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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Jr. High School, Glenbrook, on Monday, August 4, 1958.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at 8:05 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Reverend William M. Wilson, of the Church of God in Christ

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent at calling of the roll. Mr. DeVito arrived later, changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent. The absent members were Joseph Milano, George Georgoulis, Joseph Cullen, John Macrides, Edward Wynn, Jr., Alanson Fredericks and Rutherford Huizinga.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of July, 7, 1958

MR. TOPPING: "I would like to see the resolution that I presented at the last meeting about the residents of Pepper Ridge Place, entered in the Minutes, exactly as I presented it. It was a part of my report and it should be in the Minutes."

MR. RHOADES: "It seems to me that your resolution was referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee and would therefore be in the Minutes when it came out of Committee."

MR. TOPPING: "It will be changed when it comes out of Committee. I would like to see the original resolution, as I presented it, go in the Minutes."

It was agreed that Mr. Topping's resolution, as originally presented, be incorporated in the Minutes. The following is his resolution as he presented it at the July 7th meeting, which was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee:

Resolution introduced by Mr. Topping at the July 7, 1958 meeting of the Board of Representatives under report of the Public Works Committee

WHEREAS, nine property owners owning taxable property fronting on a road of record, appearing on Town maps prior to 1949, known as PEPPER RIDGE PLACE, have petitioned the Board of Representatives to accept this street as a City street, and

WHEREAS, this road is not now an accepted city street, and does not meet the minimum requirements for acceptance as a city street, and has not been maintained by public funds, and

WHEREAS, the above property owners have, by petition, indicated their willingness to share the cost of putting this street in condition to be accepted by the city as a city street, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that through the power granted it by Section 640, as amended by Special Act 297 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, the Board of Representatives recommends that all necessary work shall be done to put this road in condition to be accepted as a city street, with all grades, curbs, gutters, drainage, right-of-way and width of paved portion to meet city specifications.

The cost of these improvements to be borne by the property owners of Pepper Ridge Place, as shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance and the cost of correcting the drainage run-off from Sanford Lane to be borne equally by the city and the property owners of Pepper Ridge Place, therefore

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives requests the Mayor to cause a report to be made on this improvement, as called for in Section 641 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

MR. KELLY: "On page 1963 of the July Minutes, under Parks & Recreation Committee, I would like to add the names of Mr. Roche and Mr. Colatrella as having attended that meeting."

The Minutes of July 7, 1958 were accepted, as corrected.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### STEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. NOLAN, who presided at the meeting of the Steering Committee, presented the following report:

##### Meeting Held July 28, 1958

The Steering Committee met in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8:10 P.M. on Monday, July 28, 1958.

Present were: Messrs. Nolan (Acting Chairman), Connors, Topping, Baker, Macrides, Murphy, Raiteri, Lewis, Huizinga, Geronimo and Mrs. Zuckert.

Also present, but not as members of the Committee, were: Messrs. Russell, Kelly and Milano.

Absent were: Messrs Rhoades (on vacation), Fredericks, Colatrella and Vittti.

The following matters were discussed:

- (1) Mayor's letter of 7/23/58 re appointment of ALFONSE VACCA, a licensed architect, as a member of the BUILDING COMMITTEE; and appointment of ARTHUR V. SWINNERTON, Building Inspector, to the BUILDING COMMITTEE. All as authorized under Section 1496, of the General Statutes, Revised 1949, and Resolution No. 142 adopted by the Board of Representatives at their meeting of July 7, 1952.  
REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (2) Mayor's letter dated 7/24/58 re appointment of JOSEPH IACOVO as a member of the BOARD OF TAX REVIEW, term ending December 1, 1962.  
REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (3) Emergency appropriation - \$10,392.98 for Code 400.1, Salaries, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, requested in Mayor's letter of 7/2/58 and approved by the Board of Finance. REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
- (4) The matter of other emergency appropriations, requested by the Mayor, was discussed, and it was agreed that nothing could be placed on the Agenda until after prior approval by the Board of Finance and no action has yet been taken by that Board.
- (5) Carbon copy of letter dated 7/15/58 from Mayor Givens to Chairman, Board of Recreation, regarding interpretation of Ordinance

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No. 64 Supplemental, pertaining to beer consumption in recreation areas. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (6) Petition from local ice cream dealers, requesting Ordinance amendment to increase license fees for frozen dessert vendors. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (7) Letter dated 7/23/58 from Robert Lewis, 7th District Representative, re proposed Ordinance for enforcement of water safety. REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (8) All petitions for road acceptance were referred to the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Zuckert brought up the matter of where the responsibility lies as to the official records of the Board of Representatives. Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, this was referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion and placed on Agenda under "Old Business".

Mrs. Zuckert explained that it would be necessary to ask for an emergency appropriation to bring all the old records of the Board up to acceptable condition by Mr. Burt, the State Examiner of Public Records.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NOLAN  
Acting Chairman  
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

- (1) ALPHONSE VACCA (Democrat) as a member of the BUILDING COMMITTEE (Term to run concurrently with the Mayor)

MR. LEWIS, Chairman, said the Committee unanimously recommended Mr. Vacca as a member of the Building Committee. He said he was a licensed Architect, practicing since 1922.

The Tellers distributed the ballots. Result of vote: Approved by a unanimous vote of 32 in favor.

- (2) ARTHUR V. SWINNERTON (reappointment) as a member of the BUILDING COMMITTEE. (Term to run currently with the Mayor)

MR. LEWIS explained that the appointments to the Building Committee were in compliance with the provisions of the General Statutes, Section 1496, Revised 1949, and Resolution No. 142, adopted by the Board of Representatives on July 7, 1952.

MR. LEWIS: "I would like to read the provisions of Resolution No. 142. Possibly this might be a job for our Charter Revision Committee to straighten out some of the ambiguities in our Charter.

"The next appointment to the Building Committee is Arthur Swinnerton, our Building Inspector, and under the provisions of our Resolution Mr. Swinnerton, as the Building Inspector, has no choice but to serve as a member of the Building Committee."

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MR. LEWIS read the resolution in question: (Second section)

Resolution No. 142, adopted by the Board of Representatives July 7, 1952 (On page 505 of Minutes) Re: Appointment of Building Committee

".....said Committee shall consist of three members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Representatives, one of whom shall be a licensed architect, one shall be a licensed engineer and the other of whom shall be the Building Inspector.

