The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives was called to order at the Burdick Junior High School on Monday, April 9, 1951 by the President, Samuel Pierson, at 8:20 P.M.

Roll Call was taken with 34 present and 6 absent. Those absent were John Gacher, Patrick Hogan, Edward Ballo, Vito Longo, Hunt Sutherland and Sewell Corkran.

Invocation was by Father Cleary of St. Mary's Church.

Samuel Pierson asked for the approval of the minutes of the meetings of February 13, March 1 and March 12. On motion of James Harrington, duly seconded, the minutes were accepted. At the request of several members for additional opportunity to study the minutes, John Cameron recommended that all corrections on the above minutes be sent to the Clerk by April 15, 1951.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MALTIE AVENUE**

Patrick Scaretta moved, seconded by Edward Wojciechowski, that the entire report including the legal description of the property be read by Joseph Zdanowicz. The motion was defeated.

Helen Bromley asked if the original owner was notified and if approval was acceptable. Mr. Zdanowicz replied that Mrs. Baeyertz said that we would hear from her lawyer, Mr. Connery. Mrs. Bromley then asked whether the owner or her attorney were present. Neither person was present.

Joseph Zdanowicz moved that Maltbie Avenue be accepted, seconded by Joseph Carlin and carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. **Steering Committee**

Samuel Pierson read the Steering Committee Report.

James Mulreed, 4th District, requested that the matter of installing parking meters be checked carefully to ascertain if meters were being installed correctly; that the City Engineer be consulted with regard to proper and correct placement; and further suggested that the incoming Board give this careful consideration. He also questioned whether we had authorized the installation of parking meters on Suburban Avenue, Forest Street and Grove Street, which action is being commented upon unfavorably.

2. **Fiscal Committee**

a. Emergency appropriation of $132,824 per month for pension for Mr. Page.

Louise Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, stated that the pension for Thomas Page for the balance of the fiscal year covering the months of April, May and June would be $398.49 and the Fiscal Committee recommends approval and so moved, seconded by John Cameron, and carried unanimously.

b. Emergency appropriation of $540.00 Cost of Living Bonus for Miss Keeley, Mrs. Krom and John Reilly, employees of the local court. Louise Seeley stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this sum and so moved, seconded by Michael Wolfsey, and carried unanimously.

c. Emergency appropriation of $500.00 for Precinct #2 (Patrol Cars) maintenance. Louise Seeley stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of this item and so moved, seconded by Hilda Clarke, and carried unanimously.

d. Emergency appropriation of $750.00 for gasoline and oil for Park Department and $375.00 for Tree Warden's Department.
Louise Seeley stated the Fiscal Committee recommends approval of both items and so MOVED, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Robert Shepherd spoke against the motion questioning the rate of 9.6¢ a mile. The MOTION was CARRIED, 33 in favor, 1 opposed.

Emergency appropriation of $1,704.32 for transportation expenses in the Engineering and Building Departments.

Louise Seeley stated that the Fiscal Committee recommends approval and so MOVED, seconded by Steve Kelly and CARRIED 33 in favor, 1 opposed.

Louise Seeley, speaking for the Fiscal Committee, recommended that some uniform method be established for car allowance by all departments of the City, after careful study and deliberation, and recommended the incoming Board give it immediate attention.

3. Civilian Defense

John Cameron MOVED that Mr. Ellis Middleton's letter on Civilian Defense equipment be added to the Agenda, seconded by Hilda Clarke and CARRIED.

Mr. Pierson read Mr. Middleton's letter which stated that AN equipment would be purchased for mobile short-wave radio equipment instead of FM equipment as originally specified. There would be no additional cost. Louise Seeley MOVED that the change be accepted, seconded by Stearns Woodman and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Michael Wofsey, that the meeting be adjourned for another matter. The MOTION was CARRIED.

James Mulreed then spoke as a member of the Resolutions Committee which was appointed at the Steering Committee Meeting. He spoke in behalf of the other members of the Board of Representatives in a vote of thanks and appreciation to the retiring Board President, Mr. Samuel Pierson, at which time Mr. Pierson was presented with a gift from the members of the Board.

Samuel Pierson thanked the Board and spoke of his satisfaction and happiness from contacts and friendships formed during his association with the Board.

The following Resolution (#106) was read by Robert Shepherd:

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board of Representatives has performed an outstanding and important job with untiring effort and without remuneration,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives that our sincere appreciation and thanks be extended to Mrs. Babette Ransohoff for her invaluable service to the City of Stamford as First Clerk of the Board of Representatives.

The aforementioned RESOLUTION was unanimously adopted by the Board of Representatives at its regular session on April 9, 1951.

(signed by) Robert Shepherd
James Mulreed
Stephen Kelly
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Robert Shepherd MOVED the acceptance of this RESOLUTION, seconded by Louise Seeley and CARRIED.

James Mulreed then presented a resolution to be adopted for each retiring member of the Board in recognition of their services.

RESOLUTION (#107) was read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives, the legislative body of the City of Stamford, as set up by the Charter, must function without remuneration, and

WHEREAS, __________, has served the City of Stamford as a member of that Board, and

WHEREAS, in (his or her) capacity as ____________________________________ (he or she) has contributed greatly to the functions of that Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this First Board of Representatives of the consolidated City and Town of Stamford express its sincere appreciation for (his or her) thoughts, advice and guidance which has made possible its eminent success.

