

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held on Monday, November 10, 1958, in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades at 8:05 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Bernhard Johnson, Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present and 5 absent. The absent members were: Patrick Fortunato, George Connors, Alanson Fredericks, Alan Ketcham and Jack McLaughlin.

MR. BAKER made a short statement in commendation of Mr. Clement L. Raiteri, Jr., on his recent election as State Senator, and as a member of the Board of Representatives and particularly as Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee. (applause)

MR. RHOADES, as President of the Board, also extended his congratulations to not only Mr. Raiteri, but also to the recently elected Representatives to the Legislature, Mr. James Mulreed, a former member of the Board, and to Mrs. Lotus Mills, a present member of the Charter Revision Commission.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of October 6, 1958.

There being no corrections, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Held October 27, 1958

MR. RHOADES, Chairman, presented the following Minutes of the Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee met in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 7 P.M. on Monday, October 27, 1958.

Present were: Norton Rhoades, Chairman; George Connors, Thomas Topping, Rutherford Huizinga, John Macrides, Ellis Baker, Robert Lewis, William Murphy, Bernard Geronimo, Rocco Colatrella and John Nolan.

Also present, as representatives of their committees were: Joseph Milano, George Russell and Edward Wynn.

Absent were: Messrs. Raiteri, Fredericks, Vittl and Mrs. Zuckert (on vacation).

The following matters were discussed:

- (1) Appointment, Mrs. Gertrude N. Marshall to Urban Redevelopment Commission  
Ordered placed on Agenda under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (2) Three requests for appropriations, approved by Board of Finance at their meeting held October 10, 1958. REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE
- (3) Request from Hartford Electric Light Co. - Re purchase of city-owned land on Hillandale Avenue (Approved by Board of Finance October 10, 1958) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (4) Public Utilities Commission - Letter dated October 9, 1958 re signs on busses transporting school children. REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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(5) Performance bonds (Now handled by Planning Board)

Mr. Huizinga presented a list of Performance Bonds which are now in effect and those which have expired. There was some discussion as to how these should be handled so as to achieve better control.

(6) Pensions for privately paid drivers in Fire Department

Mr. Lewis brought this on the floor and the method of handling it was discussed.

(7) Culloden Road - Drainage Problem

Mr. Nolan said he had received a complaint on this matter. However, because it was not referred in writing, he promised to bring in a letter, stating the situation. REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(8) PARKING AUTHORITY - Request contained in letter of October 23, 1958 for approval of proposed 5 year lease of N.Y., H.H. & H. Railroad property on Southerly side of station for commuter parking. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE(9) Nash Court - Complaint from Wm. Ivler

It was decided not to place this item on the Agenda for the reason that Mr. Ivler has taken this matter to the Planning Board and they are awaiting an opinion from the Corporation Counsel. Until this has been resolved, nothing further can be done.

(10) Indemnity and Performance Bond forms

This matter also was not placed on the Agenda because it necessitated more study before action can be taken.

(11) PUC letter dated October 9, 1958 re identification signs being placed on busses carrying school children. REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE(12) Petitions for acceptance of roads as city streets - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman  
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. LEWIS: "The Appointments Committee met the evening of October 30th in the Mayor's office. The name of Mrs. Gertrude N. Marshall was presented as the Mayor's nomination to the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

"The Appointments Committee having found Mrs. Marshall exceptionally qualified for this appointment, heartily endorses the nomination, as we believe Mrs. Marshall will be a great asset to the Urban Redevelopment Commission."

Appointment - MRS. GERTRUDE N. MARSHALL (Republican), Brookdale Road, to URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, term expiring in 1963

The Tellers distributed the ballots. Mrs. Marshall's appointment was CONFIRMED by a vote of 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HUIZINGA, Chairman, read the report of the Fiscal Committee. He said a meeting was held on October 21, 1958 and present were Messrs. Topping, Robertucci, Wynn, Kolich, Fortunato and Huizinga. Absent were Mrs. Zuckert and Mr. Cummings.

