

A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Thursday, May 11, 1961, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, John R. Nolan, at the Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria, Toms Road, Stamford, Conn.

After a caucus, the meeting was called to order by the President at 8:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were: Patrick Scarella, Robert Meyers, Raymond Mazza and Stanley Kulish.

"Call" of Meeting:

The Clerk read the following "Call of the meeting:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Room #23, City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

May 4, 1961

I, JOHN R. NOLAN, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives, for

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1961

At the Walter Dolan Jr. High School  
Cafeteria, Toms Road, Glenbrook

at 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1961-1962, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 17, 1961.

JOHN R. NOLAN, President  
Board of Representatives

THE PRESIDENT called upon the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Mr. Daniel Reback.

MR. REBACK: "The Fiscal Committee met in executive session on May 2, 1961 to act upon the Operating and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year 1961-1962. At 1:30 in the morning they arrived at their final recommendations, which I would like to present to the Board at this time.

"As you know, the State of Connecticut requires a reassessment of property every ten years. This was started two years ago, during the term of office of the past Mayor of another political party and completed this year under Mayor Kennedy.

"Because of the revaluation - because of the reassessment, it becomes imperative

that the present budget be scrutinized minutely for any excess expenditures, so that wherever possible the mill rate be kept down.

"Mr. President, I would like to start with the Operating Budget."

THE PRESIDENT told the members that he would go through the Budget, section by section, calling out the items by Code numbers and if there are no objections to any item, it would be deemed approved. He said it would be in order at any given time to reduce any item. He announced that the first Budget to be acted upon would be the Operating Budget:

OPERATING BUDGET - 1961 - 1962

NOTE: The total amounts for each department will be given, and only in the case of items voted upon will any specific item be mentioned in that particular department budget.

Page 3 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

Code 100.2 - Rent: MR. REBACK MOVED that this be REDUCED to \$810.00. Seconded by Mr. Blois and CARRIED.

Code 100.22 - Voting Machines: MR. DEFOREST MOVED this item be cut back to \$3,200.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$46,665.36 APPROVED

Page 3 - BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Total of \$1,200.00 APPROVED.

PAGE 3 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Code 200.22 - New Equipment: MR. REBACK MOVED to delete this item. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL OF \$10,459.00 APPROVED

Page 5 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Total of \$29,522.00 APPROVED

Page 5 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

Code 450.1 - Salaries: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete \$1,826.00 for a part time Typist. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL OF \$71,800.00 APPROVED

Page 7 - TOWN & CITY CLERK:

Code 470.22 - New Equipment: MR. REBACK MOVED to deny this item. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED to delete.

TOTAL OF \$65,723.80 APPROVED.

Page 7 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE:

Code 480.3 - Stationery & Postage: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to reduce this from \$400.00 to \$350.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Code 480.5 - Telephone & Telegraph: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to reduce this from \$400.00 to \$350.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Code 480.9 - Special Stenographic Services: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to reduce this from \$2,000.00 to \$1,800.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. RUSSELL said he wanted to know why the item of Special Stenographic Services was under the Commissioner of Finance, inasmuch as these services were reserved for the use of the Zoning and Planning Boards.

THE PRESIDENT replied that this had always been in the budget of the Commissioner of Finance.

MR. RUSSELL said he still could not understand why it is not included in the budget for the Zoning and Planning Boards as long as they appear to have the exclusive use of it.

MR. BAKER: "At the rate that we are rejecting \$50 items, we may get the reputation of being spendthrifts. I would like to be heard very briefly, stating my opposition to this motion. I am as economy minded as the next person, but I do feel that we cannot deny these offices the equipment and the personnel which they require in order to operate efficiently. It seems to be economy without justification. It is for this reason that I have consistently been opposed to cutting these small items by \$25 or \$50 or whatever the case may be. If this can be interpreted as being a spendthrift, then I am afraid I shall have to stand on that record."

MR. MURPHY said he noticed that there are no special stenographic services allotted in either the budget for the Planning Board or the Zoning Board.

VOTE taken on reducing the allocation for Code 480.9 as moved by Mr. DeForest. LOST.

TOTAL OF \$19,927.00 APPROVED for Commissioner of Finance.

Page 9 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS:

Code 482.1A - Part-Time Help: MR. REBACK MOVED that this be reduced from \$3,500.00 to \$2,500.00. Seconded by Miss Farina.

MR. KUCZO MOVED TO AMEND that this entire amount be deleted from the budget. Seconded by Mr. Mulreed.

MR. REBACK: "The appropriation that we gave them last month was for overtime incurred while they were catching up in so much of the work that had piled up over the years. The Bureau is now going to put in new equipment - it's really an IBM machine - it was very clearly brought out to us that this will relieve many of the departments of much of the labor, such as payrolls and other detailed items, tax records, etc. They feel that while this is being set up, certain personnel will



have to be taken off their regular jobs and they feel that an overtime account in such a small amount will be enough to keep up the detailed records of the Bureau of Accounts and Records. I believe that the IBM set up, within the next couple of years, will save the City a tremendous amount of money, as well as making much of the monthly and weekly detailed reports, which in the past used to take 500 to 1,000, man hours, will come off of that machine in one hour."