"In reality, this is just a token appointment, if I may say, as far as the vote is concerned. The second man that we have placed in nomination as a member of the Building Committee, which the Appointments Committee unanimously approve is Arthur Swinnerton."

MR. RHOADES: "Thank you, Mr. Lewis. We will hold the distribution of ballots on this one." Mr. Lewis then read the first part of the aforesaid resolution, as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED by Stamford that there be and hereby is created in the City of Stamford, a Building Committee, to approve the plans for new school houses, or additions to school houses, as required by Sec. 1496 of the General Statutes, State of Conn., Revision 1949.

"Our Committee respectfully requests that our President, Mr. Rhoades, kindly write a letter to the Board of Education, quoting this resolution and informing them that we wish it to be complied with. Your Building Committee, if they are going to serve as it was intended, have to, according to the resolution, pass on the plans and work in cooperation and coordination with the Board of Education before the plans are drawn and let out. Therefore, I would MOVE that our President inform the Board of Education of this Resolution." Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

The first order of business, namely, the question of a vote on the appointment of ARTHUR V. SWINNERTON as a member of the BUILDING COMMITTEE, was again before the Board.

MR. CONNORS: "By law it is mandatory that the Building Inspector should be on the Building Committee. We only have one Building Inspector. I MOVE, Mr. Chairman, that the Secretary cast one ballot. We have no choice in the matter." Seconded by Mr. Marciano.

MR. LEWIS asked to hear from the Parliamentarian on this question.

MR. VITTI pointed out that there could be complications to this because of the fact that there is an Assistant Building Inspector. He suggested that a ballot would be the most legal way to handle it.

MR. NOLAN (Parliamentarian): "I would say, Mr. President, that I think it is poorly worded and should be changed, but I think we are forced into the decision of casting ballots on this matter."

MR. CONNORS withdrew his motion.

Ballots were distributed by the Tellers.

VOTE on Mr. Swinnerton, Building Inspector, reappointment as a member of the Building Committee: CARRIED by a vote of 31 in favor and one opposed.

(3) JOSEPH IACOVO (Republican) as a member of the BOARD OF TAX REVIEW, term ending December 1, 1962.

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MR. LEWIS: "Mr. Incovo is a Republican and has resided in Stamford for 38 years, and as most of us know, is a former member of the Board of Representatives, a licensed real estate broker for over five years in Stamford, and thoroughly familiar with property and property values in the city."

MR. LEWIS said the committee unanimously recommended Mr. Incovo's appointment to the Board of Tax Review.

The ballots were distributed by the Tellers. VOTE: APPROVED by a unanimous vote of the 32 members present.

Mr. DeVito arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. CUMMINGS, Vice-Chairman, MOVED that the following item on the Agenda under the above Committee, be re-committed to Committee, for the reason that the Committee had not been able to meet with the other committees also involved in this matter, namely the Personnel Committee and the Education, Welfare & Government Committee. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously:

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\$10,392.98, Code 400.1, Salaries, Department of Public Welfare (As set forth in Mayor's letter of 7/2/58)

MR. NOLAN brought up the matter of the \$125,000 cut from the 1958/1959 Capital Projects Budget by the Board of Representatives.

MR. NOLAN: "Perhaps I can clarify myself. I am speaking of the action that we took as a Board at the time we had the Budget before us, when we took action that was recommended by our Fiscal Committee. Supposedly, we were doing something that we thought would not affect the school building program. As I understood it at the time, there was some money lying dormant, not being used for over two years by the Board of Education, and it was felt that, instead of appropriating another \$125,000 to take care of Architects' fees in the High School program, that we could just use this money that was gathering dust, and use it instead, by effecting a transfer of the money, thereby saving the city a considerable amount of money and put the dormant money to good use. We, as members of this Board, voted in favor of this, because the Fiscal Committee had told us that this was the proper action that should be taken. I also understood that both Mr. Neuwein and the Board of Education, concurred with the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee, and also, the Planning Board, which I now understand has changed their minds on the matter.

"Once again, apparently, the Board of Representatives find themselves the scapegoat of the different Boards. I am getting a little sorry for myself and also for the members of our Board, because I think we are taking criticism which is not justified. I believe we should defend ourselves. I would like to hear from the Fiscal Committee - at least to tell us what happened at that time. I think they are better able to explain what happened than I am, because I did not sit in on their meetings.

"I am not trying to cast the burden on your shoulders, Mr. Cummings, for I realize you are the Acting Chairman while Mr. Huizinga is on vacation. If you would rather not answer, I will not press you."

MR. CUMMINGS: "To the best of my knowledge, everything that you have said is correct, Mr. Nolan, except that I could not accurately vouch for the intent or the meaning of the Board of Finance, or the Board of Education, or the others whom you mentioned as having backed us up in our action at the time. Otherwise, everything is correct as

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you have presented it. The money was there. It was dormant. It did require only a transfer to be able to use it and that action was suggested by our Committee. Again, we are discussing a problem which is not properly before us and cannot be discussed unless it comes before us again and a re-evaluation can then be taken at that time."

It was suggested to Mr. Nolan that Mr. Huizinga would be more able to explain to the members the reasons why such action was recommended, and it would be better to wait until his return.

MR. RHOADES: "It would seem that there is a growing tension between our two Boards in regard to fiscal matters, which should be worked out by a joint meeting of the Board of Finance and this Board. This might make for a better liaison in the working out of our mutual problems."

MR. FORTUNATO: "When that item came before us in the Budget, we discussed it thoroughly, found out this money was lying dormant for a couple of years. Mr. Huizinga then took it on himself to contact the Board of Finance and the Planning Board, with their permission that if at a later date the School Board needed that money, would they be willing to transfer the money that was lying dormant? On the strength of that, we cut that amount of money out of the budget."

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RAITERI, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said that meetings of the committee were held on July 8, 10, 29 and 31 in the Mayor's office.

MR. RAITERI: "The meeting of July 8 was devoted to a discussion of several items in the new Building Code which have a bearing on school construction. Mr. R. A. Neuwien, Supt. of Schools; Mr. R. H. Huhta, of the Board of Education; and a representative of the architects for the new High School met with the Committee. Messrs. Fortunato, Russell, DeForest and Baker were present. Mr. Baker acted as Chairman. The problems facing the school authorities were resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

"The evening of July 10 was given over to completion of final drafts of the general section of the Building Code and the administrative section of the Sewer Code. All but the latter Code are now in process of reproduction for public hearing purposes. Work on the Sewer Code is progressing. The staff of stenographers working at this session were under the direction of Mr. Baker. The use of the Town & City Clerk's office and typing facilities for this purpose is gratefully acknowledged.