- (1) \$100 - Charter Revision Commission - Code 200.3A Expenses for stationery, postage, etc. (As requested in Mayor's letter of 9/26/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$2,400.86 - Pension for widow (Mrs. Ruth E. McGuinness) of Police Sgt. Francis E. McGuinness, Sr. - Effective August 29, 1958, based on annual pension of \$2,852.46, or 50% of annual salary of \$5,704.92 (As requested in Mayor's letter of 9/16/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Vitti and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$100,000 - Public Welfare Department - Code 460-61, Cash Relief (As requested in Mayor's letter of 10/9/58)

Note: Also referred to Education, Welfare & Government Committee

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Kolich.

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, said his committee concurs in approval of the request.

MR. RUSSELL spoke regarding eligibility for relief recipients. He said: "We investigated what constituted eligibility, and apparently everyone is eligible, whether they just got off the train or have been here for forty years.

"I would like to refer something to the Education, Welfare & Government Committee. Would it be possible for them to, at the next meeting or two, to return the answers to the following questions:

- (1) The number of cases the City of Stamford is handling right now.
- (2) How many of these cases are recent arrivals to Stamford and go on relief almost immediately.
- (3) How many are still in relief and how many of them are returned to their former abode - meaning, are they cases which, when they come to Stamford, must be taken care of for an indefinite period of time, or is an effort made, after a certain time limit in which time we feel we have done our job, are they sent back to the area from which they may have come from?

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"If the Board so wishes, I would like for the Committee to obtain this information. I think it would be very interesting to our Board and enlightening. This subject comes up rather often and we would like to be a little more careful in voting for these large grants of money."

Mr. Russell's request was accepted in the form of a motion and seconded by Mr. Lewis.

MR. MURPHY opposed Mr. Russell's request. He said: "We are dealing with a very sensitive matter. As members of the Board, we can delve deeply into this if we wish. They are having a lot of trouble in New York on this problem and one of the reasons, I believe, for most of their trouble, is the fact that they are giving it entirely too much publicity as to the assessability of relief for people coming in from out of the state. That would be a bad thing for Stamford."

"I think that this information that Mr. Russell has requested is unnecessary - that he should endeavor to find out this information for himself in his capacity as Representative, without giving it all this publicity."

MR. BAKER: "As I pointed out at the last Board meeting, I think this is information that should be generally known by the residents and taxpayers of Stamford and not only to the individual members of this Board. I wholeheartedly go along with Mr. Russell's suggestion."

MR. GERONIMO said he opposed Mr. Russell's suggestion, and that he thought it sounded like a reflection on the Welfare Department. He said: "I am sure that our Director of Public Welfare has the interests of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Stamford at heart, and I would assume that he sees to it that all cases are thoroughly investigated."

MR. NOLAN said he thought Mr. Russell's motion was out of order and should be brought up under the Education, Welfare & Government Committee report, rather than now, as it does not have any bearing on the item under Fiscal Committee (item #3) now on the floor.

The Chair ruled that it does have a bearing on item (3).

MR. NOLAN: "We are not debating Mr. Huizinga's motion any longer. We are talking about Mr. Russell's motion. I think it is quite confusing."

MR. RHOADES: "Of course, there cannot be a vote on a matter of this type until the matter of the appropriation has been settled."

MR. LEWIS: "I think that Mr. Russell is quite proper in bringing up the question at this time, in view of our dual committee report. We are not looking for names of people on relief. I assume, from Mr. Macrides non action (this is not, believe me, a personal attack on Mr. Macrides' Committee, for he does not have that information at hand). But, I do believe Mr. Macrides would welcome the opportunity of providing us with the information that Mr. Russell has requested, and I think we, as a Board, are entitled to have it. I think Mr. Russell is in order. He is not talking against Mr. Huizinga's motion, and I think we should favorably consider his request."