MR. KUCZO: "Will this \$2,500 --- in view of the fact that we are now getting this IBM machine -- will Code 482.1A be eliminated completely?"

MR. REBACK: "It was stated by the Commissioner of Finance that not only this part time and overtime help will be eliminated, but in many of the other departments in which you will note part time help in-----in the Police and Fire Department, for instance, where they are making up reports rather than being used for the jobs for which they have been hired - the protection of the community - the IBM machine will pick up all those detailed jobs. It will put Stamford on a more rapidly moving basis."

MR. KUCZO: "The reason I question that is because we have already spent, with this appropriation, something like \$14,000 and upward for this part time or overtime help in this department."

MR. REBACK: "To the best of my knowledge, and certainly it is my understanding that it will no longer be necessary."

After considerable debate a VOTE was taken on Mr. Kuczo's amendment. It was LOST.

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion to APPROVE \$2,500.00 for Code 482.1A, being a reduced amount and CARRIED.

MR. RUSSELL "I don't want to cast any aspersions on any of our Commissioners, but I would like to remind this Board that this is the first year that the auditing has gotten behind. As I understand it, for a proper auditing, the books have to be in reasonable condition for the Auditor to be able to do his work. For that reason I fail to see how we could be many many years behind, because as far as I can remember back the Auditors have always in the past, presented their report to the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives on time. This was the first year that we got many months behind. This question of our being so far behind in our record keeping isn't so far behind as it might appear."

Code 482.1 - Salaries MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED that this be REDUCED TO \$40,000.00 from \$61,845.00. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "If there is supposed to be so much efficiency in this department, my recommendation is that we reduce the amount of personnel required in this department."

MR. REBACK: "In order to get this IBM machine set up and operating, it will take approximately from six months to a year. That is one of the things that the employees were puzzled about and that was, are there going to be wholesale layoffs, due to this machine? Certainly, at the beginning, there will be none whatsoever, because when this IBM machine ---- and, incidentally, Mr. McLaughlin, that \$7,000 that you want to cut back - that is the salary for the IBM tabulating equipment Supervisor and if we don't have him, then we can't use the machine. Now, if you want to cut out several of the clerks involved or occupied in the Finance Department in the various mechanics of running the Bureau of Accounts & Records, you're going to have to increase the part-time help to about \$25,000. Otherwise,

you are never going to get this work done, because somebody has got to put those records into the machine to be sorted. That's why this amount was asked for this year. Again, I will reiterate, when this machine begins to operate, there will be no more need for part time help and there will be no more need for additional personnel to do the ordinary paper work in this department."

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "I see we have seven clerks here. I think we should then reduce the number of Clerks required. The part time help that we have previously been considering for Code 482.1A was for an overload that developed at crucial times in the year. My recommendation - owing to the fact of the efficiency of this machine - we certainly don't need as much help to do the work if the machine is going to do it, do we?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "I am concerned about Mr. McLaughlin's views. Why did he not submit his conservative views to the Committee when they discussed this matter? At that time he indicated that he supported the entire appropriation."

VOTE taken on Mr. McLaughlin's motion to reduce the appropriation for Code 482.1, Salaries, to \$40,000.00. LOST.

TOTAL of \$102,604.22 APPROVED for the Bureau of Accounts & Records.

Page 9 - BUREAU OF PURCHASES:

TOTAL of \$29,392.88 APPROVED.

Page 11 - STAMFORD MUSEUM: \$80,000.00 APPROVED

Page 11 - FERGUSON LIBRARY: \$400,000.00 APPROVED

Page 13 - VETERANS' SERVICE: TOTAL of \$12,765.00 APPROVED.

Page 13 - MIMEOGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

Code 485.22 - New Equipment: MR. REBACK MOVED to reject the entire amount of \$1,934.00. Seconded by Mr. Macri. CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$19,980.00 APPROVED.

Page 15 - GENERAL INSURANCE, Code 487: TOTAL of \$53,099.05 APPROVED

Page 15 - EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL, Code 488: TOTAL of \$7,500.00 APPROVED

Page 15 - PLANNING BOARD:

Code 520.1A - Salaries: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete the \$400.00 for Over-time Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. REBACK: "The reason that \$400 was left in was because the Planning Board are holding any more meetings than they have in the past, because of the tremendous amount of work they have and require the services of a part time secretary, because there is nobody to take their minutes, and additional help there. They requested \$400 for a year's work which is very reasonable."

MR. RUSSELL: "I would also like to point out that the Planning Board has been convening at least once a week, which would mean that their Secretary has to be there as



much as four or five hours, so I think that in view of the fact that the Secretary must be there, we have an obligation to pay for the overtime."

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "If we look at these items together - item 520.1 and 520.1A, they are running into one full time Secretary at \$4,813.53 and overtime Secretary at \$400.00 under Code 520.1A. Then down here under Code 520.1A we seem to be going into another \$400 for Overtime Secretary. It seems that if we eliminated Code 520.1A, we would still have a Secretary, plus an overtime Secretary, wouldn't we?"

MR. BAKER rose on a point of information. He said: "Is there a duplication here? Are these two overtime secretaries which are indicated in both Code 520.1 and Code 520.1A the same? Or is there a reason for having overtime secretaries under these two different codes? I would like an explanation from Mr. Reback."

