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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School in the City of Stamford, Connecticut, June 12, 1950, at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the President, Samuel F. Pierson.

Reverend J. Raymond McWilliam gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken with the result, 34 present and 6 absent, as indicated on the attached attendance record sheet.

Mr. Pierson presented the minutes of the April 17th meeting. James Harrington, 9th District MOVED they be accepted, seconded by Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District, and CARRIED.

PETITIONS

1. Petition #67

Stamford Musicians' Protective Association re permission to use Tiger Field at Woodside Park for musicians fair.

Michael Laurenco, 3rd District, reported that he was asked to withdraw this petition.

2. Petition #68

Military Order of the Purple Heart re permission to exhibit "Adolph Hitler's personal captured armored limousine".

The President reported that the Steering Committee recommended the Chief of Police be contacted by the petitioner in regard to traffic hazard and also that local ordinances be observed as may regard noises, etc.

James Harrington, 9th District, MOVED we accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee, seconded and CARRIED.

3. Petition #69

Stamford Area Association of Girl Scouts re erection of temporary shelter on property at Scofieldtown Road.

Helen Bromley, Chairman of the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee, read the report which recommended approval of permission on condition that it be understood that the structure is to be temporary and removable upon 60 days notice if the City deemed it necessary; also the use of land and erecting of building gives the Girl Scouts no vested interests and the City is not liable for any damage to building or injury to person or persons while on the land or in the building, and that the Girl Scouts should make the City of Stamford co-insured when using the land. It was MOVED, seconded and PASSED to accept the Committee's recommendations.

4. Petition #70

Stamford Hospital requesting fee for building permit on construction of new Hospital wing be waived.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, MOVED the matter be considered an emergency, seconded by Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District and CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED that the fee for building permit be waived, seconded by Hilda Clarke, 17th District, and CARRIED.

5. Petition #71

Eight petitioners requesting the City take immediate steps to alleviate,

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rectify and remove the unkempt, unsightly, unsanitary, and grossly dangerous conditions which now exist and have been allowed to exist on Hendrie Court for two years since acceptance in 1948.

The matter was referred by the President to the Public Works Committee.

6. Petition #72

Twenty-three petitioners requesting no parking signs on both sides of Avery Street for 25 feet from intersection of Cove Road.

Michael Laureno, 3rd District, suggested that, since there are many such streets in Stamford where the dangers described exist, the petition might be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee for an ordinance as well as to the Health and Safety Committee.

The President referred the matter to the Health and Safety Committee and to the Legislative and Rules Committee for a suggested ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Request that net receipts from parking meters be set aside to finance and purchase parking lots and/or garages and meters.

Mr. Wise, upon request for an opinion, stated that under the present set-up of our charter, the City could not take the revenue from the parking meters and create an entirely separate account for operating the parking areas from those funds. As for a new purchase, he felt that an appropriation would be necessary.

The matter regarding the parking meter contract was also discussed. Michael Wofsey, 1st District, reminded the Board that approximately 3 months ago we approved the acquisition on the rental-purchase basis of several meters to equip the parking areas we now own or operate. The mayor was given permission to enter into a contract. He asked Mr. Wise if we had the right to grant permission.

Mr. Wise said we did.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked Mr. Wise if the Board of Finance should also pass that contract.

Mr. Wise said the best he could do was to quote the late Mr. Kenealy, former Chairman, who felt they had no authority. Mr. Wise said he checked with the auditors on the contract, and on the provisions of the particular contract he had from the Duncan Meter Company, he would say it was all right. He pointed out, however, that if parking meters are considered a capital asset, the Planning Board should have some voice in the matter.

George Connors, 10th District, asked if parking meter income can be used for repairs of parking meters.

Mr. Wise replied that all income must go into a general fund, and an appropriation made to repair meters, if necessary.

There was additional discussion regarding the parking meter contract with the Duncan Meter Corporation. Louise Seeley, 1st District, referred to pages 156 and 157 of the minutes for previous discussion on the subject.

2. Transfer of funds from 416CE - Building of the Ladies' Public Lavatory in the Town Hall to 416A-18 - Alterations, Repairs and Maintenance of Town Hall.

Inasmuch as the Matter had not been referred to this Board by the Board of Finance, it was tabled.

3. Funds from Town Aids Funds and Unimproved Road Funds.

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RESOLUTION #80

BE IT RESOLVED that at this meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, held on June 12, 1950, that we as the legislative body of the City of Stamford, hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State Highway Department, for the use of funds from the Town Aid Funds and the Unimproved Road Funds, which become available July 1, 1950.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the resolution be approved, seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and it was PASSED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS:1. Planning Board.

Change of name of John's Road to Vineyard Lane.

Referred to Planning and Zoning Committee

2. Public Works Commission.

Draining of water on property of Mrs. Charles Macari.

Deferred until the Public Works Committee report which covered the subject was presented.