MR. HUIZINGA spoke regarding Mr. Russell's request for a breakdown of figures on the Department of Public Welfare to be prepared by Mr. Macrides' committee. (Education, Welfare & Government Committee)

MR. HUIZINGA: "It has not been brought out yet by any of the people who have spoken on this \$100,000 appropriation, one matter in particular, and that is that Mr. Macrides' Committee is furnished monthly with a report from the Welfare Department, which is a very detailed report. In fact, if I am not mistaken, it may cover as many as 20 pages

and it gives exactly the number of people who are on relief, it breaks it down between individuals, as far as families are concerned and it also gives the average cost of the individuals and the average cost of a family. It is this information which is available to Mr. Macrides, which we checked into before we approved the appropriation of this \$100,000 request. If you want to hear this whole report, I think it would be too lengthy, but if it will help any: There are approximately 175 families now on relief, as of the last monthly statement; there are approximately 800 individuals on relief as of the last monthly statement; there are approximately 4 members of each of the 175 families, so that means you are going to have some families that are going to have as high as 7 or 8 members.

"When we questioned this item of 'Cash Relief' which is nothing but food and rent (there are a few small items in there, but it is mostly food and rent). However, I do think this information should be presented to this Board. One of the questions that our Committee asked Mr. Laturney was the fact that if there are as many as 7 or 8 people in a family, and if the city is required to pay out cash relief for rent and food, in accordance with the schedule sent down from Hartford, giving the base requirements -- isn't it possible that a family of 7 or 8 people might even receive more money from relief than that man would have received when he was working for a corporation in Stamford? When you take out withholding taxes, and other deductions, some of them actually get more money when they are on relief. Now, that is not the fault of the Welfare Department."

Mr. Huizinga talked at some length on reimbursement being given by the Welfare Department for ambulance use, at the rate of \$1 per mile. He said Mr. Laturney informed the committee that last week they had to bring someone in - a total of 47 miles at a cost of \$47. He said: "They even had to bring in a body - a welfare case - from 130 or so miles away. So, that is one reason why our Welfare Department is paying out such a tremendous amount of money. And, bear in mind that our total appropriation for the whole year was \$80,000. The original request that came to the Mayor was for \$200,000. I am told by Mr. Laturney that very soon again they will have to ask for another very sizeable amount, because at the moment, the cost of relief is running around \$20,000 a month."

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Russell's motion will be heard again later in our Agenda under Education, Welfare & Government Committee. The vote will now be on Mr. Huizinga's motion."

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion to approve the requested appropriation of \$100,000 for the Department of Public Welfare (see item #3) and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Pension Plan

MR. HUIZINGA: "In closing, we have not forgotten our task in trying to find a solution to the pension problem. We have had several interviews. The last meeting we had was with Mr. Buck, the Actuary from New York. Both Mr. Keleman and myself spent the whole evening in this meeting, endeavoring to get more information on this very troublesome problem."

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RAITERI, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said meetings were held on October 16 and November 6, all members being present at the October meeting, and Messrs. Colatrella and DeForest were absent at the November meeting.

MR. RAITERI: "The meeting of October 16 was given over to further work on the Building Code. The main section of the Code and the sub-sections on Plumbing, Electrical and Heating and Air-conditioning, have been finalized and are now in process of

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reproduction. While copies of these sections in final form are not yet available, in order to expedite action toward adoption, your Committee respectfully requests authority to proceed with a public hearing on the sections as soon as available. It is our hope that this may be prior to the December meeting of the Board of Representatives and that they may be presented for publication at that time."

Re: Public Hearing on Building Code

MR. RAITERI MOVED for approval of a public hearing to be held on the Building Code some time preceding the December 8th meeting of the Board of Representatives, and for publication of a Public Notice to that effect. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

(1) Final adoption of Ordinance (presented at the September meeting and approved for publication) governing vending and soliciting

MR. RAITERI: "The members of the Committee have been deluged with correspondence from a number of firms and individuals protesting this legislation. It is our assumption that the other members of the Board have been similarly propagandized. This correspondence was clearly fostered and encouraged by one area company and has led to protests which demonstrate a misconception of the facts at issue. Most of those participating in this campaign have not even had copies of the proposed amended Ordinance for reference. Some have been misled into writing, since they do not come within the terms of the proposal, a fact clearly understood by the one stimulating the barrage of letters.