MR. REBACK: "It is my understanding from the representatives of the Planning Board that these are two different entries for the same thing. They meet approximately 50 times a year and sometimes have to bring in another girl and that is why they have a different amount."

MR. BAKER: "May I say one more thing? I think that the City of Stamford has taken advantage of its people long enough. People that are required to work overtime hours should be accorded the same treatment as people who work in industry. The general practice prevailing in industry and not only in industry, but commerce, people who work overtime hours should be paid for those overtime hours. I think that we ought to treat the people who work for the City in the same way as people who work for private employers are paid and I would include our own Secretary in this category. It seems to me that sometime we should get around to taking care of her as well."

THE PRESIDENT said "It is my understanding (I can be corrected if I am wrong) the point of clarification of this item is that the Board of Finance took up this matter and cut it out - so we are not talking about \$400 in overtime secretary under Code 520.1. We are only talking about overtime secretary under 520.1A. Does that clarify the situation a bit? I think this is merely a clerical error which the Board of Finance picked up."

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "Then that \$400 merely represents one item - is that correct?"

THE PRESIDENT: "Yes, that's correct. There are not two items of overtime secretary."

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "Then we eliminate the \$400 under Code 520.1. Is that right?"

THE PRESIDENT: "That is correct."

VOTE taken on deletion of item for \$400 overtime secretary, Code 520.1A  
LOST.

TOTAL for Planning Board in amount of \$31,826.45 APPROVED.

Page 15 - BOARD OF TAX REVIEW TOTAL of \$275.00 APPROVED

Page 17 - ZONING BOARD

Code 550.11A - Maps Preparation & Printing: MR. REBACK: "The Fiscal Committee unanimously voted to cut that back to \$500.00 from \$750.00, and I SO MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Johnson. CARRIED.

TOTAL FOR Zoning Board in amount of \$6,236.00 APPROVED.

Page 17 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Code 551.10 - Subscriptions - \$50.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete this item. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. LOST.

TOTAL of \$7,427.00 APPROVED.

Page 17 - TAXATION BOARD:

TOTAL of \$350.00 APPROVED.

Page 19 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Code 571.2 - Rent \$5,820.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to reduce this item to \$2,910.00. Seconded by Miss Farina and CARRIED.

Code 571.22 - New Equipment - \$829.00: MR. REBACK MOVED that this item be REDUCED to \$399.00. Seconded by Mr. Sileo and CARRIED.

MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete the entire amount for Code 571.22. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

MR. BAKER rose on a point of information. He asked Mr. Reback what they had deleted from this request.

MR. REBACK said the Committee had deleted the request for \$430.00 for a typewriter, but had allowed the \$155.00 for 2 metal draw files and the racks for holding blue prints of aerial maps in the amount of \$244.00, which came to the \$399.00 total.

TOTAL of \$74,848.81 APPROVED.

Page 21 - TAX COLLECTOR:

Code 575.2, Rent - \$11,760.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this amount to \$5,880.00. Seconded by Mr. McDonald and CARRIED.

Code 575.22 - New Equipment - \$930.00 - MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this amount to \$500.00. Seconded by Mr. Longo.

MR. DEFOREST MOVED to AMEND that this entire amount be DELETED. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

VOIE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion. LOST.

VOIE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED

TOTAL of \$85,810.68 APPROVED.

Page 21 - RESERVE FOR TAX REFUNDS, Code 575.R - \$5,000.00 APPROVED

Page 23 - BOARD OF FINANCE:

Code 650.9 - Professional Service - Audit - \$14,000.00: MR REBACK MOVED this be REDUCED to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Macri and CARRIED.

Code 650.9A - Outside Professional Service (To pay fees for real estate appraisers, etc.)

MR. REBACK MOVED this be DENIED. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$12,415.00 APPROVED.

Page 23 - PENSIONS:

TOTAL of \$603,113.14 APPROVED.

Page 23 - CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Code 731.9 - Medical Exams - \$750.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$600.00. Seconded by Mr. Cole and CARRIED.

Code 731.21 - Membership Dues - \$250.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED that this be REDUCED to \$200.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Code 731.17 - Travel - \$100.00: MR. McLAUGHLIN asked what this was for.

MR. REBACK said he was unable to remember what this was for. The President reminded Mr. McLaughlin that he was member of the Fiscal Committee and must have heard the explanation at the same time it was explained to Mr. Reback. MR. REBACK said all he knew was that this has been in the budget for many years and has always been approved.

MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED that this be DELETED from the budget. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$25,140.68 APPROVED.

Page 25 - CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND:

Code 732.9A - Medical Exams - \$75.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$50.00. Seconded by Mr. Carey and CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$6,127.00 APPROVED.

Page 25 - PROBATE COURT:

Code 830.22 - New Equipment - \$1,900.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to DELETE this from the budget. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED.

Code 830.4 - Printing - \$2,000.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED this be REDUCED to \$1,750.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. LOST.

TOTAL of \$6,850.00 APPROVED.

Page 27 - SEWER COMMISSION:

Code S. C. 10 - Subscriptions - \$75.00: MR. RUSSELL MOVED this be REDUCED to \$25.00 Seconded by Mr. DeForest and LOST.