3. Board of Public Safety.

Request for appointment of 100 additional special policemen.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, pointed out this request was not made by the Mayor and therefore action cannot be taken by us.

The President therefore referred the matter to the Health and Safety Committee and to the Mayor with the request that he obtain information as to the disposition of 400 special badges previously assigned to the police department and that he make a recommendation to the Board regarding the 100 additional policemen.

4. Stephen Kelly re police protection in theaters and payment of special policemen.

Deferred until the reading of Legislative and Rules Committee Report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES1. Steering Committee Report.a. Fireworks Display

Helen Bromley, 20th District, pointed out that she contacted the Mayor regarding an appropriate firework display for this coming July 4th. She noted there was \$450 appropriated, and a fair amount would be about \$900. It was pointed out that perhaps the money could be obtained by transfers.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he thought with the recommendation of the mayor and proper publicity, it would be easy to get funds to have a public display of fireworks.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, MOVED the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #81

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Mayor be urged to proceed to have an adequate fireworks display for this coming July 4th, and we FURTHER declare the full support of the Board of Representatives for public subscription through the Stamford Advocate, and WSTC in the event funds are not available.

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The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

b. Health Department Lease.

Mr. Pierson reported that he contacted the Mayor on this matter. In regard to putting the request for larger quarters out for bids, it did not seem advisable since specifications for various buildings would be so different.

Mr. Pierson also reported that he would check with Mr. Leonard in regard to obtaining space for veterans at the Central School for meetings, etc., according to Resolution #62 (page 120 in the minutes).

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Louise Seeley, Chairman, read the Fiscal Committee report, which is attached, which introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #82

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to borrow, within the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1950 and ending June 30, 1951, in behalf of the City of Stamford, the sum of \$3,000,000.00, which sum is necessary to meet the temporary financial requirements of the City, and for the purpose of borrowing said sum to issue promissory notes of said City from time to time in such amounts and payable at such times within the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1951 as they shall determine; said notes to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Controller, and to be payable to the order of the City of Stamford or such other person, persons or Corporation as they shall determine and the Mayor and the Controller are hereby authorized to endorse in the name of the City of Stamford such of said notes as shall be made payable to the order of the City of Stamford; said notes shall be payable at such place or places and bear such rate of interest not exceeding five per cent (5%) per annum, as they shall determine, and the interest thereon may be payable in advance or otherwise as they shall determine, and the Controller shall keep a record of said notes.

Upon the maturity of any notes issued under authority of this vote, the Mayor and Controller are authorized to issue new promissory notes in renewal, in such amounts and payable at such times within the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1951 as they shall determine, said notes to be signed by the Mayor and counter-signed by the Controller, and to be payable to the order of the City of Stamford or such other person, persons, or corporation as they shall determine, and the Mayor and Controller are hereby authorized to endorse in the name of the City of Stamford such said notes as shall be made payable to the order of the City of Stamford; said notes shall be payable at such place or places and bear such rate of interest not exceeding five per cent (5%) per annum, as they shall determine, and the interest thereon may be payable in advance or otherwise as they shall determine, and the Controller shall keep a record of said notes.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED it be declared an emergency, seconded and CARRIED.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED the adoption of the Resolution, seconded by John Cook, 15th District, and CARRIED.

The Committee also reported on the request of the Mayor for approval of a proposed issue of Permanent Improvement Bonds in the aggregate amount of \$3,950,000 to be issued as needed for specific projects. The Committee agreed that if this approval were extended only to the certification of the City's credit, it would recommend such approval to the Board. However, the Committee understands that this approval could not be extended to the amount of the bonds to be issued under this blanket amount, without each bond issue being considered and approved according to Section 630 of the Charter.

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The discussion that followed this recommendation of the Board related primarily to the amount of money which might be saved in issuing bonds in one combined total instead of a separate bond for each project.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, said the Committee considered this particular request of the mayor as a proposed blanket bond issue for general improvements. She noted that it perhaps would be a good thing to lump the projects for next year and have the bonds certified, but the certification of a General Improvement Bond issue for no specific projects would save no money because each issue would have to be approved and certified as to its proper authorization.

John Cameron, a member of the Fiscal Committee, said he checked with bonding companies and wasn't able to find anyone who felt we would be able to get a blanket certification without actually having specific bonds certified for a specific purpose.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, noted that according to Section 630 of the Charter, if bonds are not used within 90 days they have to be redeemed.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, asked if the present certification procedure didn't cause delay in bond issuance.

Louise Seeley, Fiscal Committee, said that the First National of Boston have marketed our bonds for a number of years. That particular bank has by far the largest amount of municipal bond business in the entire country--they have the widest market and even maintain their own law department. The delay last year was in the bond issue for \$202,000. It was due mostly to consolidation and duplicate act.

Mr. Downey, the Comptroller spoke on the matter saying that one of the ideas of the mayor was to clear the original certification of an issue for certain specific items which might not be handled immediately.