"Your committee also has obtained from the Deputy Controller a complete tabulation of licenses and permits issue under Chapter 23 of the Code of General Ordinances since 1954, the date when this Ordinance was adopted. We should like to reiterate, and emphasize very strongly, that this is the existing Ordinance, which it was proposed to amend. At the time of its adoption, among its most strenuous opponents were most of those who are now so bitterly opposing the proposed amendment. Review of the tabulation obtained from the Controller discloses the amazing fact that, since the adoption of the Ordinance in 1954, with one notable exception (the Fuller Brush Company), these parties who now so strongly resist the strengthening of the Ordinance have, to a great extent, been carrying on their business in our community in virtually complete disregard and violation of the provisions of the existing Ordinance!

"In order that your Committee may more fully investigate this phase of the situation and determine to what extent prosecution for violation of the existing Ordinance is indicated, your Committee respectfully requests that this matter be recommitted and I SO MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Colatrella.

MR. NOLAN objected to recommitment of this proposed Ordinance, saying it should be voted on tonight. He said he thought the Committee should work on a new Ordinance which would eliminate some of the objectionable portions.

MR. LEWIS said he agreed with Mr. Nolan, but preferred that it (the Ordinance) go back to Committee.

MR. RUSSELL said he thought it should go back to Committee for removal of the objectionable portions.

MR. HUIZINGA: "We voted at our last meeting for publication. Now, if we do not vote on this tonight - doesn't it cancel this thing?"

Mr. Huizinga was informed that it did not, and it could be recommitted.

Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitti, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kolich, Mr. Topping, Mr. Georgoulis, Mr. Colatrella, Mr. Geronimo, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Wilensky all spoke on the proposed Ordinance.

After a great deal of further debate for and against the Ordinance, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion to have it recommitted to Committee.

RESULT OF VOTE: 17 in favor and 17 opposed. There being a tie vote, the President was required to vote; he thereupon voted in favor of recommitment. CARRIED to recommit, there being 18 in favor and 17 opposed.

- (2) Sale of City-owned land, Hillendale Avenue, to Hartford Electric Light Co.  
(Requested in Mayor's letter of April 24, 1958 and approved by Board of Finance at their October 10, 1958 meeting)

MR. RAITERI: "The sale of city-owned land on Hillendale Avenue to the Hartford Electric Light Co. has been approved by the Planning Board and the Board of Finance and the latter has established a selling price of \$3,200 for the property.

"The Committee recommends approval of the sale as requested at a price of \$3,200 and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) Parking Authority request in letter of October 23, 1958, for approval of 5 year lease for land for commuter parking, located on south side of main line tracks, between South Street and Atlantic Street, except the area used for station and platform purposes and the spur track area used for mail and express loading purposes.

MR. RAITERI: "Under the terms of the lease the Railroad Co. will receive 20% of gross proceeds. The duration of the lease is five years, which, it is estimated, will permit full amortization of improvement and operating costs. The area will accommodate approximately 300 cars and will be blacktopped, lighted and marked off into parking spaces.

"After full discussion, it was unanimously voted to recommend to the Board that the proposed lease be approved and that authority for the installation of parking meters be granted. Should this lease not be consummated, it is reasonably certain the area will be sold or leased to private interests for parking use. The Committee therefore approves the lease and authority for installation of meters and I SO MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Baker, and CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. TOPPING: "No regular meeting was held by this Committee in October."

Re: Riverside Avenue, Bridge Street, Lower Hubbard Avenue - Complaint dated Sept. 11, 1958 from Raymond Stabile, 96 Woodmere Road, addressed to Mr. Marciano, 13th District Representative, re lack of sidewalks and dangerous walking conditions  
(Note: Brought up under suspension of rules Oct. 6th meeting and referred to Public Works and Health & Protection Committees)

MR. TOPPING: "The only item on our agenda was the above petition. Both Chairmen contacted Mr. Maguire on this matter and he has agreed to include it in next year's Capital Budget."