TOTAL of \$6,347.81 APPROVED.



Page 27 - PRINTING LEGISLATIVE BILLS: \$500.00 APPROVED

Page 27 - TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$1,822,905.88 APPROVED

Page 29 - DEBT SERVICE: TOTAL of \$2,084,068.98 APPROVED

Page 35 - BOARD OF EDUCATION: \$8,114,114.00

MR. REBACK: "We have now arrived at the Operating Budget for the Board of Education. I would like to say that after all of our discussions on this budget, we arrived at our decision unanimously. Last year, the total Operating Budget that the Board of Education had was \$7,100,000.00.

"The Fiscal Committee will come out with a report now, recommending an increase of \$738,936.00. This represents \$350,000 for Rippowam High School personnel; \$100,000 for Rippowam High School maintenance; \$40,000 for pupil transportation; \$150,000 for salary increases; \$98,936 for salary increments.

MR. RELACK: "Mr. President, I so MOVE the total Operating Budget for the Board of Education in the amount of \$7,838,936.00." Seconded by Miss Farina.

MR. BAKER: "I understand that this represents a decrease in the amount of \$275,178.00 from the budget as passed by the Board of Finance. May I now present a motion?"

THE PRESIDENT: "You may."

MR. BAKER: "I MOVE that the original amount of \$8,114,114.00 as passed by the Board of Finance be approved by this Board. Seconded by Henry Nolan.

MR. KUCZO said he agrees with Mr. Baker and urged that the Board of Education budget not be reduced.

MR. DEFOREST said he questioned the right of Mr. Kuczo to speak on the school budget, inasmuch as he was a teacher and therefore quite likely to be biased. He said it was his opinion that because of this, Mr. Kuczo should disqualify himself from any comments whatsoever.

HENRY NOLAN: "Mr. Chairman, I think that any member of an elected board such as the Board of Representatives, has the right to speak on any subject before this Board."

MR. RUSSELL: "I wonder if Mr. Nolan felt the same way when Mr. McLaughlin spoke on the East Meadow and a member from the Democratic side questioned the right of Mr. McLaughlin to make any remarks because he had a client interested in the East Meadow Project. They seemed to think at that time that it was out of order for anyone directly affected to speak. It seems to me that this ought to work both ways, because we have all been elected to this Board."

THE PRESIDENT: "Mr. DeForest, I would think that this is up to the individual members themselves, as to whether they feel that they should be disqualified. If they feel there is a possible conflict of interest in any given situation, I feel that the member should disqualify himself. I feel that it is an issue that is up to the person himself and is not up to you or to me to decide as to whether or not any member has a right to speak on any given subject."

MR. DEFOREST: "Since, apparently this is a moral issue, I'll leave it up to the Chair."

THE PRESIDENT questioned Mr. Baker about his motion. Mr. Baker said he had offered it as a substitute motion.

THE PRESIDENT ruled Mr. Baker's motion out of order for the reason that the only motion in order at this time would be for a lower figure - a greater cut - the lesser figure. He said: "Is that clear?"

MR. BAKER: "I don't like your ruling, Mr. Chairman, but I shall accept it and will withdraw my motion."

THE PRESIDENT announced that the question now before the house is the motion made by Mr. Reback.

HENRY NOLAN spoke against the motion and urged that no cuts be made.

MR. BAKER spoke on Mr. Reback's motion and said he was opposed to any reduction.

MR. PALMER spoke in opposition to any reduction.

MR. MURPHY: "Through you, Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of two members of this Board who have served on it since its inception. I believe on the first Board there were school teachers and the same question came up at that time as to the propriety of teachers who are also members of this Board, speaking on the school budget. Can either Mr. Connors or Mr. Kelly answer that?"

MR. CONNORS: "That was one of the first questions that was raised on the original Board and we did get a ruling - that teachers have the right to serve on the Board of Representatives - that they were not members of Civil Service, according to the Corporation Counsel - and that they had all the rights accorded any other person on the Board and have the right to speak."

MR. CALLAHAN asked for a roll call vote on Mr. Reback's motion.

THE PRESIDENT: "The Chair will recognize Mr. Callahan's motion at the proper time. However, as there are others who wish to gain the floor in order to speak on this motion, I will allow you to speak at that time to offer your motion."

MR. GEORGIOULIS spoke in favor of this Board backing up their own Fiscal Committee, in view of the many hours they have spent in going over the Budget and recommending cuts where they thought they thought they could be made.

MR. REBACK spoke on his motion. He reminded the members that the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee to make the various cuts in the Budget were made unanimously and he did not feel the Committee should bow to pressure.

MR. MACRI spoke in opposition to the motion.

MR. TRUGLIA spoke in opposition to cutting the budget of the Board of Education.

MR. CONNORS said he was opposed to cutting the Board of Education budget. He said that it seemed to him that every hearing he attended on the budget that the cry was always to cut the maintenance and it appeared to him that it was always the oldest school that seemed to get hit. He suggested that perhaps the Board could strike a "happy medium" by splitting the cut in half.

MR. RUSSELL spoke in favor of the motion.