When asked if he checked with the bonding company as to grouping the projects together and asking for perhaps one bond, Mr. Downey said while he could get no direct answer until the company received a complete outline of the proposal, they felt perhaps it would be advantageous.

John Cameron, 20th District, **MOVED** the report of the Fiscal Committee be received and placed on file, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and **CARRIED**.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, **MOVED** that the Fiscal Committee consult with the Corporation Counsel, and the Office of the Commissioner of Finance to the end that this entire matter be studied for a concrete purpose and submitted to the First National Bank of Boston for first hand information as to the economies effected thereby, seconded and **CARRIED**.

Louise Seeley said it was brought to her attention that we were to act on a transfer within the Tax Assessor's accounts for \$400.00 from Account 571.3 Stationery, to a special account for the purchase of an electric calculator. She noted this was a transfer within a department, and therefore originally thought it needed no action by this Board.

The President pointed out that the transfer was for a new account and thought we should act to be certain the transfer could be effected.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, **MOVED** the matter be considered an emergency, seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, and **CARRIED**.

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Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the transfer as recommended by the Board of Finance be approved, seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, and CARRIED.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, MOVED for a 10 minute recess, seconded and CARRIED. The meeting was called back to order at 10:10 p.m.

Legislative and Rules Committee

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, read the report of the Committee.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the adoption of the ordinance concerning procedures relative to purchases exceeding \$200 which was vetoed by the Mayor in his letter of May 9, 1950, seconded by Louise Seeley, 1st District.

John Cameron, 20th District, said that he felt with the Mayor that the \$200 limit was too small. However, he also felt that if we did not pass it over the veto we would not have any control at all. He said he would vote to pass it, but hoped that it will be reconsidered for a change later on.

Michael Wofsey, Legislative and Rules Committee, said the reason the Committee recommended passage over the veto was that the Charter called for the amount of \$200. While it was agreed that the amount is low, the change should be in the Charter.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he thought it would be found that this ordinance simply follows the recommendations which were included in the report of the committee appointed to investigate the office of the Purchasing Agent. He regretted that this report has received no further attention by this Board.

The Motion was CARRIED by a majority of 26 in favor and 7 opposed.

The Ordinance concerning explosives was not vetoed by the Mayor and is therefore enacted, reported the Committee. The Committee, however, is examining into the desirability of strengthening the ordinance as suggested by the Mayor.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the Board request the Corporation Counsel to prepare an ordinance relative to speed of speedboats in the harbor, seconded by Louise Seeley, 1st District, and CARRIED.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the matter concerning an ordinance relative to requiring policemen at certain public gatherings and providing for the manner of payment for service, be considered an emergency, seconded and CARRIED by a majority.

Michael Wofsey read the ordinance as proposed by the Corporation Counsel in his letter to that Committee dated June 9, 1950.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, said he did not believe the ordinance covered the rate of pay.

When Michael Wofsey pointed out the ordinance read "at a rate to be determined and fixed by the chief of the police department", Stephen Kelly said he thought the Board of Public Safety should set the rate, not the chief of police. It was his understanding the rate was \$1.15 at the present time.

Michael Wofsey changed the ordinance to include Mr. Kelly's suggestion.

Joseph Zdanowicz, 13th District, suggested the words "uniform rate" be used instead of a general rate.

Patrick Hogan, 10th District, asked who determines the amount of protection is necessary.

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Corporation Counsel Wise said this ordinance follows the same language as the state statute covering the subject. Rather than get into the phase of authorizing an individual to determine when and how much protection is necessary, and since the legislators thought it advisable for the entire state of Connecticut to use that phraseology, he followed it.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, asked how we were to get around the state law which did not require a policeman at a theater.

Mr. Wise said that while the State law did not include theaters, he included it in the ordinance. He said it was not a requirement under state statute that there must be a special policeman at a ball game or other kinds of gatherings. It simply leaves it to the discretion of the individuals named to determine whether he feels that protection is necessary. Having come to that decision, he determines how many are necessary and the compensation to be paid for the hiring of the special protection.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he thought Mr. Kelly was mainly interested in the \$1.15 minimum rate of pay. He urged the passage of this ordinance because it accomplished the very thing Stephen Kelly has been fighting for. The Board of Public Safety will have the right to establish \$1.15 as a minimum rate of pay and the chief of police and captain of police will have the authority to say when a special policeman is necessary.

Mr. Wise said that \$1.15 was not put in to the ordinance since it may fluctuate.

Stephen Kelly, 12th District, MOVED the ordinance, as proposed and modified, be approved, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and carried. The ordinance as passed is as follows:

ORDINANCE #19

BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD THAT when police protection shall be necessary or required at any boxing bout or wrestling match, any theater, place of amusement, sport contest or hockey, baseball or basket ball game, or any other exhibition of contest or public gathering which is being held or is to be held in the City of Stamford, the amount of such protection necessary shall be determined and shall be furnished by the chief of police within Precinct I and by the captain of police in Precinct II and such protection shall be paid for by the person, persons or corporation operating, conducting or promoting such game, exhibition or contest, or theater, or public gathering, at a uniform rate to be determined and fixed by the Board of Public Safety. Nothing in this ordinance shall affect the jurisdiction of the department of state police.