MR. MILANO: "The Health and Protection Committee concurs in this report."

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HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. MILANO reported progress. He said the Committee had taken no action, as yet, on the school bus situation, but would report further on it at the next Board meeting.

MR. RHOADES: "One meeting was held, including Mr. Tompkins of the Connecticut Company, and the President of the Board. Not very much progress was made, and the Health & Protection Committee is now working on the matter."

Re: Traffic Hazard on Summer Street (Letter dated 5/19/58 from Bernard Geronimo, 6th District Representative, re traffic hazard on Summer Street, opposite Town & Country Shopping Center - Referred to Health & Protection Committee by Steering Committee - see page 1923, item (10) of June 2, 1958 Minutes) - (Also see page 1936, item (1) under Committee report of that date)

MR. GERONIMO: "I have a letter which I addressed to the President of our Board under date of May 19, 1958, in regard to hazardous traffic conditions on Summer Street in the vicinity of the Town and Country Shopping Center. It's six months since that letter was written and I hear no further report. With no offense to the Committee, I would like to know exactly what is being done."

MR. MILANO: "The Committee has taken up this matter with the Police Department several times. The latest information we received was that this was being investigated. Now how soon we can expect action on it is another question."

MR. GERONIMO: "I would like to point out, Mr. President, that a hazard exists on that 45 degree turn coming down from north, driving south on the corner of Forest Lawn Avenue and it certainly doesn't take six months for whoever is supposed to take care of what they're investigating, because there is four entrances coming out of Town and Country Center and out of those four entrances, there is absolutely no control of traffic when the folks are leaving that Town and Country Shopping area. They can either turn north, south, east or west at all four entrances, and if that isn't a hazard, then I don't know what a hazard is, because it pretty near got some of my friends, including myself."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "I have a suggestion to make which you can take up with Captain Lockwood, because he has been around there lately (I have seen him). I have spoken to him, but perhaps if you do, too, perhaps we can get something done. Captain Lockwood is the one who takes care of those situations. I have had no luck, but maybe you will have better luck."

MR. MILANO: "Mrs. Zuckert - that is part of the investigation and perhaps the reason why you see Captain Lockwood up there, trying to get some action."

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL: "A meeting of the above committee was held at 7:30 P.M., Friday, November 7, 1958 in the Mayor's office. The following members were present: J. Wilensky and G. Russell. (Messrs. Murphy, Geronimo and Marciano absent) Several items still in Committee were discussed. However, only the items pertaining to petitions for road acceptance was in position to be presented to the Board at this meeting.

"The Committee agreed to present the following roads for acceptance, which were both certified in writing by the City Engineer and were inspected and met with Committee approval. All maps referred to are filed in the office of the Town and City Clerk. The Committee recommends their acceptance and I so MOVE."



Mr. Russell's motion for acceptance of the following roads was seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