MR. SHAPERO spoke in favor of the motion. He said: "I would like to call the attention of those interested enough to come down here tonight, of the items left IN the budget. I would like to emphasize the fact that the recommendations of the Committee includes the entire amount required for new personnel. It includes the entire amount requested for maintenance for the new school. It includes the entire amount estimated to be the cost of normal salary increases. It includes the entire amount of the estimated rise in transportation costs and it includes the entire amount, as I understand it, for salary increments - am I right? NO - then, I'm sorry. The transportation figure is not included.

"The unfortunate position that we find ourselves in, is that we are dealing with a very emotional issue. It would be impossible, I think, to get this large a crowd interested in a program, for instance, which has to deal with sewers, although just as many and perhaps more people are affected.

"I think that the Board, individually, and the members of the Committee, in particular, considered this program for the proposed reduction very carefully. I think that when they considered this extensive operation budget put out by the Board of Education, that there were certain items, perhaps in the nature of luxuries, which could be eliminated.

"I think, particularly that a large number of air conditioners which are going to be installed in various schools. I think the rather complicated, I gather, inter-communications systems - these run about \$5,400 apiece, and are due to be installed in the Murphy School and in the Newfield School, the Rice School, the Springdale School, the Westover School, in the Willard School. I guess that's it.

"Now, I don't think that this Board is acting hastily. I think that they are acting after a great deal of consideration and soul searching, not a few of which are the political attributes.

"I urge that this Board consider this positively. Certainly, this is a small cut in proportion to the entire school budget and certainly in proportion to the entire budget of the City of Stamford. There is nothing wrong, I submit to you, in the fact that a cut is made, even though the relative saving is very small. I ask that you support the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee."

MR. GERONIMO spoke in favor of the motion and the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. TRUGLIA spoke again in opposition to the cut.

MR. BAKER spoke for the second time in opposition to the reduction.

MR. KUCZO also spoke in opposition to any reduction.

Several members spoke for the second time.

MR. CALLAHAN said he supported the Fiscal Committee.

MR. REBACK: "In looking at the Board of Education budget, you have to consider it in the over all light from the standpoint of the rest of the budget for the City of Stamford. There are other cuts that have been made in these budgets. As I pointed out in my initial remarks, it is not just one group that anyone is interested in, it is for the entire city. We are protecting all of the services that we possibly can in all departments, so that we will in every possible way

hold down what is going to be an unfortunate tax increase due to an assessment year, or a reassessment year. When we took this into consideration, we took into consideration the entire budget - and not just one department. I think that if there is any inference or reference that we are picking on one Board, such as the Board of Education you are laboring under a misapprehension."

MR. CALLAHAN said as a member of the Fiscal Committee, he supported their report. He said he wished to comment on certain remarks made by a representative from the 2nd District and a representative from the 18th District. He said: "In respect to a remark that the Fiscal Committee did not consider the maintenance angle and it did not get the due consideration that it deserved. I would refer you to page 38 of the Board of Education Operating Budget. In that there was a remark made about the \$294,000. I would like to say that if you will look above that allocated 1960-1961 \$286,000 was allocated out of that \$7,100,000 that they operated with last year. We have approved that figure; therefore I would believe we also have approved a figure of \$286,000 for the paint and materials for the maintenance department, so I don't think that we have neglected the maintenance situation, because in our consideration of the entire budget, we considered this figure of \$286,000 that was spent last year, the \$7,100,000 which was approved."

MR. MULREED MOVED the question. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SHANEN said he wished to abstain from voting.

THE PRESIDENT said he would now consider Mr. Callahan's motion that was offered earlier.

MR. CALLAHAN requested a roll call vote. Seconded by Mr. O'Connell. CARRIED unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT said he wished to clarify the voting at this point. He said: "If you vote yes you are in favor of the figure of \$7,846,936.00 and if you vote no, it means that you're against it. If you abstain, it means that you are not voting."

The Clerk called the roll with the following vote:

Those voting in favor of motion:

Eleanor R. Austin  
Fred C. Blois  
Paul T. Callahan  
James E. Carey, Jr.  
Edwin W. Cole  
John L. DeForest  
Edward Dembroski  
Rose C. Farina  
George Georgoulis  
Bernard B. Geronimo  
Benjamin Kozlowski  
Carmine V. Longo  
Joseph Mancusi  
James P. McDonald  
Jack McLaughlin  
William D. Murphy  
J. Clyde O'Connell  
Alvin T. Philpotts

Those voting in opposition:

Daniel Baker  
George V. Connors  
Anthony Esposito  
David L. Johnson  
Stephen E. Kelly  
Paul J. Kucze, Jr.  
Michael D. Macri  
James E. Mulreed  
Henry F. Nolan  
Stuart Palmer  
Gerald J. Rybnick  
Anthony D. Truglia

Abstentions:

Allen J. Shanen  
John R. Nolan, (President  
does not vote)



Those voting in favor of motion: (continued)

Daniel M. Reback  
George Russell  
Paul D. Shapero  
Peter C. Sileo

THE PRESIDENT announced the vote on the Board of Education budget, as being CARRIED by a vote of 22 yes, 12 no, 4 absent 1 abstention and the Chair not voting.

Page 37 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

Code 460.22, New Equipment - \$3,601.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$1,001.00. Seconded by Mr. Cole.

MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete this item. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

VOTE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion. LOST.

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED.

Code 460.22, Child Placement - \$30,000.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$25,000.00. Seconded by Miss Farina and CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$334,819.56 APPROVED.

Page 39 - HOSPITALS: TOTAL of \$118,500.00 APPROVED.Page 39 - SUNSET HOME:

Code 462.15 - Lights, Fuel, Water, Power - \$5,100.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to reduce this to \$4,100.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Code 462.22 - New Equipment - \$2,600.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED this be REDUCED to \$1,600.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. MURPHY questioned the wisdom of a cut like this. It was explained that this money is to replace a 10 year old car with a new one. He said: "What can you get for \$1,600 and a heap of junk that is 10 years old? It would be better to cut the whole item out entirely, instead of cut it to \$1,600."

MR. DEFOREST: "Well, then, I'll amend that. I'll cut it out entirely."

VOTE taken on deleting the entire amount. LOST.

Page 39 - TOTAL of \$72,588.79 APPROVED. (For Sunset Home)Page 39 - TOTAL WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS - \$525,908.35 APPROVEDPage 41 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Code 420.21 - Conventions and Dues \$500.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED this be REDUCED to \$250.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Code 420.22A - New Equipment-Auto - \$4,800.00: MR. CALLAHAN MOVED to REDUCE this to \$1,600.00. Seconded by Mr. Cole and CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$123,151.34 APPROVED.

Page 41 - DOG WARDEN:

TOTAL of \$4,676.00 APPROVED.

Page 43 - POLICE DEPARTMENT Code 430.1 Salaries: TOTAL of \$1,269,953.37 APPROVED

Code 430.5 - Telephone & Teletype - \$8,500.00: MR. CALLAHAN MOVED to REDUCE this to \$8,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Carey and CARRIED.

Code 430.12A - Traffic Supplies - \$10,190.00: MR. CALLAHAN MOVED to REDUCE this to \$9,000.00. Seconded by Miss Farina.

MR. BAKER asked, through the Chair upon what basis Mr. Callahan thought this item should be reduced.

MR. CALLAHAN: "I believe that the Fiscal Committee thought that inasmuch as \$8,500 was enough for this item last year that an increase of \$500 would be sufficient for this year."

VOTE on Mr. Callahan's motion to REDUCE this item from \$10,900 to \$9,000. CARRIED.

Code 430.22C - New Equipment, Infernal Machine - \$1,800.00

MR. GERONIMO: "What was the reaction on the Committee's report, Mr. Callahan?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "The Committee met this evening on that. I might say. There may have been an indication that this was going to be denied, but the Committee reversed itself and has decided to leave this item in, so they will not report out on that item."

MR. BAKER: "If it wasn't, I was prepared to raise an infernal row."

MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete this item. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

THE PRESIDENT: "And, starting the row we have this debate."

MR. BAKER: "At this point, those of us who have discussed this are of the opinion that this is an important item, from the standpoint of the public health and safety. Bomb scares and things of this kind are on the increase in recent years and this particular instrument protects those who are required to handle any such things from possible injury. We feel that this is a necessary precaution, because if it were not provided and there were to be a tragedy, then I think we would have liberal reason for being sorry for not having exercised some reasonable foresight."

MR. GERONIMO: "Well, I would like to exercise one point for Mr. DeForest. At least I can't be accused of pussyfooting with the Police Department, that's for sure. This just happens to be a personal experience that I had which I would like to relate. I was in the Mayor's office at the time, discussing something with him and two burly Policemen came in - Police Captains - and they told the Mayor and



myself to evacuate. What was the reason for it? Well, they received a telephone call from some unbalanced person that they had placed a bomb in the basement of City Hall. I'm not a brave man, Mr. DeForest, no more than you are. (laughter) Now, I'm getting serious about this - they evacuated everyone that was in City Hall. And, there they were - there was this box - no one one knew what was in it, but you can imagine the anxiety of everyone that was concerned with it. And, I was very much concerned, because I was there. So, I think this is a very small item, anyway, and that's the reason I would appreciate it if you rescinded your motion."

HENRY NOLAN: "I am very happy to see that the Committee has reversed itself. The other night I was one of only two people that was in favor of it. But, as George Georgoulis says, last night there was quite a show on Naked City on the problem of these explosives and things. And it was pointed out very well why we need it. I think this is another case where the few dollars that we might save might save us a great many dollars in the future."

VOTE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion to DELETE this item. LOST.

TOTAL for Police Department - \$1,411,548.37 APPROVED.

Page 47 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 440.1, Salaries: TOTAL of \$1,079,610.17 APPROVED

Page 49 - Code 440.21 - Conventions & Dues \$125.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this item to \$100.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Page 49 - Code 440.17 - Gas, Oil & Tires - \$5,500.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this item to \$5,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Page 49 - Code 440.22 - New Equipment - \$25,000.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to DELETE this item. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. BAKER: "It gets to a point where this automatic opposition and cut, cut, cut, gets somewhat reprehensible. If I understand this correctly, this is to pump water on to a burning building - it's to replace a 1942 model."

MR. DEFOREST: "So what? There are a lot of 1942 models around and still in operation."