Any person, persons or corporation found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each day in which this ordinance is violated.

This ordinance to take effect upon passage.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that the Mayor be authorized to enter into the proposed lease agreement with the Duncan Meter Company for the acquisition of 200 meters, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said this matter was also referred to the Fiscal Committee. She had been in contact with the Chairman of the Board of Finance. It is still before them since they only received the contract a short time ago and are in the process of investigating. It is their opinion they do have to pass on it. She said she opposed the purchase of the 200 meters since they were to replace broken meters, which might be repaired.

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James Mulreed, 4th District, offered the amendment that the words "to replace broken meters" be added to the motion, seconded and accepted by Mr. Wofsey. Mr. Mulreed said the amendment was made since there was no specification made as to the use of the meters.

The motion as amended was voted and CARRIED.

The president received a proposed ordinance concerning itinerant vendors originally presented to the Legislative and Rules Committee by the Chamber of Commerce, and referred it to the Legislative and Rules Committee for recommendation.

Michael Wofsey, Chairman, MOVED for permission to introduce an ordinance on building fees and advertise it for action at our next regular meeting, seconded by Babette Ranschoff.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, said he favored the ordinance. There is a great deal of hard feeling created by the fact that residents of the former town area are not now required to pay a fee for putting up a house worth \$30,000 while a city resident must pay a fee of \$1.00 for putting in an oil burner in his home. Between now and the time we adopt a uniform code, we should make the fee apply to all of Stamford.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he would like to point out that several months ago the Board advertised to adopt the existing state building code with the appendicies. A public hearing was held. One of the sections in the code was for licenses and permits. A committee of three--the building, plumbing and electrical inspectors--were to give this matter consideration, and report back and place the proposals before us for adoption. "I am sorry to report we haven't had any cooperation whatsoever from the three gentlemen appointed to inform us of licenses. This has been held up by Mr. Swinnerton, Mr. Capparizzo, and Mr. Graham."

The motion was put to a vote and CARRIED.

The Committee, in reference to a recommendation that an ordinance be enacted regarding the sale of intoxicating liquors within 1,500 feet of other such outlets, voted not to recommend such legislation.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the Board authorize the full membership of the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Legislative and Rules Committee to sit with the Planning Board to prepare regulations covering the acceptance of streets, seconded by Sewell Corkran, 18th District, and CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #20 - An Ordinance concerning Noises.

In regard to the ordinance concerning noises which had been returned to the Legislative and Rules Committee, Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the ordinance as revised be accepted. Revision included the deletion of words "on week days" and "in the interest of public safety" from section 2(h) of the original form and the change of hours in section 2(n) from "8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m." to 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m." and the language "or any public gathering" to cover obnoxious noises from picnics, etc. Seconded by John Cook, 15th District.

George Connors, 10th District, pointed out that permission was still necessary from the Public Works Commissioner. Since they were closed on Saturdays, it would create a possible hardship.

Helen Bromley, 20th District, opposed the entire section 2(h). She said it would mean the Commissioner of Public Works would have to get more help to live

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up to the ordinance. Also, she said there are a lot of people building their own homes who depend on the time after regular working hours, and not only for Sundays. She said that particularly in the Summer time they could work until 9 p.m.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, pointed out that in other sections of the ordinance certain noises are restricted until 9 p.m., still in section 2(h) it is stopped at 6 p.m. He was of the opinion that 6 p.m. was too early.

George Connors, 10th District, MOVED the ordinance be amended so that section 2(h) would read "between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. E.S.T.", seconded by Stephen Kelly, 12th District.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the ordinance be removed from the table, seconded and CARRIED.

The motion to amend the ordinance was voted and CARRIED.

The motion to accept the ordinance as amended was voted and CARRIED.

The complete ordinance as amended and passed is attached.

ORDINANCE #21 - An ordinance concerning Smoke Abatement.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the ordinance concerning smoke abatement be accepted as revised by the Legislative and Rules Committee, seconded by James Harrington, 9th District.

Revision included the word "still" and the words "obnoxious fumes" in section 5(a) of the original to take care of additional problems that were discussed by the Board.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, MOVED the ordinance be amended in that Section 1 and paragraph 3 of section 4 be deleted, seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District.

The motion to amend the ordinance was voted and CARRIED.

The motion that the ordinance be adopted as amended was voted and CARRIED.

The complete ordinance, as amended and passed, is attached.

Public Works Committee

Stearns Woodman, Chairman, reported for the Committee.