- \* ARROW HEAD DRIVE - Length 1,028 ft. Width 22 ft. Map #5199  
Extending southerly from Den Road to Smoke Hill Drive
- BOULDER BROOK DRIVE - Length 1,200 ft. Width 22 ft. Map #6094  
Easterly from Hunting Ridge Road to and including,  
permanent turnaround
- CLUB ROAD - Length 1,098 ft. Width 30 ft. Map #5680  
Westerly 680 ft. from intersection with Malvern Road, to and  
including temporary turnaround; also, easterly from above  
mentioned intersection 418 ft. to and including temporary  
turnaround
- EDEN LANE - Length 1,168 ft. Width 30 ft. Maps #6109 & #6148  
Easterly from Pepper Ridge Road, to and including, permanent  
turnaround  
*Harvest Hill Lane - Length 1,168 ft - 30' wide - maps #6109 & #6148*
- LAUREL LEDGE ROAD - Length 1,408 ft. Width 26 ft. Map #6215  
Extending westerly from Riverbank Road, to and including  
permanent turnaround
- LITTLE HILL DRIVE - Length 600 ft. Width 30 ft. Map #6304  
Northeasterly from already accepted portion of Little Hill  
Drive to Idlewood Drive
- LITTLE JOHN LANE - Length 750 ft. Width 27ft. Map #6296  
Extending from southerly terminus of permanent turnaround  
northerly, to and including, permanent turnaround
- MALVERN ROAD - Length 285 ft. Width 30 ft. Map #5680  
Northerly from already accepted portion of Malvern Road to  
Club Road
- MARCY ROAD - Length 1,450 ft. Width 26 ft. Map #6359  
Westerly from accepted portion to Hunting Ridge Road
- MARYANNE LANE - Length 686 ft. Width 30 ft. Map #5724  
Northerly, from Todd Lane, including permanent turnaround
- NOTTINGHAM DRIVE - Length 239 ft. Width 27 ft. Map #6296  
Easterly from accepted portion to Little John Lane
- ROUND HILL DRIVE - Length 1,000 ft. Width 26 ft. Map #6215  
Southwesterly from Laurel Ledge Road to Tall Oaks Road
- SANFORD LANE - Length 760 ft. Width 30 ft. Maps #6109 & #6199  
Northerly from accepted portion, to and including, permanent  
turnaround
- \* SMOKE HILL DRIVE - Length 490 ft. Width 22 ft. Map #5199  
Extending westerly from Arrow Head Drive
- TALL OAKS COURT - Length 985 ft. Width 26 ft. Map #6215  
Northwesterly from Tall Oaks Road, to and including permanent  
turnaround

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TALL OAKS ROAD - Length 1,489 ft. Width 26 ft. Map #6215  
Southerly from Laurel Ledge Road, to and including,  
permanent turnaround

TYLER DRIVE - Length 1,150 ft. Width 26 ft. Map #6359  
Northerly from Marcy Road, to and including, temporary turnaround

WYNDOVER LANE - Length 500 ft. Width 30 ft. Map #6080  
Easterly from accepted portion, to and including permanent  
turnaround

\* Note: The bond on Arrow Head Drive and Smoke Hill Drive was called  
by the Planning Board, and these roads were constructed by  
the Public Works Department.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Russell, would you care to discuss Blue Ridge Drive, Brook Run Lane, Klondike Avenue, St. Charles Street and Willowbrook Avenue?"

MR. RUSSELL: "I could give you specific reasons why these roads are still in Committee, but there is a group of roads that will come up next month on which the Committee didn't have time to actually check....."

MR. RHOADES: "Then those are the roads?"

MR. RUSSELL: "Well, no. Blue Ridge Drive has been checked, but there is a minor problem there which we hope to get straightened out. Brook Run Lane has another problem which we hope to straighten out. St. Charles Street is being held up until next month and so is Willow Brook Avenue, and Klondike Avenue."

MR. KELLY asked a question about Willow Brook Avenue.

MR. RUSSELL: "Willow Brook Avenue should have a barrier at the end of the street. In a good snow storm or a good rain storm, it would be very easy to go right down into the beach and into the water. The beach is at the same level as the road and there is nothing to stop you when you reach the end of the road."

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Re: Hatch Field (Colamonico complaint regarding damage to greenhouse)

MR. RHOADES: "With your permission, Mr. Kelly, I would like to call upon Mr. Truglia to report on the Hatch Field situation. He has done a great deal of work on it and has a report to make."

MR. TRUGLIA: "I am happy to report that after some five months of study on this matter, that there is something being done. The latest is a letter from Mayor Givens which I would like to read to the Board."

Mr. Truglia read a letter from the Mayor, dated October 28, 1958, in which the Mayor said he had reviewed the matter with the Board of Recreation and they are going to include in the new Capital Projects Budget, now being prepared, an item for a backstop so that no further damage will be done to the Colamonico property.

MR. TRUGLIA: "I also got in contact with Mr. Hunt, and he assures me that there is a letter, following which will give in exact detail the position of the backstop, etc."

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: (Given under Fiscal Committee)

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MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Russell, would you care to be heard at this time? This in regard to the Welfare section of this committee."

