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A meeting of the Board of Representatives was held on May 7, 1951 at 8:00 P.M. at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by President Robert G. Shepherd at 8:12 P.M.

Roll Call was taken with 39 present, 1 absent. The absent member was Theodore Donahue. ✓

Invocation was given by Dr. Loyd Worley of the Methodist Church.

On motion of James Mulreed, seconded by John Canavan and CARRIED, best wishes were extended to Dr. Worley in his new parish in Hartford.

Mayor Quigley administered the oath of office to George Russell.

Upon motion of James Mulreed, duly seconded, it was voted that the matter of installation of parking meters on Forest Street, Greyrock Place and Suburban Avenue be referred to the Health and Protection Committee for full report. This action was taken in answer to a petition presented by residents of that area.

Letter from Patrick Hogan re: sewage and drainage problem at Matthew Street and Houston Terrace was read.

It was moved, seconded and CARRIED to permit Llewellyn Bromfield, Commissioner of Public Works, to express his opinion.

Mr. Bromfield stated that the condition was more than just a sewage problem, that it was a drainage problem as well. The condition of drainage is being taken care of and in all probability will be eliminated within the next few weeks. Then it will be entirely a question of sewage and the great need is a sanitary sewer.

Mr. Mulreed: "In your opinion has this drainage problem existed over the years?"

Mr. Bromfield: "Yes."

Mr. Mulreed: "In your opinion should permission have been granted to use this property for a development knowing that this problem existed?"

Mr. Bromfield: "Yes, within certain limitations as it is difficult to find property in Stamford where drainage problems do not exist and septic tanks are used in nearly all newly developed areas."

Leonard DeVita: "Do you have any authority to restrict the building in this area?"

Mr. Bromfield: "No."

Leonard DeVita: "Is the problem due primarily to the condition of the soil?"

Mr. Bromfield: "Yes."

Karl Young spoke about similar sewage and drainage problems arising in other developments and feels that the Planning and Zoning Boards should check soil and drainage problem possibilities before permission is granted to developments. He requested that this be referred to Planning & Zoning Committee for careful study and review, in the hope of taking corrective measures before such problems become a nuisance.

Patrick Scarella moved, seconded by John Cameron, that Dr. Brown, Health Commissioner, be heard.

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Dr. Brown listed the various factors that caused this bad condition.

Dr. Brown was asked if his department okeys the systems when installed as to depth, dry wells, etc., and he said they did. Dr. Brown decidedly stated "PUBLIC SEWERS ARE THE ONLY PERMANENT ANSWER."

Mr. Cameron asked for immediate action for temporary relief. He requested that the Health Dept. abate this nuisance and without delay. He suggested that this be referred to the Health and Protection Committee to see that proper relief be given shortly.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED, to refer this to the Planning and Zoning Committee, Health and Protection Committee and Public Works Committee.

Patrick Hogan MOVED, seconded by Stephen Kelly, that the Mayor be instructed to see that a sewer be installed in the Cove Section as quickly as possible. Mr. Cameron asked that action on this motion be deferred until after the report of the Legislative and Rules Committee (action was later deferred to an adjourned meeting).

PETITION #101

On motion of Helen Peatt, seconded by Joseph Carlin, and CARRIED, Petition #101 was granted and reads as follows:

The request of the Lions Club of Stamford to present the King Bros. Circus on June 18, 1951 at Woodside Park was approved by the Board of Representatives at their meeting on May 7, 1951 with the following provisions:

1. Clearance has been obtained through the local and state police.
2. That the Lions Club will personally supervise with authority all activities of the circus personnel prior, during and after the show.
3. That the Lions Club of Stamford agrees to take out property damage insurance and adequate liability insurance to cover all losses incurred, the form or content of such insurance and bonds to be subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel.
4. That the Lions Club provide guards for the grounds, proper police supervision and extra attendants for the public rest-rooms.

RESOLUTIONS

George Lockwood MOVED, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, that Resolution #108 which reads as follows be adopted:

Resolution #108 "Voter Making Days"

"BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to hold a session to examine the qualifications of electors and admit to the electors' oath those who shall be found qualified, upon the third Thursday in every month, beginning May, 1951, between the hours of 3 o'clock P.M. and 8 o'clock P.M., and monthly thereafter to and including September, 1952, unless this authority is amended or rescinded by the Board of Representatives, of which notice will be given in the manner prescribed by law."