The complaint by Mrs. Macari regarding injury to her property by public surface drainage was investigated with the Public Works Commissioner. The wet condition, it was found, was caused in part by diversion of a public open drainage ditch into this property, but even if eliminated private action would still be necessary because of the flow into this area of another stream from adjoining private land. The solution would be the installation of standard storm sewers on either side of Roxbury Road descending the length of the hill fronting this property, an estimated distance of 1,800 feet. Temporary measure suggested was diversion of the flow on Macari's side of Roxbury Road to the well-established open ditch on the opposite side. The Committee could find no evidence of existence or sources of pollution beyond the normal surface run-offs.

This report is consistent with the letter from the Public Works Commissioner on the same subject.

Committee also reported on Knobloch Lane, stating the road is practically

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impassable as complained by Mr. Carl Knobloch. The urgency of making it passable, the report continues, is in doubt because of the absence of residences fronting on it.

James Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED the report be adopted, seconded by Edward Wojciechowski, 2nd District, and CARRIED.

Health and Safety Committee

Leon Staples, Chairman, read the report to the Board.

In regard to the need of added protection on Route 137, better known as High Ridge Road, the Committee feels that the recommendations as made by Captain Lockwood are reasonable and relatively inexpensive and should be given a trial. Leon Staples MOVED the Board of Representatives resubmit the recommendation of Captain Lockwood to the State Highway Commission in an attempt to get some action on the installation of the proper speed signs, seconded by Patrick Scarella, and CARRIED.

Appointments Committee

Walter Seely read the report of the Committee in the absence of Daniel Miller, Chairman. The following appointments were considered and placed before the Board for ballot:

Alex R. Klahr - Board of Recreation - 5 year term
Frederick H. Dutcher - Board of Taxation - 5 year term
Thomas P. Cassidy - Zoning Board of Appeals - 5 year term
Joseph G. Potts - Hubbard Heights Golf Club - 5 year term

Balloting was as follows:

Alex R. Klahr - Unanimously in favor
 Frederick H. Dutcher - 33 in favor; 1 opposed
 Thomas P. Cassidy - unanimously in favor
 Joseph G. Potts - 32 in favor; 2 opposed

Planning and Zoning Committee

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman, reported for the Committee.

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED that the name of Rosewood Street be changed to Ferro Drive as requested by the petitioner, seconded and CARRIED.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, asked the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee what action was taken on Lawton Avenue.

Joseph Zdanowicz said the Committee was waiting for Mr. Tuttle to make his second visit to Lawton Avenue because it was understood by him that there was construction going on.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, spoke on Lawton Avenue. He said that road was built and completed before consolidation and was presented for acceptance to the Board over a year ago by the Public Works Committee. In a report of that Committee dated July 11, 1949, it was stated that road was examined and its acceptance recommended. The road, Mr. Sutherland said, was laid out according to the direction of the town planning commissioner, the official body for setting up specifications at the time it was built. Mr. Sutherland then presented the official map covering Lawton Avenue and set up by the town planning commissioner. He noted there was no turnaround, but aside from that the Public Works Committee voted the acceptance of the road and the Board voted the acceptance subject to the future acceptance of

the Planning Board of the City of Stamford. Four days later, he said the Planning Board wrote back and said the action of this Board was not in accordance with the Charter, therefore they would have to accept the road first. At that time the road was in excellent condition, he continued. The foundation was as required by the regulations of the Town Planning Commission and the surface properly graded and finished. Mr. Bromfield who was, before consolidation, the director of the Planning Commission, wrote a letter on May 23 saying the road met the requirements of the Town Planning Commission and would have been oiled under the old town government. No further action was taken during the summer because the Planning Board evidently did not get around to it. The road was oiled by the developer. During the winter, the surface deteriorated some. Mr. Sutherland quoted from a letter written to the Planning Board by Mr. Tuttle on October 13, 1949 regarding a recommendation on Lawton Avenue. The letter stated, in part "This section of Lawton Avenue runs 760 feet northerly and westerly from Knapp St. to a dead end as shown on this map (#3384) and has been graded for an average width of 23 feet. The road surface has been oiled. There is a very steep hill on this section of the roadway which has a maximum grade of 16.5%." Mr. Sutherland said the grade was in excess of that set up by the old town planning commission, but written permission was given the developer to waive the excess. The letter continued, "There is a section of Lawton Avenue approximately 600 ft. long situated about midway between both ends of the street which has not been developed. Of this 600 ft. 400 ft. is shown on map #1606 filed in the Town Clerk's Office, and 200 ft. is shown on map #3384 which covers the portion of Lawton Ave. now under consideration." As a result of that recommendation, Mr. Sutherland said, the Planning Board accepted 200 feet of Lawton Avenue. He said he asked the then chairman and the then secretary of the Planning Board why they accepted 200 feet and he said he could get no answer. They specified the 200 feet on Map #3384 with no further specification. The Board of Representatives accepted their recommendation of 200 feet of Lawton Avenue as shown on Map #3384 and it was passed at the December meeting. In February, Mr. Sutherland continued, the Planning Board at another meeting and as a result wrote us "On November 15, 1949, 200 feet of the above-described portion of Lawton Avenue was recommended by the Planning Board, for City acceptance, and we now request that the entire portion of this road be accepted". Our Board, he went on, for one reason or another has not been in a position to accept the road in the meantime the road has been deteriorating. He said he thought it our duty to accept the whole road. The cost to resurface the road would be a little under \$300.00. Meanwhile, he said, the season for oiling roads is passing away. The reason the road is in poor shape now is because we failed to have it oiled last summer.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, called the attention to the Board of Rule 25 which referred to removing a matter from the hands of a Committee.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, MOVED the matter be removed from the Planning and Zoning Committee, seconded by Michael Laurenno, 3rd District.