Re: Referral of three questions asked by Mr. Russell earlier in meeting (See item #3 under Fiscal Committee, which was postponed to later in meeting)

MR. RUSSELL: "I do not wish to repeat it all over again, but I would like to refer those three questions which I mentioned before to Mr. Macrides' committee."

"I would like to make it very clear, in view of some of the remarks that were made before, that this is absolutely not intended as criticism of Mr. Laturney. I personally have known him for a long time, and I know he has been doing an excellent job. This is just for information and not intended to be considered as a check up of him in any way."

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Russell, the President thinks you should repeat your three questions."

MR. RUSSELL: "The three questions were:

- (1) The number of welfare cases the City of Stamford has at the present time.
- (2) A breakdown of the new arrivals who immediately go on relief as soon as they arrive in the City.
- (3) How many cases, in the past year, who have been returned to their former abode."

The above three questions, upon motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Lewis, were referred to the Education, Welfare & Government Committee for answer and report back to the Board as soon as they have completed their study, by a VOTE of 29 in favor and 5 opposed. CARRIED.

SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL and MR. LONGO, Co-Chairmen, presented the following report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL HOUSING INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE  
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No general Committee meeting was held this month. However, several sub-committee visits were made to the Southfield Village Project.

Co-Chairmen, Mr. Longo and Mr. Russell, were invited to attend a meeting of the newly formed Vidal Court Tenants Association. Mr. Longo was unable to attend due to an important family obligation. Mr. Russell attended.

Mr. Russell feels that tenant interest is an important need at public housing projects and is sure that such an organization, with the proper intentions, and the cooperation of all city bodies, can achieve a long notable step toward removing the many problems with often arise with public housing.

The monthly reports from the Fire Department and the Health Department were received and in each it is reported that considerable improvements are being ncted at Southfield.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank W. Longo  
George E. Russell  
CO-CHAIRMEN

MR. RUSSELL: "The monthly reports from the Fire Department and the Health Department are here and I would like to quote briefly from each.

"The last paragraph of the Fire Department Report is as follows:

'The general over all conditions of these four buildings, have shown continual improvement since we have started these inspections. Mr. O'Shaughnessey has cooperated with the Fire Department to remedy the violations in our report.'

"The Health Department report reads in part:

'Note: It would be fair to say that the whole project, both inside and outside is in very good shape. A great improvement in the last three or four months has taken place. The streets are very good - clean. Old section of Village in very good condition. Ball fields in very good condition.'

"I can definitely say a great deal of progress has been made."

MR. MARCIANO said he could verify Mr. Russell's report. He said the new lights have been installed on Pressprich Street and it is just like daylight. That you can go up any corner and see to the other end. He said there is very good police protection every half hour.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. MACRIDES presented the following report:

The Charter Revision Committee met on Wednesday, November 5, 1958. Present were Messrs. Nolan, Wilensky, Baker and Macrides. Messrs. Fredericks and Raiteri were absent.

The Committee discussed a proposed amendment to the Charter with regard to tax rates of automobiles and boats. This is an extremely complex matter, and we therefore, decided to send a letter to the Corporation Counsel, asking for certain information and suggestions with regard to same.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval of the sending of a letter to the Corporation Counsel, as outlined in the report. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA: "I would like to ask Mr. Macrides if any study has been made, as yet, on this matter, so that you would know percentage-wise how much the tax would be increased for the residents of the 3 Districts. In other words, if the total tax now is going to be split equally among all three Districts instead of having a different tax for each District."

MR. MACRIDES: "This is unquestionably a matter that we must go into. We have not yet. We are interested first in ascertaining what the legal consequences are, and how we have to act legally before anything can be done."

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HARBOR SAFETY:

MR. LEWIS: "I am going to take unfair advantage, Mr. Chairman. I see we have a representative of the lower House and we also have a new Senator here and I hope they won't forget this when January comes.

"I do not believe this Board has requested the Legislative & Rules Committee formally to prepare the enabling Act."