Acceptance of Resolution #108 was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

A resolution re: Use of Public Recreational Areas submitted by James Mulreed was read as follows:

Resolution #112

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL RECREATION PROGRAM

Resolution #112

WHEREAS: There exists in Stamford considerable rivalry, between the employees of the various industrial plants, in recreational activities which for the most part involve use of city owned recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS: The only existing program which can advance this healthful and worthwhile competition is one which is sponsored by the Y.M.C.A Industrial Division whose rules and policies are determined by representatives of management of the various industrial organizations, and

WHEREAS: Failure on the part of the management of any plant to comply with the rules (such as payment of membership charges or affiliation fee) can bar the employees of that plant from this beneficial competition. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the matter of providing a program of industrial recreational activity, on an inter plant competitive basis, under rules set up by representatives of the various competing teams and subject to the approval of the Board of Recreation, be referred to the Committee of Public Welfare and Recreation of the Board of Representatives for investigation and report.

James Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Patrick Scarella, that this resolution be turned over to the Public Welfare and Recreational Committee and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

On motion of John Cameron, the letter requesting approval of Mr. Lester C. Tichy to the PLANNING BOARD was added to the Agenda, seconded by Michael Holahan, and CARRIED.

Mr. Cameron also requested that the secretary be notified when the Appointments Committee was to hold their meeting so that any member could phone the office to get information and attend if they so wished.

The Mayor's letters were read on the appointments of John C. Latham as Director of Civil Defense, the three members to the Board of Public Safety - Thomas P. Cassidy, Joseph A. Czescik and Clement Raiteri as well as Harold E. Linsley as Assistant Corporation Counsel. This was for information to the Board.

On motion of George Lockwood, seconded by Leonard DeVita, and CARRIED the appointments of John M. Hanrahan as Corporation Counsel, Thomas Morrissey, Jr. as Commissioner of Finance and Lester C. Tichy as member of the Planning Board were referred to the Appointments Committee.

James Mulreed MOVED, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED, Mayor Quigley was asked to speak re waiver of residence on Thomas Morrissey, Jr. as Commissioner of Finance.

Mayor Quigley was asked if it was necessary to go outside of Stamford. Mayor Quigley explained in detail his reasons for appointing Mr. Morrissey, Jr. as Commissioner of Finance, although a non-resident.

James Mulreed: "Have you given Stamford applicants full consideration?"

Mayor Quigley: "Yes."

Webster Givens: "Was the question of salary a deterrent factor?"

Mayor Quigley: "It was a strong factor as most capable men were employed in industry today where salaries are larger and future better.

Robert Lewis: "Was a particular applicant from Stamford interviewed?"

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Mayor Quigley: "Yes, he was interviewed at my home."

Mayor Quigley added that he felt there was no one in Stamford qualified who was willing and able to fill the job.

Patrick Hogan MOVED that Waiver of Residence be granted to Thomas Morrissey, Jr., Commissioner of Finance, seconded by George Connors and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Mr. Shepherd announced that Patrick Hogan would act in his place on Memorial Day to view the parade as requested by the Central Veteran's Association, Inc.

RESOLUTION #110 - Re: Pension Plan for Municipal Employees

WHEREAS: No pension or retirement plan is now in effect for many of the classified employees of the City of Stamford although its Board of Representatives has for nearly two years advocated such a plan, and

WHEREAS: The Municipal Employees Association of the City of Stamford has prepared a plan known as "The Classified Employees Retirement Fund". Therefor be it

RESOLVED: That this plan along with any other plan which has previously been presented be referred by the Board of Representatives to its Legislative and Rules Committee for study and with instructions to, after a public hearing held by them, report its recommendations to said Board at its regular meeting held in June 1951 so that action may be taken without further delay on the adoption of an adequate pension plan for all classified employees of the City of Stamford not otherwise covered by such a plan.

George Lockwood MOVED that the resolution be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee, seconded by Stephen Kelly and CARRIED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Fiscal Committee

The Fiscal Committee report was read by Patrick Hogan, who stated the committee approved the following emergency appropriations:

a. \$24,400.00 for sanitary sewer from State Street. Motion to approve was made by Patrick Hogan, seconded by Clifford Waterbury and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

b. \$2,000.00 for oil, gas and maintenance for Police cars in Precinct #1. Motion to approve made by Patrick Hogan, seconded by Stephen Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

c. \$200.00 for the Dog Warden's Account. The Committee recommends that this be changed to \$150.00. Mr. Hogan made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Lockwood and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

d. It was reported that the unencumbered funds in the Civil Defense account was due to the fact that the Commissioner of Finance held up spending on these accounts at the request of the Mayor because of the change in personnel.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

The following ordinance was introduced by John Cameron re: Oil burner permit fees, gas shut-off and sign set back:

Be it ordained by Stamford that Ordinance #6 of the session of 1949-51, the Building Code of the City of Stamford, be amended as follows:

1. By including in Appendix E, Construction Permits and Fees, a fee of \$2.00 for a permit for installation of an oil burner;
2. By adding a paragraph to Sections 1401-4 to read "Display signs resting directly on the ground shall be located at least ~~twelve~~ feet away from the street line and the building line";
3. By amending Section 1702 to read "The shut-off need not be installed outside on a gas service which supplies a building containing four or less apartments or businesses when the pipe size is less than two inches IPS and the pressure is not over 12 inches water column."