"The meetings of July 29 and 31 were devoted to consideration of agenda items for the August 4 meeting of the Board. Present at both meetings were Messrs. Raiteri, Baker, Fortunato, Russell and DeForest. Mr. Cushing, Corporation Counsel, and Mr. DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel, attended the July 31 meeting to advise the Committee on several matters."

- (1) Final adoption, Ordinance changing names of certain City and private streets  
(Adopted for publication at the July meeting)

MR. RAITERI MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 76 SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN CITY AND PRIVATE STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following street names shall be changed as shown below:

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Bounty Estates Lane (a private street) changed to BUTTERNUT LANE,

Cove View Drive (a city street) from Brookside Drive to King Street, be changed to RIVER VIEW DRIVE,

Scofieldtown Road (a city street) from Sky Line Lane northerly and easterly to High Ridge Road, changed to SUNSET ROAD.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its enactment.

Mr. Raiteri's motion was seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Complaint from Chairman, Board of Recreation, re Ordinance No. 64, Exception pertaining to use of beer in recreation areas

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee recommends that a letter be sent to the Mayor, replying to this complaint. We further recommend that the Stamford Advocate be requested to cover this reply in a separate front page article, since the complaint itself was so covered."

MR. RAITERI presented the following letter to be sent to the Mayor and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously:

Hon. Webster C. Givens, Mayor  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mayor Givens:

By copy of your letter of July 15, 1958 to Mr. Samuel M. Gold, Chairman of the Board of Recreation, you transmitted to the Board of Representatives a copy of Mr. Gold's letter of July 12 to you concerning Ordinance No. 64 Supplemental.

Mr. Gold, in his letter, has reference to the Rules and Regulations of Public Recreation Areas, approved on May 5, 1958 by the Board of Representatives in Resolution No. 273 and takes exception to Section #3 thereof. The Section in question states that: "It is forbidden to serve or consume intoxicating or alcoholic beverages on any playground or recreation area, except that beer in cans or keg beer in paper cups may be permitted, with prior approval of the Superintendent of Recreation".

You will note that Mr. Gold erroneously quotes the Section as excepting "canned beer in picnic areas" rather than the exception quoted above.

Mr. Gold further states that "The Board of Recreation did not approve of the decision to permit canned and keg beer in Recreation areas since it had never been advised that such an exception to the ban on the use of intoxicating and alcoholic beverages was contemplated." This is basically and completely incorrect.

Ordinance No. 64 Supplemental provides for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Board of Recreation, which rules shall have the force and effect of law when approved by the Board of Representatives.

At the May 3 joint meeting of the Legislative and Rules, and Parks and Recreation Committees of the Board of Representatives, Mr. Frank Zezima,

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of the Board of Recreation, appeared for that Board and submitted the rules and regulations which that Board wished to have approved under the provisions of the Ordinance. Section #3 of the proposed rules contained the specific exception: "except canned beer in picnic areas". This proposed rule did not meet with the approval of the joint committees, and after full discussion, the revised wording was agreed upon by all present, including Mr. Zezima, who attended with full power to act for the Board of Recreation. A similar rule was agreed upon for the Park Commission by Mr. Walter Kennedy, who attended with full power to act for the Commission.

The report of the joint committees was presented to the Board of Representatives and unanimously approved at the meeting of May 5, 1958.

It is the feeling of this Board that the provision for prior approval by the Board of Recreation affords adequate protection as to the places and conditions where beer may be served and that the burden for the administration of the rule rests squarely with Mr. Gold and his Board.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Copy to: Board of Recreation  
Park Commission  
Planning Board

- (3) Resolution regarding petition from residents of Pepper Ridge Place (See pages 1957, 1958 of Minutes of 7/7/58 and first page of these Minutes, incorporating original resolution as presented by Mr. Topping)

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 279

CONCERNING PEPPER RIDGE PLACE - TO  
BRING ROAD UP TO ACCEPTABLE CONDITION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 641 of the Stamford Charter:

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that said Board of Representatives respectfully requests the Mayor of said City of Stamford to cause a report to be made concerning such work as may be necessary to put PEPPER RIDGE PLACE in condition to be accepted as a City street. The cost of such work is to be assessed in full against the owners of the property on PEPPER RIDGE PLACE, except that the cost of correcting the drainage runoff from Sanford Lane is to be borne equally by the City of Stamford and the owners of property on PEPPER RIDGE PLACE.

MR. RAITERI: "I have a letter from the office of Macrides, Zezima and Schwartz, signed by Ronald M. Schwartz, an attorney. It is rather long, and I think it might be a little confusing to the members if I read it in full...."



MR. RHOADES asked Mr. Raiteri to summarize the letter.

MR. RAITERI: "In this letter he refers to a Town Meeting held March 4, 1912. At that meeting a resolution was passed as follows:

'RESOLVED, that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and directed to remove all encroachments and obstructions from the Pepper Ridge Road from the end of said road opposite the residence of Robert L. Case on the Newfield Road, westward and southward, past the residence of Paris E. Jessup to the Cross Road and put said Pepper Ridge Road in repair, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$500. or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for that purpose.'

"Now this would propose an interesting question, as to whether by this appropriation and work which has been done, the City has accepted the street as a city street. I discussed the matter with the members of the Committee before I made my report, and it was their feeling that the resolution as proposed, should be passed and the survey be undertaken, but that a copy of this letter be given to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion on it.

Therefore, because the committee feels that we should pass the resolution and have a survey made, I MOVE that the resolution be passed." Seconded by Mr. Topping.

There was some discussion as to whether Pepper Ridge Road and Pepper Ridge Place should be considered as the same road.

MR. RAITERI: "In Mr. Schwartz' letter he mentions Pepper Ridge Place. However, he makes reference by bounds and monuments and there is a possibility, as Mr. Schwartz has said, that this would include Pepper Ridge Place, and he feels that it does. Therefore, because of this doubt involved, I think there should be clarification."

