerk.

There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Carried unanimously.

Vote taken by ballot, there being 21 votes for Mr. Macrides and 19 for Mr. Iacovo.

Mr. Macrides, the Clerk, assumed his duties.

Mr. Connors called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that permission be given for a Republican Caucus. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

After the caucus, Mr. Connors again called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Georgoulis nominated Vincent Vittti for Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Fredericks nominated Rutherford Huizinga for Deputy Mayor, and said: "This is with the hope that he will be given a chance to serve."

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Carried unanimously.

Vote taken by ballot. Result: 21 votes for Mr. Huizinga and 19 votes for Mr. Vittti.

Mr. Connors read the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders, as presented by their respective parties:

Majority Leader: George Georgoulis
Minority Leader: Alanson Fredericks

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Mr. Connors read the appointments to the Standing Committees of the Board of Representatives as follows:

Board of Appeals

Clifford Waterbury
Eugene F. Barry
Robert Lewis
Joseph F. Iacovo

Alternates

Anthony Kolich, Jr.
Joseph P. Milano
Alanson R. Fredericks
Norton Rhoades

Fiscal Committee

William C. Kaminski,
Chairman

Edward P. Wynn, Jr.
William J. Brett
Rutherford J. Huizinga
Doris M. Zuckert
Charles W. Bradbury, Jr.

Legislative & rules Committee

Paul A. Plotkin,
Chairman

Thomas M. Killeen
Clement L. Raiteri, Jr.
Jack McLaughlin
Ellis D. Baker
George E. Russell

Appointments Committee

George E. Georgoulis,
Chairman

William J. Brett
Mary J. Bankowski
Irving G. Snyder
Robert A. Findlay

Public Works Committee

Thomas J. Topping,
Chairman

Vincent J. Vitti
Eugene F. Barry
Anthony Kolich, Jr.
Alan J. Ketcham

Health & Protection Committee

Joseph P. Milano,
Chairman

Frank W. Longo
Thomas M. Killeen
Robert Lewis
John L. DeForest

Planning & Zoning Committee

Edward C. Czupka,
Chairman

William D. Murphy
John R. Nolan
George E. Russell
Thomas J. Topping

Public Welfare & Recreation Committee

Stephen E. Kelly,
Chairman

Edward P. Wynn, Jr.

Salvatore Giuliani
Frank W. Longo
Jack McLaughlin
William G. Hearing
Charles A. Gilbert

Personnel Committee

Clifford Waterbury,
Chairman

Eugene F. Barry
John L. DeForest
Robert A. Findlay

Committee on Education

John C. Macrides,
Chairman

William J. Brett
Edward C. Czupka
Charles A. Gilbert
John R. Lilliendahl, Jr.

Steering Committee

George V. Connors,
Chairman

John C. Macrides
George E. Georgoulis
Alanson R. Fredericks
Joseph P. Milano
Stephen E. Kelly
Paul A. Plotkin
William C. Kaminski
Norton Rhoades
Joseph F. Iacovo
Rutherford G. Huizinga
Robert Lewis
Irving G. Snyder

MR. FREDERICKS: "Am I correct in my understanding that the Republicans have only been given one Chairmanship on the Committees which you have just named?"

He was assured that this was the case.

MR. FREDERICKS: "This is rather interesting. In the formation of the Board in 1949 there were 8 Standing Committees - one less than we have today - and 6 Committee Chairmanships were Republican and 2 were Democratic. It would seem to me that in the spirit of our Rules, that these committees should give better representation to the members of the Republican party in the matter chairmanships. I believe that reconsideration should be given to a more equitable adjustment of the chairmanships and this action leads me to wonder at the operation of this board in the future. One of the objections which was made last year was in regard to the inequities of the chairmanships of the various committees and at one time it was necessary to amend our Rules to ask for action by our Committee Chairmen. I also know that the attendance by the Republican committee members was good, but in several cases I know for a fact that the chairman of a committee failed to call for a meeting of his committee until just a few minutes before the meeting of the whole board, resulting in the inability of the committee to consider the matters before it in an

intelligent maner."

MR. KAMINSKI: "It is terribly unfair to make the statement that there was a laxity of the previous Board."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "I am making a plea that the Republican members of this Board be given better representation on the committees."

MR. CONNORS: "I can remember when the Democratic party had only one chairmanship -- go back to 1951 and you will find that I am correct."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "There was a new committee formed in 1951 -- appointed in November -- the Personnel Committee was an additional committee. I have the names of those who objected at the organizational meeting. The ratio was 19 Republicans to 16 Democrats on the committees. I think it is only fair that out of 9 committees we should be given the chairmanship of more than one committee."

MR. PLOTKIN: "I think Mrs. Zuckert is correct."

MR. HUIZINGA: "In view of the fact that there seems to be a little confusion about this first meeting, I respectfully request Mr. President, that you reconsider the chairmanships and report to us at our next meeting."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I am sure that if the Democrats wish to hold a caucus for this purpose, we would be wholly in favor of it."

MR. GEORGCULIS MOVED for a caucus of the Democratic members. SECONDED by Mr. Milano and CARRIED unanimously.

The caucus was over at 10:10 P. M. and the President called the Board to order.

MR. CONNORS: "The Democratic members think that they should not grant any more concessions and the Committees will have to stand as named."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Thank you very much."

MR. PLOTKIN called attention to the fact that the next meeting of the Board would ordinarily be scheduled for the first Monday in December, which would bring it on December 5th and would not leave enough time for any committee meetings to be called to consider matters to come before the Board. he suggested that the next meeting of the Board therefore be scheduled for Monday, December 12th and so MOVED. Mr. Waterbury seconded the motion.

MR. TOPPING objected. Vote taken on holding the next meeting on December 12th. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS: "Might I ask that some careful consideration be given to starting our meetings on time when a majority of the members are present? It is an absolute discourtesy to the priests and ministers who come to give the invocation."

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MR. VITTI MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT at 10:25 P. M. SECONDED by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Macrides, Clerk, Board of
Representatives