MR. RAITERI: "I believe we decided at a meeting of the Steering Committee that this would have to go through the Charter Revision Committee, because any time we are acting on any legislation on a State level, the Charter Revision Committee always reported to the Board their opinion on it, if you recall. We have always done this in the past on legislation - it has always gone through the Charter Revision Committee"

It was decided that this should be referred to the Charter Revision Committee.

MR. LEWIS: "The Special Harbor Committee met in the Mayor's office Thursday evening, October 30th. This Committee is now in the final preparation of an Ordinance to be presented to cover the complete safety regulations for presentation to this Board.

"We wish at this time to request action be instituted by the Charter Revision Committee for an Enabling Act to be presented to the State Legislature for their earliest possible action in January, and I so Move." Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

SPECIAL FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE RE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MR. CUMMINGS reported that the committee has had four full committee meetings since the last Board meeting and the meetings, together with the other work that has been done outside the meetings has been extensive.

PICNIC COMMITTEE:

Discussion was had relative to the \$47.66 left over from the picnic, after all bills have been paid.

MR. MARCIANO requested that this money be set aside for next year's picnic, as it is the wish of the Committee that this be done.

MR. HUIZINCA MOVED that the money be held in escrow by Mrs. Doris Zuckert, Clerk, until the next annual picnic. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

October 31, 1958

Mr. Norton Rhoades, President  
Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

I am enclosing portion of Minutes of meeting of the Flood

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and Erosion Control Board, held on Tuesday, October 14, at which time they took up the possibility of a survey regarding hydraulic purposes and also engineering services necessary to give the overall picture as to the survey of streams and rivers in the City of Stamford.

This is in answer to your request that we look into the advisability of hiring a Hydraulic Engineer. I definitely think that we should have a survey first to determine whether or not an addition to our Engineering Department is feasible.

Trust this will answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Webster C. Givens, Mayor

#### PETITIONS

- (1) Culloden Road - Drainage problem (Verbal complaint brought in by John Nolan at Steering Committee meeting held October 27, 1958) REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (2) Request for traffic light at intersection of HAMILTON AND COURTLAND AVENUE, dated Oct. 20, 1958 - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (3) Complaint from Joseph J. Smith, 62 Wood Ridge Drive, complaining about barrier across MEADOWPARK AVENUE NORTH - Referred to Board by Alanson Fredericks, 18th District Representative - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (4) Letter from Charter Revision Commission, dated November 7, 1958, regarding proposed amendment of Section 719.1 of Charter to provide pension for paid drivers of volunteer Fire Departments, asking Board of Representatives to forward a proposal which would accomplish the desired objectives - REFERRED TO CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE
- (5) Carbon copy of letter, dated October 30, 1958, addressed to Commissioner of Public Works, from Julius M. Wilensky, 16th District Representative, regarding storm drains on HIRSCH ROAD AND OGDEN ROAD - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE for information

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

- (1) UNICO National - Thank you letter regarding renaming of city park to Christopher Columbus Park (granted at last Board meeting)
- (2) From Commissioner of Public Works, dated October 23, 1958, re the return of certain streets fronting on the Turnpike (for information)
- (3) From Commissioner of Public Works, dated October 17, 1958, requesting any suggestions for possible inclusion in the proposed Capital Projects program for 1959-60

#### NEW BUSINESS

Re: Next Board meeting and Steering Committee meeting:

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MR. RHOADES announced that the next Board meeting will be held on December 8, 1958, and the next steering Committee meeting will therefore be held on Monday, November 24, 1958.

Re: Republican Caucus

MR. LEWIS announced that a short meeting of the Republican members of the Board would be held after the meeting adjourned.

Re: Hearing by Flood and Erosion Control Board

MR. TOPPING: "I would like to make an announcement. On Monday evening, November 17th, in the Mayor's Office, the Flood and Erosion Control Board will hold a hearing on the report of Mr. Boffa and Associates on the survey that has been made on the Noroton River and Cove Pond. It has been announced that representatives of the affected districts are cordially invited to attend this meeting."

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Baker, duly seconded by Mr. Roche, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Norton Rhoades, President  
Board of Representatives

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