MR. WILENSKY: "The description in Mr. Schwartz' letter definitely mentions Pepper Ridge Place. He speaks of a connection between Pepper Ridge Road and Newfield Avenue, which Pepper Ridge Place would be if it ever went all the way through. There has been so much that has transpired in zoning since that time, the road can't be extended through as it is now, and what we are confronted with, I am sure, is the question of the acceptance of a street that isn't in proper shape for acceptance."

VOTE taken on approval of Resolution No. 279 and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RAITERI MOVED that Mr. Schwartz' letter of August 1, 1958 regarding objection to the petition of the property owners on Pepper Ridge Place, be referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Petition requesting Ordinance amendment to increase license fees for vendors of frozen desserts

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee requested that this matter be recommitted. Preliminary investigation reveals the need for review of the Ordinance in its entirety rather than action on one particular phase. I MOVE for recommitment." Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) Proposed Ordinance for enforcement of water safety (Requested by Mr. Lewis in letter of 7/23/58)

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MR. RAITERI: "The Committee finds that existing Ordinance, Chapter 20, paragraphs 4 - 8 inclusive, and General Statutes 4154, presently provide an adequate basis for immediately controlling the situation referred to by Mr. Lewis. The preparation of a revised and tighter Ordinance will require a detailed investigation into the matter of jurisdiction, vested powers of this Board, etc. An enabling Act by the State Legislature, will also be required. A similar situation at Norwalk was handled in a most effective manner by the creation of a Special Committee to study the matter and propose appropriate action. The Committee recommends the appointment by the President of this Board, of such a Special Committee, to consist of the following:

- 1 member of this Board, as Chairman
- The Harbormaster
- A representative of the Coast Guard
- The Corporation Counsel
- A Representative of the Park Commission
- A representative of the Board of Recreation
- Other interested persons who may offer their services

"Mr. President, I MOVE that the Board authorize you to appoint this Committee, with one member from this Board serving as Chairman." Seconded by Mr. Kolich.

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. President, I want to thank the committee and also Mr. Arthur DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel, for his help in drafting a proposed ordinance, which has been turned over to the Committee. I would also like to go one step further--- the two sections which Cal just mentioned -- I would like to have copies of these particular Ordinances made available to the Police Department and to the Park Commission at the earliest possible moment. I am sure that these Ordinances which are on our books now will enable us, through the cooperation of the small boat owners, because it doesn't look like our illustrious Board of Finance is going to give us a boat this month--- but the small boat owners do deserve a lot of credit for the time and expense involved -- and if it would be in order, Mr. Chairman, I would MOVE that copies of these Ordinances be forwarded to the Police Department and to the Park Commission for their information."

The President asked if this was an amendment to Mr. Raiteri's motion. Mr. Lewis replied that it was, and Mr. Raiteri said he had no objection to it being a part of the original motion.

Mr. Kelly asked that the Board of Recreation also be furnished with copies of the Ordinances mentioned by Mr. Raiteri. This was also accepted by Mr. Raiteri.

MR. RHOADES: "Am I to understand that the only person that the President appoints, actually, is the Chairman, who is a member of this Board - is that correct? The others are specified, are they not?"

Mr. Raiteri said that was correct, with the exception that they had provided other interested persons who may offer their services.

MR. RAITERI: "We found that when Norwalk passed their Ordinance, they had the services of Harbormasters, people who were owners of boats and others who showed an interest in matters of this sort and volunteered their services."

MR. RHOADES announced that he was appointing Mr. Robert Lewis as Chairman of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HARBOR SAFETY.

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously on the motion of Mr. Raiteri that a SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HARBOR SAFETY be appointed, consisting of the following:

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Mr. Robert Lewis, member of the Board of Representatives,  
as CHAIRMAN

The Harbormaster

A representative of the Coast Guard

The Corporation Counsel

A representative of the Park Commission

A representative of the Board of Recreation

Other interested persons who may offer their services

MR. RHOADES: "If Mr. Lewis or other members of the Committee find other interested parties who wish to serve as members of the Committee, it is open at the end under Mr. Raiteri's language and the President shall be glad to see that such persons are appointed."

MR. LEWIS requested that all interested persons be notified.

In regard to the above proposed Ordinance, Mr. Raiteri also read the following opinion from the Assistant Corporation Counsel:

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To: Members of the Steering Committee of the Board of  
Representatives

Subject: Ordinance relating to Policing of Waters of Stamford Harbor

This is in response to a request for my opinion as to whether or not the City of Stamford has the power to pass an Ordinance governing conduct on the waters in Stamford harbor for specified distances.

As a general rule, the municipal police power and ordinances can only operate within the territorial limits of the municipality and cannot be exercised outside its borders, without special legislative authority.

In the instance of police protection and the preservation of the public health, special Legislative Acts or Charters sometimes provide that ordinances of a specified city, enacted for these purposes, shall apply to the territory outside of the city limits within a specified distance of the same.

However, in the absence of specific authority from the Legislature to so provide, it is questionable whether such an ordinance as is contemplated would be upheld by a Court. There does not appear to be any provision in the Charter granting any extra-territorial effect to Stamford ordinances.

It could be argued, however, that the city in this instance, can legislate beyond its boundaries as a necessary incident to the proper execution of the police power expressly granted to it in Section 204 of the Charter. This last view, is I believe, a minority view, which has been only sustained once in a Court of another state, but never in Connecticut.

There is no doubt that an Ordinance can be passed to cover so much of the harbor area as lies within the territorial limits of the City of Stamford, as defined by Public Act of the Legislature.

ARTHUR DISESA,  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

(6) Proposed "Anti-Begging" Ordinance

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee feels that the proposed Ordinance is not comprehensive enough and arrangements have been made to receive copies of existing ordinances from several other communities. These will require study and the Committee, therefore, requests recommitment and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert.

MR. CONNORS: "With reference to the so-called 'anti-begging ordinance', don't you think we should also look into some of these people who come into the city who are supposed to be veterans' organizations who are not legally entitled to the title. In all fairness to our veterans organizations in the City of Stamford, I think that should be a part of this new Ordinance. Some of these people come in from out of town - they put a veteran's hat on, stick a button over here, and stand on the street supposedly collecting money for the veterans. Then, they go down Atlantic Street, take off the hat and take a train out of town, pocketing the money that people have contributed, thinking they were giving a contribution to the veterans' organizations."