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said it was not the intention of his Board or the Planning Board to impose a hardship on anyone. However, it seemed to him and the Engineer that since there has been construction work going on to probably eliminate the original condition of the road, it was fair to have the engineer visit the road again.

The Motion was DEFEATED.

Babette Ransohoff, 15th District, MOVED that the Board of Representatives instruct the Committee to bring a specific report on Lawton Avenue at the next meeting, seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, and CARRIED.

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James Mulreed, 4th District, MOVED that the section of Lawton Avenue approved by the Planning Board be accepted by this Board. He noted that the Planning Commission had recommended acceptance, seconded by Patrick Scarella.

Michael Lauren, 3rd District, said he thought we should get rid of this matter, and do it now. He pointed out it was no reflection on the part of Mr. Zdanowicz or his Committee, but we should do so in all fairness to the contractor. He noted in other instances contractors sold the lots of a development then run out on the people living there before the road was accepted.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, MOVED the rules be suspended, seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District.

Catherine Cleary, a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said if it was agreeable to the rest of the Committee, knowing that Mr. Hickey had done additional work, she would like to take it out of the Committee and try to solve the problem.

Joseph Zdanowicz, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that his Committee went to the trouble of getting the entire history of Lawton Avenue, and nowhere had he read or seen, either in Mr. Tuttle's office or the Planning Board office, some of the "so-called facts" that Mr. Sutherland put forth. The Committee felt no report could be made until they had the complete history, and that this matter could be settled if and when the engineer's report comes in. He felt that until such time this Board ought to support the Committee.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, pointed out that if the road is still under construction, he couldn't see how we could accept it.

Edward Hogan, 19th District, said that the delay in acting on the acceptance of this road has been a matter of unfortunate circumstances, since the road was originally approved by the town engineer before consolidation. The members of the Committee, could not honestly accept the road in its present condition. If Mr. Tuttle says it is not acceptable, then he is to tell us what has to be done so we can have some kind of intelligent judgment on it.

Hilda Clarke, 17th District, said she has been up to the Road two or three times and it looked finished to her.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said that when the Planning Board recommended acceptance of the road they complied with their own regulations and had the recommendations of Mr. Tuttle. He also said that he went over the road with Mr. Bromfield and saw no construction on the road. He said that Mr. Bromfield said, in front of several members of the Committee, that he saw no hazard from the steep hill, and that on Knapp Street, which is just before you get to Lawton Avenue, there is a much steeper hill which has never presented a problem.

The motion to suspend the rules was voted and DEFEATED.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, said that on the matter of reports of Committees, he would like to inquire if the Fiscal Committee looked into the matter of calculations of the tax rate. According to his figures one mill has been charged against B District incorrectly.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, said the Committee did look into it. She found it was due to the inclusion in the "B" tax district of an \$11,000. item for Storm Sewer Maintenance which before had been allocated to Highways. There was an \$85,000 item for incinerator and sewage treatment plant located to the "B" tax District. It was the combination of the \$85,000 and the

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\$11,000 which made the change. She said she went over the matter with the Comptroller, Mr. Downey, who will explain why he made the adjustments to the Board of Finance. This Board, she said, has no power to change those rates.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, MOVED we hear from Mr. Downey on the matter, seconded and CARRIED.

Mr. Downey explained that on the Sewage Treatment Plant 32 percent was charged to sewage and 68 percent to incineration.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, asked in what way the incinerator was used in "B" District.

Mr. Downey said that the garbage is dumped there.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, pointed out that the citizens pay to have the garbage removed and questioned the right to be charged again through taxes.

Mr. Downey said it was his understanding that the garbage collectors in the entire base areas go to the incinerator.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, said that in view of the provisions of Section 627 of the Charter, he would like to introduce the following statement into the minutes to avoid tax payer suits six months from now:

"In order to preclude any misunderstanding, I hereby formally challenge the validity of the appropriation for the Incinerator and Sewage Treatment plant, code 414B.1 - 414B.18, which did not, and does not have my affirmative vote as required by section 627 of the Charter if charged to the "B" tax district. I shall withhold my vote until some practical and legal approach to correction of the present tax rate has been made according to sections 622 and 627. - R. G. Shepherd".