MR. BAKER: "Well, if it were Mr. DeForest's home that were burning and the 1942 pumper didn't work, you might have some reason for objection."

MR. CALLAHAN: "May I say here that the Committee unanimously, including Mr. Russell, and Mr. McLaughlin, felt there was a need for this pumper."

VOTE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion to delete the \$25,000 for Code 440.22, New Equipment. LOST.

Page 49 - TOTAL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$1,159,505.17 APPROVED

Page 51 - HYDRANTS & WATER SUPPLY:

Code 441.12B - Hydrants, New - \$12,000.00: MR. RUSSELL said a great many of these items were still on hand and at the last count had seen many left over and could stand a little cutting. HE MOVED that this

item be REDUCED to \$8 000.00. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and LOST.

TOTAL of \$101,622.12 for above APPROVED.

Page 51 - CIVILIAN DEFENSE:

Code 444.1 - Salaries - \$6,300.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$5,427.00. He explained that the difference was now placed under another code number for Janitor Service and no longer included in the salary account. Seconded by Mr. Callahan and CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$21,522.00 APPROVED.

Page 53 - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Code 443.B - Belltown Fire Department - \$24,800.00 APPROVED

Code 443.N - New Hope Fire Department - \$42,100.00 APPROVED

Code 443.L - Long Ridge Fire Department - \$30,000.00

MR. MURPHY MOVED to REDUCE the appropriation for the Long Ridge Fire Department to \$22,700.00 by deleting the item of \$7,300.00 for Code 443.13, New Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Mulreed.

MR. BAKER: "May I ask Mr. Callahan just what that new equipment is and specifically just what the date of the equipment is?"

MR. CALLAHAN: "I would like to say that already there have been some severe cuts in these volunteer fire departments budgets by the Board of Finance. There is only \$30,000 left in the Long Ridge budget. These volunteer fire departments are something like the Board of Education - they can spend the money as they see fit. Possibly, they will now be forced themselves to cut out this item of \$7,300, so I think for us to cut that \$30,000 any more - Long Ridge took the biggest cut of any of the volunteers - I think it would be unduly stringent and unfair."

MR. BAKER: "I would like to continue my question. All I wanted to know was - how old is their equipment that they want to replace, that's all. Just whether it was pre 1942 or after 1942."

VOTE taken on Mr. Murphy's motion. LOST.

Page 55 - Code 443.T - Turn of River Fire Department - \$46,000.00 APPROVED

Code 443.I - Investigation of Fires - \$75.00 APPROVED

Code 443.S - Springdale Fire Department - \$28,170.00

Code 443.13 - New Equipment; \$5,500.00: MR. MURPHY moved to delete this item. No seconder.

TOTAL of \$171,145.00 APPROVED.

Page 55 - TOTAL PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY: \$2,993,470.00 APPROVED



Page 57 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:ADMINISTRATION

Code 410.5 - Telephone - \$3,200.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this to \$2,400.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$69,799.50 APPROVED

Page 57 - WEIGHTS & MEASURES - \$5,771.00 APPROVEDPage 59 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE:

Code 412A.12 - Repair & Replace Street Signs - \$1,500.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED this be REDUCED to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$475,344.00 APPROVED.

Page 59 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS, YARD #2 - \$42,716.00 APPROVED.Page 61 - CROSBY STREET PUMPING STATION - \$4,500.00 APPROVED.Page 61 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS, YARD #1:

Code 412D.6 - Supplies - \$1,000.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this to \$500.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$77,362.00 APPROVED.

Page 61 - STREET CLEANING: \$121,933.00 APPROVED.Page 63 - Code 412F. - STREET LIGHTING: - \$295,000.00 APPROVED.Page 63 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - \$21,945.00 APPROVEDPage 63 - INCINERATOR & SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT:

Code 414B.22B - New Equipment - \$5,300.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete this item. Seconded by Mr. Russell and LOST.

TOTAL of \$381,980.00 APPROVED.

Page 65 - PUMPING STATIONS #2, 3 & 4

Code 414G.6 - Supplies - \$500.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED this item be REDUCED to \$300.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$19,491.00 APPROVED.

Page 65 - GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Code 414F.22 - New Equipment - \$2,100.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to DELETE this item. Seconded by Mr. Carey. CARRIED.

MR. BAKER: "A point of information, Mr. President. Is any of this equipment around Mr. DeForest's home?" (laughter)

MR. DEFOREST: "Thank you for your kind thought."

Page 65 - Code 414F.6 - Land Fill for Dump - \$15,000.00: MR. DEFOREST MOVED that this be REDUCED to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. HENRY NOLAN said this is needed very much. VOIE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion. LOST.

TOTAL of \$403,691.00 APPROVED.

Page 67 - ENGINEERING:

Code 415.1 - Salaries - New Personnel: MR. McLAUGHLIN MOVED to delete the \$21,282.00 for the new personnel, thereby REDUCING this item from \$243,701.00 to \$222,419.00. Seconded by Mr. DeForest.

MR. BAKER said he objected to reducing or deleting this item. He said: "We have had a very bad situation at Newfield Court in terms of flooding. Had there been adequate personnel to supervise this new development, the situation would not have occurred. This is a constantly recurring problem throughout the city. This is an absolute MUST in my view."