The President stated that he had recently had several contacts with legitimate veteran organizations in the community, complaining of the same sort of thing happening.

MR. BAKER stated that the original proposal for an anti-begging ordinance had come from the Stamford Association for the Blind.

VOTE taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion to recommit. CARRIED unanimously.

(7) Heliport Lease:

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee wishes to keep this in Committee, as the Board of Finance has not yet acted on this matter." MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that this be retained in Committee until action by the Board of Finance.

(8) Connecticut University:

MR. RAITERI requested and was granted permission to keep this in Committee, for the reason that the Board of Finance had not yet acted upon this matter.

(9) Fairview Avenue Beach:

MR. RAITERI: "The Committee recommends no action be taken at this time. The area is adequately posted and the Committee feels that this is purely a matter of enforcement.

"Certain proposals are in the process of preparation for the improvement of these areas. These should be fully investigated and appropriate recommendations made.

"The Committee feels that, at present, this matter should be removed by the Legislative & Rules Committee until definite recommendations are made by the Parks and Recreation and the Health and Protection Committees."

MR. RAITERI MOVED that the Legislative & Rules Committee be discharged from this matter. Seconded by Mr. Colatrella and Carried unanimously.

MR. KELLY reported that his Committee on Parks & Recreation were taking up something that might solve the problem and it was being held in Committee for report out at a later date.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. TOPPING, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said the committee met in the

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Mayor's office on July 30th. The members present were Bernard Geronimo, Alan Ketcham, Llewellyn Milan and Thomas Topping, Chairman.

(1) Letter dated 5/15/58 from residents of Bungalow Park and Hearthstone Court complaining of poor drainage condition

MR. TOPPING read the above letter, addressed to Mr. Nihan, 10th District Representative. He said it was the recommendation of his committee that this petition be referred to the Public Works Department for study and possible inclusion in the next Capital Projects Budget, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Nihan and CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Petition from resident of Eden Avenue re condition of shoulders on Hope Street from Woodway Road to Eden Avenue

MR. TOPPING read a letter, addressed to Mr. Walter Maguire, Commissioner of Public Works, which was also brought to the attention of Mr. Russell, 17th District Representative.

MR. TOPPING: "Mr. Maguire, the Commissioner of Public Works, has assured the Committee that these shoulders will be blacktopped in the near future."

(3) Drainage condition on Sound View Avenue and McMullen Street

MR. TOPPING: "This Committee voted to refer this item to the Public Works Department for inclusion in the East Avenue Project now being considered for the near future, and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Fairview Avenue East - Costs to make beach usable

MR. TOPPING: "Some time ago the Chairman of this Committee, took up with Mr. Cowlin and Mr. Connell, the question of costs to the Park Department if they took over Fairview East and maintained it as a City Park and Bathing Beach. On July 17th I received the following letter, outlining costs and other items":

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Mr. Thomas J. Topping  
Board of Representatives  
28 Lenox Avenue  
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Topping:

In answer to your recent request, I would estimate that in order to put Fairview Avenue East into usable condition as a public beach for daytime use by supervised special small groups with the minimum safety and sanitary conditions required by city ordinances, the following would be necessary if the beach is to be used by supervised small groups in 1959:

	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>
1. Toilet building (moved from Cummings Beach after Labor Day) Cost of moving, alterations, foundation, plumbing, septic system -----	\$6,000	\$8,000
2. Water line to toilet building; drinking fountain -----	1,500	2,200

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	Min.	Max.
3. Small parking area (10-15 cars)	\$3,000	\$3,500
4. Cleaning and re-sanding beach; minor grading of upper level and clean up -----	2,000	2,500
5. Miscellaneous -----	1,000	1,500
Totals -----	\$13,500	\$17,700

There would have to be additional emergency funds, of course, for necessary supervisory and maintenance personnel for the period of May 30 to June 30 of the current fiscal year. Such personnel would include lifeguard, toilet building attendant, supervisors and/or instructors or such combinations of these as would be recommended by the Board of Recreation.

Off hand, I would estimate minimum and maximum totals for personnel for the one-month period - May 30-June 30 at \$720 and \$850. I leave a more accurate determination to those closer to the subject. This would make the necessary total emergency appropriation for the opening of the beach and its one month operation a minimum of \$14,200 and a maximum of \$18,550.

I have not included any amount for regular daily maintenance as carried out by the Park Department. Because of the relatively small size of Fairview, it might be practical for the lifeguard or toilet attendant or instructors to combine efforts in keeping the beach clean with periodic assists from the Park Department, such as garbage and rubbish removal, weed cutting, resanding, etc.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Connell, Superintendent  
Department of Parks and Trees

MR. TOPPING: "This Committee voted to refer this letter to the Parks and Recreation Committee, with the suggestion that they consider the establishment of this area as a public bathing beach, with proper facilities and supervision. This suggestion also has the approval of the members of the Board of Recreation. I MOVE to refer this matter to the Parks and Recreation Committee." Seconded by Mr. Colatrella and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Ownership of strip of land, North end of Neponsit Street (Page 1958, Minutes 7/7/58)

MR. CONNORS: "At the last meeting, we directed a letter to the Corporation Counsel, in regards to a piece of property on Neponsit Street. Have we ever received an answer on that?"

MR. TOPPING: "I have had a verbal or curbstone opinion, but not a written opinion yet. I will not quote him until I get a written opinion."

MR. CONNORS: "The reason I would like to know is because one of the property owners has a garage on half of that 25 feet, or rather half of that 50 feet, and they received a permit from the Building Inspector, so it would seem that there is some doubt as to who owns the property."

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

In the absence (out of town) of Mr. Milano, Mr. Lewis gave a verbal report. He said they had been working in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Committee on the Fairview Avenue East problem and had also contacted the Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Walter Maguire, for various maps of this area, which Mr. Maguire said would be furnished to the committee in the next week or so.

MR. RHOADES: "In connection with Health & Protection matters, the President would like to state publicly and for the record, he has discussed with Chief Joseph Kinsella, the matter of where committee members, holding meetings in the City Hall, can park. The Steering Committee always meets on Mondays and several of our committees meet on Thursdays, which are shopping days downtown, and parking is most difficult. In almost exactly these words the Chief said: 'Tell the members of your committee they may park on the East side of Central Park.....that if any stickers are placed on their cars at such time, that they are to be mailed back to the Police Department - that they will not have been placed there correctly and that the police on duty in that area will be so notified.'"