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said that as a member of a similar tax district, he would like to add his signature to the statement of Mr. Shepherd.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, said she thought there was more than just that one item involved. She pointed out that the cost of maintaining the three public dumps is presently allocated to the city districts. Again, she said, we have the matter of a city incinerator being used by garbage collectors from not only the city but the collectors of neighboring districts. If private collectors are using the incinerator, maybe their licenses should go against its maintenance. She said she thought that eventually we would have to charge the entire cost against the base tax of the entire community. She said it certainly was not fair to charge one small district for facilities which are being used by anybody.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED that the Fiscal Committee be requested to inquire into this matter with the Commissioner of Finance and the Chairman of the Board of Finance in a last effort to adjust the matter for the purpose of avoiding any possible taxpayer suits, seconded by James Harrington, 9th District.

Robert Shepherd, 9th District, made the AMENDMENT that the Corporation Counsel also be included in the motion specifically with respect to Sections 622 and 627. Seconded by James Harrington, 9th District.

The amendment was VOTED and CARRIED.

The motion as amended was voted and CARRIED, as follows:

That the Fiscal Committee be requested to inquire into the matter with the Commissioner of Finance, the Chairman of the Board of Finance, and the Corporation Counsel specifically with respect to Sections 622 and 627 of the Charter, in a last effort to adjust the matter for the purpose of avoiding any possible taxpayer suits.

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8. BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR1. Resolution #62 regarding GAR Room.

Samuel Pierson said that in this connection he would contact Joseph Leonard with the view in mind of locating quarters for the veterans in the Central School Building where they might be able to hold their meetings.

2. The following resolution was introduced by the President, Samuel F. Pierson, read in full and considered:

RESOLUTION #83

WHEREAS, The Town of Stamford Housing Authority is applying to the Public Housing Administration in accordance with the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for a Preliminary Loan in the amount of \$130,000.00 to cover costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of not to exceed approximately 400 dwelling units of a low-rent public housing; and

WHEREAS, there exists in the City of Stamford a need for such low-rent public housing at rents within the means of low-income families, especially families of living or deceased veterans and servicemen, which need is not being met by private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, such a condition constitutes a menace to the health safety, morals and welfare of the inhabitants of the said City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD:

That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford does hereby approve the Application of the Town of Stamford Housing Authority to the Public Housing Administration for a Preliminary Loan in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00, to cover the costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of not to exceed approximately 400 dwelling units of low-rent public housing in the City of Stamford; and does hereby declare its intent to enter hereafter into an agreement with said Housing Authority for the local cooperation by the City in the provision of said low-rent public housing which may be required by the Public Housing Administration pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937.

John Cameron, 20th District, said he thought private enterprise is doing a pretty good job, and that the competition of low-cost housing is turning it into high-cost housing.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, said he felt it was time we consolidated our housing authorities.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, MOVED the foregoing resolution be adopted as introduced and read, seconded by John Cook, 15th District. Upon rising vote, the "Ayes" and "Nays" were as follows: 27 Ayes, 6 Nays.

The President thereupon declared the motion CARRIED and said resolution adopted.

Bahette Ransohoff, 15th District, MOVED that just as soon as possible, the two housing authorities be merged so that we would only have one authority, seconded by Louise Seeley, 1st District.

NEW BUSINESS

The President introduced the following Resolution for Title 1 housing - Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment:

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RESOLUTION #84

~~WHEREAS~~ under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to assist local communities in eliminating their slums and blighted areas and in providing maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the locality as a whole, for the redevelopment of such areas by private enterprise, and to that end is authorized to make local public agencies advances for surveys and plans in preparation of projects, capital grants, and temporary and definite loans; and

WHEREAS the Housing and Home Finance Administrator will consider requests for the reservation or earmarking of the first \$200,000,000 that will be made available under Title I for capital grants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES of the CITY OF STAMFORD, of Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, herein designated for this purpose the "Community"

1. That upon the basis of preliminary studies it is considered to be in the public interest and it is the desire and purpose of the Community that there be undertaken and carried out, with the aid of capital grants out of said \$200,000,000 certain slum clearance and redeveloping or planning in connection therewith, can be started prior to July 1, 1951.

2. That the Administrator be and he is hereby requested to reserve or earmark for such work out of said \$200,000,00 an amount not exceeding \$250,000.

3. That it is hereby recognized that under Title 1 of the Housing Act of 1949 certain requirements are imposed in order to obtain Federal aid thereunder for slum clearance and redevelopment projects including requirements for the provision of local grants-in-aid, the approval of redevelopment plans by the governing body of the locality, the making of certain findings by such governing body, and other requirements, and it is further recognized that the cooperation of the Community is necessary to carry out the slum clearance and redevelopment program which is proposed to be undertaken and for which the reservation of funds is hereby requested.