John Cameron MOVED that the Ordinance be properly published and acted on at the next meeting, seconded by Leonard DeVita and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

On MOTION of Babette Ransohoff, seconded by Michael Holahan and CARRIED Ordinance for Hubbard Heights was added to the Agenda.

The following Ordinance was introduced by John Cameron:

ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE USE OF THE FACILITIES ON THE PREMISES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF CLUB COMMISSION
BE IT ORDAINED BY STAMFORD:

Those rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and all of its facilities which have been filed or shall be filed with the Board of Representatives and approved by said Board by resolution shall have the force and effect of law, provided a copy of the same is published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Stamford and a copy of the same is posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance to said premises.

A violation of all or any part of said rules and regulations which have been adopted in accordance with this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punished in the manner provided for in Chapter 1, Section II of the Stamford General Ordinances.

Said Ordinance shall be inserted as Chapter 19a in the Stamford General Ordinances.

John Cameron MOVED that the ordinance be properly published and acted on at the next meeting, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

The committee also considered the situation in connection with failure to secure validation of bonds for Cove sewer project and the long delay anticipated if details of Chapter 64 of the Stamford Charter have to be completed before bonds are certified. The alternative of creating a sewer authority and issuing bonds under the provisions of Chapter 33a of the 1949 Supplement to the General Statutes as suggested by the Mayor and Corporation Counsel was considered. The Corporation Counsel was so notified verbally and agreed verbally to submit such recommendations in writing as soon as a detailed procedure acceptable in its entirety by the certifying bank is worked out.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Mr. Shepherd read the Resolution submitted by Corporation Counsel re preliminary loan of \$130,000. for 400 low-cost housing units.

Upon questioning, Corporation Counsel Hanrahan said that this was an entirely new resolution replacing the one issued to the Town Housing Authority. The Federal Government would recognize only one Housing Authority and in this case would accept the request of the loan from The Housing Authority of the City of Stamford.

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RESOLUTION #109

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford 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. 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; 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 City of Stamford;

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

That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford does hereby approve the application of the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford 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 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, as amended.

On MOTION of Joseph Zdanowicz, seconded by Leonard DeVita, this resolution #109 was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Letter was read from Sherman Hoyt, Chairman of the Planning Board, in answer to a request by the Steering Committee for a progress report on the \$7,000. appropriated for preliminary plans and drawings of the proposed Civic Center. This question was raised by Catherine Cleary because of the \$10,000. appropriation in the new Capital Budget for plans for the Police Building and Court.

This letter was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee for further study and they were asked to submit their report.

Recreation and Public Welfare Committee

Helen Peatt MOVED, seconded by Webster Givens, that permission be granted to the Girl Scouts to use the property near Sunset Home designated as Woodlane Day Camp from July 17 to August 2, 1951 in accordance with the terms of last year and was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, May 9th, to receive the budget figures from the Board of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,
Babette S. Ransohoff
Clerk

Report of the Fiscal Committee
of the
Board of Representatives
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The Fiscal Committee makes these recommendations on the following matters referred:

We find that the plans and estimates for the State Street Sewer line were prepared in 1949. The bonds for this project were not issued until March, 1951. The bids were received on March 27, 1951, and the lowest bid was \$24,400 over the original estimate. In view of the fact that the work cannot be started until the full amount is appropriated, your committee is in favor of granting this appropriation and I so move.

Under code 430.17 the Police Department requested \$11,000 last year for oil, grease, gasoline, tires etc. The Board of Finance reduced that amount by \$2,000. As the original appropriation is almost exhausted, your committee recommends this emergency appropriation of \$2,000.00, and I so Move.

Emergency Appropriation of \$200.00 requested for Dog Warden's account. Last year the dog warden's request was \$250 and was reduced to \$150 by the Board of Finance. This has been spent. Recently 39 pigeons, the property of Lawrence DeMott of Ogden Road were killed by unknown dogs. The state allowed \$100 to cover this loss. The other \$100 is to serve as a cushion between now and July first. Since we are reimbursed by the State, your committee recommends \$150 instead of \$200.00 as requested, and I so move.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Hogan
John E. Charleson
Michael J. Holahan