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, said a meeting of his committee was held at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 31, 1958 in the Mayor's office, with the following members being present: Bernard Geronimo and George Russell, Chairman.

- (1) Final adoption, Ordinance regarding change of name of certain city streets (See Item #1 under Legislative & Rules Committee)
- (2) Proposed Ordinance re change of name of certain city streets

MR. RUSSELL: "Due to several requests for street name changes coming before our committee at a late date, the committee agreed to withhold any changes until the September or October meeting, at which time the committee will present a list of street names to be changed.

"We are in the process of gathering all streets on which there is a duplicate name problem and are going to try and break them down into Districts - we tried this once before unsuccessfully, but we'll try it once more - and give the District Representative the streets that are involved and see if we can't come up with preferred street name changes. We would like, after having this problem for the last four or five years, to get this problem over and done with.

"We would also like to discourage people coming in with objections to the names these streets are changed to. There is a good reason for our changing these names, when it affects public welfare and safety. Just because people do not care for these names is not a good reason for these continual objections. If we are going to start making exceptions to these change of names just because people don't like them, we are going to find ourselves going on and on and on with these street name changes. If that question comes up in your District, you must explain that to your constituents - that it is only done in cases where the public's welfare and safety are involved."

- (3) Petitions for Road Acceptance:

MR. RUSSELL: "The following roads have been certified by the City Engineer to be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Board and the Engineering Department. They have been inspected, and have received favorable approval by our Committee and we recommend their acceptance. All maps referred to are filed in the Office of the Town and City Clerk.

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The following roads were accepted as city streets:

BERRIAN ROAD - Approximately 505 feet, as located on Map #5900

GAXTON ROAD - Approximately 950 feet, as located on Map #5673

IDLEWOOD DRIVE - Approximately 1,250 feet, as located on Map #5906

NORVEL LANE - Approximately 475 feet, as located on Map #5673

ROBINSON DRIVE - Approximately 265 feet, as located on Map #5906

STUDIO ROAD - Approximately 1,200 feet, as located on Map #6393

The following road was REJECTED as a city street, for the reason it has not been completed to its full length:

NOTTINGHAM DRIVE, running easterly from Friar Tuck Lane, shown on Maps #6166 and #6296

(4) Letter from residents of Hardesty Road and Hardcroft Road, requesting repairs and acceptance as city streets

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee discussed this letter and agreed that the same handling as is being processed for Pepper Ridge Place is in order here, and has discussed same with Public Works Commissioner and the City Engineer."

(5) Letter to Public Works Department Re Control of Road Openings and Excavations

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee discussed and agreed that better controls and enforcement over road excavations, both major and minor, must be obtained by the City. There are entirely too many instances of utilities and contractors tearing up both private and public works, immediately, or shortly after their completion or resurfacing. The Committee requests that the following letter be sent to the Public Works Commissioner, the Chief of Police and the Planning Board, and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Fortunato and CARRIED unanimously:

Public Works Commissioner  
Police Chief  
Planning Board

Gentlemen:

The Board of Representatives wishes to bring to the attention of all City Departments and individuals who are responsible for the granting, inspection, and repair follow up of street excavations, that far too many such excavations are leaving our highways in sad physical and even dangerous condition. Board Committee members concerned with roads have repeatedly noted evidence of refilled excavations which have been allowed to go on for a year and more without any pavement surface being applied to same. This would certainly indicate that no inspection or check on completion is being done.

The obvious sunken condition of so many repaired excavations is visible fact that they are not being properly back-filled and re-surfaced.

It would seem that one way of controlling and stopping this faulty



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workmanship would be for the City to make anyone who opens a road, put up a one-year work performance bond.

On this same theme, the Board wishes to bring attention to the bad planning and poor timing between major utilities tearing up the full length of roads and the City road re-pavement programs. Repeatedly, new pavements have been laid and within months, and sometimes weeks, the roads are torn up and left in miserable condition, either for long periods of time, or indefinitely.

Since most such tearing up constitutes a major and costly program by the utility companies, certainly they must plan at least six months to a year in advance. It would seem proper that the City should request and demand at least forecast information as to such programs. Also, the Planning Board and the Public Works Department should work in close unison as to any proposed subdivisions that might require the extension of gas, water, etc., services, and involve roads other than those in the subdivisions.

(Copies to Charles White  
and Aaron Chase)

MR. RHOADES: "The President has been informed by Mr. Maguire, our Public Works Commissioner, that a meeting is being held within the next couple of days on this very matter and that Mr. Russell will be invited to attend the meeting."

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL reported that a meeting of the above committee was held Thursday, July 17, 1958 at the Southfield Village low cost housing project and the following members were present: R. Colatrella, F. Longo, W. Murphy, T. Roche and G. Russell.

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee thoroughly toured the project and noted that although there were some improvements, in general, there were too many instances of discouraging conditions. Strong odors of urine were evident in all of the stairways of high rise buildings. Collection of rubbish and garbage existed in the lower stairways of all but one of the high rise buildings. The elevator floor of one building was flooded with urine. The open yard between buildings on Waverly Place and Pressprich Street was heavily littered with papers. Some of the parking areas were in bad need of sweeping and cleaning up. Lights were missing or out, at several fire exit stairways. Hallway light bulbs were not held in by provided locking set screws. This maintenance failure makes for a field day for bulb stealing. Floor drain caps were missing on several floors, creating a dangerous condition, particularly to small children.

"The Stamford Fire Department has conscientiously been doing a good job of inspecting monthly, and bi-monthly, of the overall project, and have presented their monthly inspection reports to the Board promptly each month. The Committee feels that they are contributing considerably to helping control many conditions which would otherwise (and have, in the past) run out of hand.

"The Health Department has also been most cooperative in its monthly inspection and have also submitted complete monthly inspection reports which show evidence of improvement, but also indicates need for further improvement.

"The Committee has a tentative meeting in the near future with Congressman Morano to discuss the overall Federal Control of public housing, many of which hamper local communities in correcting conditions which make such housing undesirable.

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"The Committee feels that the Mayor should call another meeting of the Board's committees, and individuals, concerned with the public housing problem, as he did in May, for the purpose of bringing up-to-date what has or has not been accomplished. The Committee request the Board to send a letter to the Mayor to call together such a meeting and I so MOVE."