4. That GEORGE T. BARRETT, the duly authorized MAYOR of the Community be and he is hereby directed to forward to said Administrator three certified copies of this resolution and such other supporting data and information as may be required, and that this resolution shall constitute the Community's formal request to the Administrator for the reservation of capital grant monies.

James Mulreed, 4th District, said he opposed recommending the resolution to this body for adoption at the Steering Committee meeting because he felt we were approaching it from the wrong angle. He thought the Planning Board should first determine the need for slum clearance and the area to be cleared. After that is done by the Planning Board, then apply to the Federal Government for assistance.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, said he thought he expressed the views of most of the members of the Steering Committee that this resolution makes it possible for us to receive preliminary funds from the Federal Government for the purpose of making the investigation Mr. Mulreed said should be made by the Planning Board. No Board in Stamford now has the money to do that. This gives us funds to make a study through experts who would work under the Planning Board as to how much slum clearance we need and how much it will be.

Mr. Pierson in explaining the program said the position of the City was to buy the property and remove the slums, and provide equivalent housing for those left homeless. The responsibility of the City would be one-third, but it can be done by improvements such as sewers, streets, etc. The other two-thirds is paid by the Government. There is no danger of a real estate land grab since we can

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condem the land at the price paid for them. We do not commit ourselves in getting the \$25,000 preliminary planning.

The motion was CARRIED.

Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, said on behalf of himself and Hilda Clarke of the 17th District, the following resolution be considered; and a copy sent to the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works:

RESOLUTION #85

Inasmuch as \$1,000 has been appropriated for preliminary preparations to relieve the Black Swamp hazard, and inasmuch as the greatest menace is the standing water which is a breeding place for pests and a trap for children, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board advises the expenditure of that money to lowering the water level as far as possible thereby providing immediate relief as opposed to planning for long range elegance.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED the Resolution be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee, seconded by Helen Bromley, 20th District, and CARRIED by a rising vote of 21 in favor, 11 opposed.

Louise Seeley, 1st District, MOVED the Regular meeting of the Board of Representatives for July be held on July 10th, and that the Steering Committee meet on July 5th, seconded by Robert Shepherd, 9th District, and CARRIED.

John Cameron, 20th District, MOVED the meeting be adjourned, seconded and CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BABETTE S. RANSOHOFF, Clerk

NOTES:

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| Legislative & Rules Committee | - | Comm. re ordinance re itinerant vendors. |
| Fiscal Committee | - | Consult with Corp. Counsel, Commissioner of Finance, to study matter of submission of bond issues in lump sum.
Consult with Commissioner of Finance, Board of Finance re tax rate. |
| Planning & Zoning Committee | - | Comm. re change of John's Rd. to VineYard Lane
Meet with Planning Bd to prepare regulations covering acceptance of streets (Also to Leg. & Rules).
Report on Lawton Avenue at next regular meeting
Resolution #85 re Black Swamp appropriation |
| Health & Safety Committee | - | Request for 100 additional special policemen
Comm. re no parking signs on Avery St. (also to Leg. & Rules as possible ordinance material). |
| Public Works Committee | - | Comm. re condition of Hendrie Court.
Draining on property of Mrs. Macari. |
| Corporation Counsel | - | Comm. re ordinance on speed of speedboats in Harbor. |

REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE of the BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 12, 1950

The Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives makes the following recommendations to the Board as of June 12, 1950:

(1) Your Committee has investigated the request of the Mayor for approval of a proposed issue of Permanent Improvement Bonds in the aggregate amount of \$3,950,000 to be issued as needed for specific projects. The reason given by the Mayor for this proposed procedure is that the certification of the City's credit and the correctness of its fiscal records could be accomplished once for the entire amount, which would save time and costs in the issuance of specific bonds. The Committee agreed unanimously that if this approval were extended only to the certification of the City's credit, it would recommend such approval to the Board. The Committee agreed, however, that this approval could not be extended to the amount and terms of the bonds to be issued under this blanket amount, without each bond issue being considered and approved according to section 630 of the charter.

The several financial authorities interviewed by two members of your Committee agreed that the separate certification of the total amount only as to the borrowing capacity of the City would save neither time nor money, as each bond issue would need subsequent certification, the inclusion of the item of borrowing margin being a small part of the total certification. Until, therefore, there is a specific advantage proven, your Committee recommends that the City's bonds be issued for the specific projects named therein. Your Committee recommends further that as soon as possible, the Department of Finance prepare all the necessary information and resolutions in the proper form, so that the bonds for the Capital improvements authorized for the fiscal year 1950-51 may be approved as soon as possible after July 1st to expedite the start of actual work on these improvements.

(2) The Department of Finance reports sufficient cash on hand to meet all obligations of the City for the balance of the fiscal year. The City will need to borrow Tax Anticipation notes, however, to pay its expenses from July 1st until the first half of the 1950-51 taxes become due in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Hunt Sutherland
Michael E. Laurenco
John L. Cameron
Patrick Hogan
Louise Talbet Seeley