The aforementioned RESOLUTION was unanimously adopted by the Board of Representatives at its regular session on April 9, 1951.

Robert Shepherd
James Mulreed
Stephen Kelly
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

James Mulreed MOVED that this Resolution be accepted, seconded by John Cameron and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Planning and Zoning Committee

Joseph Zdanowicz MOVED that "that portion of Glendale Circle and that portion of Greenfield Road", as petitioned, be accepted, seconded by John Canavan and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Joseph Zdanowicz requested that the Tax Assessor's office be notified that Greenfield Road is also known as Greenfield Street, asking that the name appear as Greenfield Road in the next printing of the Tax Book.

Joseph Zdanowicz brought before the Board several streets whose acceptance is still pending: Barholm Avenue, Gray Farms Road, Courtland Circle, Moore Street, Roosevelt Avenue, Frederick Street (that section).

4. Health and Protection Committee

Mr. Staples spoke generally about the purchase of parking meters and about making a decision on all-day parking on Summer Street, up Prospect Street to the stores and up Redford Street; also about the unsatisfactory placement of meters near driveways, entrances, etc.

5. Recreational Committee

Helen Bromley mentioned that nothing had been accomplished with regard to the Fire House on Lockwood Avenue and felt that this matter should be followed up by the new Board. She also recommended that the request by the Girl Scouts for camping privileges be referred to the new Board.
Mrs. Ransohoff requested approval of transfer of funds of $100.00 from Code 200.3 Printing to 200.6 Supplies, $125.00 from Code 200.4 Official Notices to Code 200.7 Janitor Service.

Mrs. Ransohoff MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly, that this request to the Board of Finance be approved. The MOTION was CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Babette Ransohoff, Clerk
The Fiscal Committee makes the following recommendations on matters referred to it.

(1) Pension for Thomas Page for balance of the fiscal year... $398.49
This is $132.82 per month for April, May, and June

(2) Cost of living bonus for 3 employees of the City Court... 540.00
This was omitted from the appropriation of Feb. 13th

(3) Additional appropriation for car maintenance, precinct 2, 500.00
Amount requested in budget................. $3,800.00
Amount granted................................ 2,000.00
Amount spent 1949-50.................... 2,565.11
Amount spent and encumbered 3-2-51..... 1,288.33
Amount unencumbered 3-2-51............. 711.67

(4) Additional appropriation for gasoline and oil in the Park Dept.
$750.00.
Amount requested in budget................. $1,000.00
Amount granted................................ 750.00
Amount spent 1949-50.................... 874.84
Amount unencumbered 3-2-51............. 33.77

This item, 413.17 has had to supply additional equipment this year, as well as gas and oil for the Tree Warden and Mr. Mead.

Additional appropriation for gas and oil in Tree Warden's department... $375.00
Amount requested................................ $ 750.00
Amount granted................................ 500.00
Amount spent 1949-50.................... (no item)
Amount unencumbered 3-2-51............. 22.22

(5) Additional appropriation for car maintenance for 4 employees of the Public Works Department................................. $1,395.00
For Account 412A.8...... Mr. Cumminger... $ 365.00
414C.8...... Mr. Griffen....... 365.00
413B.8...... Mr. Negyesi...... 365.00
414F.8...... Mr. Sabia........ 300.00

These were all requested in the 1950-51 budget and were not granted. They are based on an allowance of $1.00 per day for the use of the private car, plus gasoline and oil allowance based on an average estimated mileage for the individual.
Fiscal Committee Report Continued:

(6) Appropriation for transportation expense (use of private cars) in the engineering and building departments................. $1,704.32

These appropriations also were requested in the 1950-51 budget. They are based on a formula using $1.44 per day, or an estimate of 9.6 cents per mile for an average 15-mile day. This estimate includes the cost of gasoline and oil.

The item 415.8 and 415A.8 - amount requested........ $2,700.00
amount granted........ 750.00
3-2-51 - unencumbered balance... 339.98

This large unencumbered balance is because this department has drawn only gasoline and oil, nothing for car maintenance. The facts in the building department are different.

Amount requested for car allowance................. $1,200.00
Amount granted for car allowance..................... 1,200.00
Unencumbered balance 3-2-51................................ 520.88
Amount spent 1949-50......................................... 949.92

Your committee recommends approval of all of these appropriations, which total $5,662.81.

The appropriations made since the beginning of the fiscal year total $332,975.55. Including these of today, they will be $338,638.36, or 1.67 mills to be added to next year's tax rate. The unexpended balances of appropriations which are returnable to surplus, and the income from other sources which exceed the estimate used in calculating this year's tax, which also is returnable to surplus, may balance these additional appropriations. The unencumbered balances of the 1950-51 on March 2, 1951, or 2-3 of the way through the year total $3,076,734.58 or about 46% of the total. Much of this balance, however, is in the school budget and public works, which expects to use it before the end of the fiscal year. The cash income up to April 1st was

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Talbot Seeley
John L. Cameron
Michael E. Laureno