Mr. Russell was questioned as to reports from the Housing Authority and Mr. Russell replied that a report has never been received from the Housing Authority.

Mr. Marciano said this all comes back to the lack of police protection at the housing project and stressed the need for greater police protection. He mentioned that a request for more police was before the Board of Finance and had not as yet been acted upon.

Mr. Russell remarked that the Board is always raising the question of a lack of police manpower.

Re: Investigating Committee on problems in connection with Police Department

MR. RUSSELL: "The question of inadequate police manpower has been kicked around for many months. I am sorry to say that there is a strong feeling on my part and that of many others, that appropriating bodies are not so sure in their own minds that there is a dire need for greater police protection and manpower. They seem to feel that it may be a matter of better distribution of the police manpower that we now have that is needed instead of more police. We have got to solve this police problem once and for all. I would like to recommend to the President of the Board that once again a special investigating committee be set up to look into this problem and see what can be done about it. They can sit down with the Police Department and go through their personnel to try and discover if they are being used to best advantage, and whether it might not be a good idea to take the police out of clerical positions and replace them with women clerical help."

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Milano has met at great length with the Board of Public Safety. We have sat down on several occasions and gone over this matter with them, offering suggestions. But, we are a legislative body, as you know. The Health and Protection Committee has made suggestions about better distribution of police, extra personnel. You can sit down tonight, tomorrow, or next week, but it is a definite fact that we ARE short of policemen - there is no question about it. I agree with Mr. Russell that consideration should be given as to the feasibility of one-man patrol cars in order to give us a little more coverage. However, when it boils down to the mileage of the city of Stamford under the present method, we cannot have adequate protection. We need 50 men in the Police Department. We just got 42 in our Fire Department. We have seen their charts, which show where cars are at such and such an hour - however, these should not be made public - naturally we don't want that information out. We have suggested to the Board of Public Safety that they request the Mayor (and he is the only one who can do it) to initiate the request for more men. In all fairness to the Chief, under the present operation, who is doing a wonderful job, but he could do a far better job if the Mayor and the Board of Finance gave us at least 25 to 30 policemen before we get into really serious trouble."

MR. CONNORS: "If you will look back at our budget hearings in years past, when we discussed the Town area versus the City area and the problem of better coverage, we always requested more manpower for the Police Department, but we didn't get the policeman. Now if they need 12 men and get 2 men, they certainly can't do the same work."

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Mr. Marciano spoke again on the need for additional manpower in the Police Dept.

MR. GERONIMO also spoke on the matter. He said he went through the records to find out what the Housing Authority contributed to the City as far as taxes were concerned. He said: "If you check with our Grand List, you will find that it says 'Exempt'. However, I went through the proper channels and I find that the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford contributes \$75,000 approximately per year. On the basis of these figures, I don't see how we would be going into a hole by not going along with that. I would like to put this letter on file with the Board, so that if the Board of Finance does approve the additional policemen, this information is there."

MR. RHOADES: "I would suggest, Mr. Geronimo, that it be given to the Special Housing Committee so that they would have it available if this quarterly meeting is again held, as indicated."

MR. GERONIMO: "Very good, I will do that."

MR. CUMMINGS: "Mr. Geronimo and Mr. Marciano have brought the subject back to the specific Housing Committee, Mr. President. I would like to defer my comments until 'New Business' and then resume the more general discussion that came out of it."

MR. RHOADES: "The President will recognize that request."

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. WILENSKY, in the absence of Mr. Macrides, presented the Committee report, as follows:

Charter Revision Committee  
August 4, 1958 Report

The Charter Revision Committee received a letter dated 7/21/58 from the Board of Education, requesting "that a revision in the Charter be made, providing for a regulation within the Charter making the Board of Education fiscally independent".

Our Committee met on July 31st to consider this matter. Present were: Messrs. Raiteri, Macrides, Baker and Wilensky.

It was the unanimous feeling of those present that we could not make any recommendation to the Board of Representatives concerning this matter without receiving more specific information as to what the Board of Education has in mind. We wrote to the Board of Education on August 1st, requesting further information.

We suggest that this matter be held in Committee pending further study.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Wilensky, Secretary  
Charter Revision Committee

Mr. Connors and Mr. Kelly were excused at this time. (9:45 P.M.)

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

MR. FORTUNATO, Chairman, pro tem, presented the following report:

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Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, July 23, 1958

The Charter Revision Commission held an organizational meeting Wednesday July 23, 1958, at 8 P.M. in the Mayor's office. Mr. Patrick Fortunato presiding.

The following members were present: John L. Cameron, Frank D; Andrea, Jr., James Mulreed, Mrs. Lotus Mills, Monroe Silverman. Mr. Fredericks was absent.

An election of officers was held. The following unanimous elections took place:

Permanent Chairman: Mr. James N. Mulreed  
Permanent Clerk: Mrs. Lotus Mills

Procedures and routine was discussed. The next meeting to be held Monday, September 15, 1958 at 8 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Fortunato

PICNIC COMMITTEE:

MR. MARCIANO, Chairman of the Picnic Committee, said the tentative date of the picnic would be September 14th, the 2nd Sunday in September. There being no objection to this date, it was agreed the picnic would be held at that time.

MR. RAITERI asked who would be eligible to come to the picnic.

MR. RHOADES: "At several meetings, both formal and informal, it has been the opinion of the majority of the members of the Board that the invited list should be cut down to the point where it becomes the Board of Representatives picnic, limited to members and former members of the Board. The Committee will present their views at the September meeting of the Board."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Letter dated July 28, 1958 from William M. Ivler, regarding the use of Nash Court: a private street, as a through street

For the reason that this letter was received 7/30/58 too late to go through the Steering Committee, it was referred to the Public Works Committee, and to be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting in order to be placed on the Agenda for the September Board meeting.

- (2) Letter dated August 4, 1958 from Ivan P. Del Serra, President, Three Lakes Home Owners Association, requesting streets in that development be accepted in accordance with Sec. 640 of the Charter. (Woodridge Drive South, Three Lakes Drive and Bridle Path)

REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS:Re: Permanent Records of Board of Representatives

MRS. ZUCKERT: "At the request of the Steering Committee of the Board, I have endeavored to find out the responsibility for putting the records in condition to satisfy Mr. Harold S. Burt, Examiner of Public Records. In a letter written to this Board, Mr. Burt found that our records, being of a public nature, should be copied on permanent paper and with permanent ink, to comply with State law.

"The Corporation Counsel, in a verbal opinion, (since at this writing he has not received a written request for same) reports that according to Section 202.3 (page 17) of the Charter, he feels the Board of Representatives and not the Town Clerk, is the responsible party for bringing the records up-to-date in permanent form.

"Mr. Toner can photograph the records and make micro-film at a cost of 35¢ per page on the required paper. After photographing, the records must be put in binders at a cost of from \$40.00 to \$45.00 each. The binders can only hold 600 pages.

"At this time, I wish the Board of Representatives to request \$1,000 for the permanentizing of the Minutes of the Board of Representatives, from consolidation, April 15, 1949 until December 1, 1958.

"There are, at this time, 1,948 pages of Minutes, exclusive of Agendas, rules, lists of members, etc. of the various Boards. I am therefore estimating 2,500 pages at 35¢ per page, which amounts to \$875.00 and four binders at \$45.00=\$180.00, which comes to a total of \$1,055.00."

MRS. ZUCKERT MOVED for approval of initiation of appropriation to take care of the bringing of the records of the Board of Representatives into permanent form, as approved by the Examiner of Public Records.

MR. LEWIS suggested that the amount requested might not be enough and that it be increased to \$1,500 for this project. He stated that it was his opinion that the amount requested was being cut too close to allow for unforeseen contingencies, and if it should prove too much, would go back into the General Fund.

MRS. ZUCKERT said she had estimated 2,500 pages which she thought would be ample.

Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:(1) Bad road conditions on West Side

MR. VITTI brought up the matter of bad conditions of the streets on the west side. He spoke of lack of adequate attention by the Public Works Department in this area, and said he thought something should be done about it in the near future. He said there were bad flooding conditions that should be remedied.

(2) Three lights on Stillwater Avenue

MR. VITTI said he would like to refer to the Steering Committee the need for three lights on Stillwater Avenue.

September Board meeting:

MR. RHOADES announced that the next Board meeting would be held on September 8th for the reason that Labor Day falls on the first Monday of the Month. He also announced that the Steering Committee meeting would be held August 25th.

Re: Investigating Committee on problems in connection with Police Department

MR. CUMMINGS: "I want to second everything that Mr. Lewis has said. (See Housing Committee) I know on a number of occasions I have had to contact both Chief Kinsella and the Board of Public Safety. In every instance I have had nothing but the finest kind of cooperation. But, I do believe that we have a condition existent that should be checked now - it should be checked in its infancy. We should ascertain our requirements, and then do something about it and I don't believe we can accomplish this by just passively acknowledging the fact that we have trouble and then not doing anything about it."

MR. CUMMINGS MOVED that the President appoint a Special Investigating Committee, to investigate the activities, the manning and the administration of the Police Department, with a view to improving their manpower situation.

MR. RHOADES: "Such a motion will require a two-thirds vote."

Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

MR. LEWIS: "I am speaking on behalf of Mr. Milano, who has devoted a great deal of effort. It would appear to me that rather than appoint a Special Investigating Committee at this time, would be to instruct the Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee to fulfill Mr. Cummings' request, and then if you don't get anywhere, then you can turn around and appoint a Special Investigating Committee to delve into the matter further."

MR. NILAN: "Mr. President, aside from all these remarks - I have had the opportunity to talk to some of the various policemen and those of higher rank. There seems to be a feeling that they are being let down. Most of the trouble seems to be a judiciary one - the Judges - the legal end of it. They are not being properly represented - I mean they are not being protected. These policemen spend much of their time for naught. The Police are trying to do a good job, from top to bottom, but I think we have let them down. When I say 'we' I mean the City of Stamford - the judges and these lawyers who are representing these various people who come into our Courts. The sentences are not being made stiff enough. They are not acting in accordance with the number of times some of these people have appeared in our Courts. I think it would be a good idea to get out a questionnaire. It could accomplish different things. One, to find out what the problems of the Police Department are, and also we might be able to come up with proof - statements, names if need be, to be reviewed to find out what needs to be corrected. These policemen are doing a darned good job. The department is undermanned. They feel that the city is pointing the finger at all of them and they certainly deserve a vote of confidence and be at least permitted to speak up for themselves."

MR. NOLAN was asked for clarification as to parliamentary procedure. He said the Board has certain investigatory powers granted under the Charter, but should go a little slowly in using this power.

MR. CUMMINGS said he was quite serious about his motion. He said he thought the Health & Protection Committee had been doing a good job. He said: "However, I think we have something here which is potentially much worse even than our housing problem which our own investigating committee has done such a remarkable job on. I believe that by the same kind of investigation our Police Department can be put

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in the light in which it deserves to be put, by investigating every phase - the judicial phase, the administrative phase, and the legislative phase. All aspects of it can be aired publicly and then if the action of the Board proves to be inadequate, the public certainly will take a hand."

After much further discussion on the pros and cons of Mr. Cummings' motion, it was thought four committees should be involved in this matter, namely: Health & Protection; Education, Welfare & Government; Fiscal and the Legislative & Rules Committee.

MR. RAITERI: "Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that so many committees have been mentioned, and it would seem appropriate that these committees should be involved in this particular matter, I think the only logical thing to do, in my opinion, would be to put this on the Agenda for the next months meeting under 'Old Business' and that it be specified that it is: 'Power to investigate administration re Police Department', and further, that we discuss it as a Committee of the Whole and anyone having any recommendations, that it would be understood it would be a purely personal recommendation. Then we can vote as to whether we wish to take any action or not."

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Raiteri's suggestion sounds like a very good one. It comes very close to a Committee of the Whole, anyway, when it is referred to four committees. Also, this would give ample notice to all members of the Board that the matter is coming up.

"It can be taken up at the Steering Committee meeting and given some publicity, so there will be no excuse for any member not being present if he wishes to be heard on the subject. The members can discuss it among themselves and decide as to what position they wish to take, and at least be prepared for a discussion on the matter at the next Board meeting."

MR. RHOADES asked Mr. Raiteri if he wished to have his remarks in the form of a motion and he replied that he did. The President said he assumed that all other motions had been withdrawn.

MR. RAITERI'S MOTION was seconded by Mr. DeForest.

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously on this matter being placed on the Agenda under "Old Business" at the September 8th Board meeting.

On MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Norton Rhoades  
President, Board of Representatives

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