MR. McLAUGHLIN spoke in favor of deleting this item.

MR. RUSSELL said the city might consider handling this by using outside contractors, such as is done by other communities, for the reason that engineering help is hard to obtain at the rates that the city is willing to pay. He said: "I am sure that anyone here knows that it is very difficult to get anyone with experience to work for the type of salary offered. I am only pointing out that there are companies right here in town who do this kind of work. And, if these jobs are not filled in the very near future, and there is a good chance that they won't be, because some of these jobs have been open for a long time and still have not been filled, that the city should change their idea of trying to get Civil Service personnel and give some thought to giving the work to engineering firms where they not only will get experienced personnel, but will have the backing of the whole engineering concern and in that way will get a better return for their money."

VOIE on Mr. McLaughlin's motion. LOST.

TOTAL of \$256,229.50 APPROVED.

Page 69 - BUILDING BUREAU

TOTAL of \$72,604.00 APPROVED.

Page 69 - CITY HALL & OTHER BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Code 416A.18 - Alterations & Misc.: MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this from \$12,000 to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$54,580.00 APPROVED.

Page 69 - ELM STREET SCHOOL & COURTLAND PARK BLDG. -

Code 416E.18 - Alterations & Maintenance - \$20,000.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$15,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED.



TOTAL of \$21,394 APPROVED.

Page 71 - CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE:

TOTAL of \$7,054.00 APPROVED.

Page 71 - FLOOD & EROSION:

Code 416D.30 - Flood Control - Rivers & Streams - \$25,000.00: MR. REBACK  
MOVED to REDUCE this to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Carey.

HENRY NOLAN: "May I ask through the Chair, why the reduction from \$25,000 to \$10,000 on this item?"

MR. REBACK: "In one of our interviews with the personnel handling that, we learned that this amount of money, being a new code, having previously been in the Capital Budget, and it is used for maintenance, cleaning, etc. Now, we felt as though \$10,000 would certainly get this underway and we would like to have a more definite idea of what they require to spend so that we would know and then find out what was fully required before they asked for a round figure like \$25,000. If this does not prove sufficient, then they can come back in with the exact amount that they will require."

HENRY NOLAN: "The Flood and Erosion Control Board have been doing a tremendous job. One of the biggest problem that this City has been having is the drainage problem. I can't understand why this should be cut. I am not going to argue with the Committee tonight, but it does seem to me that the need for this money should be investigated a little more. I don't think this figure of \$25,000 was just put in there in a haphazard manner, because the Flood and Erosion Control Board has done a tremendous job during the few years that it has been in existence. I don't think they should be handicapped by not having enough money to do a good job."

MR. BAKER said he shares Mr. Nolan's views in regard to this cut.

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED.

TOTAL of \$12,750.00 APPROVED.

Page 71 - Gas, Oil & Repairs: (Code 417.) - TOTAL of \$60,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 71 - TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS OPERATING BUDGET - \$2,404,044.00 APPROVED.

Page 73 - PARK COMMISSION:

Code 500.24A - Mosquito Control - \$5,000.00: MR. REBACK MOVED to DENY this request. Seconded by Miss Farina.

MR. REBACK: "I would like to explain that. This particular item was originally put in at the time there was a scare about equine encephalitis - a disease that is carried by mosquitoes and taken from the host which is a horse. This scare occurred a couple of years ago. The proper method of maintaining control of this type of mosquito is done by complete spraying, not of the mosquito itself, but of the larvae in public and private areas. I would say that a city the size of Stamford, the minimum amount of money required would be about \$35,000. This amount of \$5,000, especially at this time of the year, would be a rather worthless attempt

and the money would be thrown away completely. For that reason, I would rather see it deleted completely and whenever we need it, the proper amount of money appropriated."

MR. BAKER: "Mr. Chairman, I would like at this time, as a special order of business, to MOVE for a special appropriation to buy the members of the Board of Representatives coffee and sandwiches. It's now well after midnight and I think we need a rest and some refreshment." (laughter)

MR. KELLY: "I think this Board should appoint a Committee of two and send them out for coffee." (applause)

Page 73 - Code 500.22 - New Equipment - \$5,500.00 MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$264,462.47 APPROVED.

Page 75 - BOARD OF RECREATION:

Code 540.5 - Telephone - \$575.00 MR. DEFOREST MOVED to REDUCE this to \$450.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL of \$185,182.30 APPROVED.

Page 77 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION:

Code 413A.6 - Supplies - \$6,000.00 MR. DEFOREST asked what this was for.

MR. REBACK said this refers to the necessary supplies needed to maintain the fairways and the greens - fertilizers, grass seed, etc. He said this amount was not really sufficient, considering the heavy play that this course gets. He said if the fairways and greens are not maintained it would be necessary to replace the entire course.

MR. DEFOREST MOVED that this be REDUCED to \$5,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

Page 77 - TOTAL of \$69,110.32 APPROVED for Hubbard Heights.

Page 77 - TOTAL of \$538,755.09 APPROVED for Parks & Recreation.

Page 77 - OTHERS:

Sundries - TOTAL of \$3,500.00 APPROVED.

Salary Adjustment - TOTAL of \$240,000.00 APPROVED.

TOTAL for Sundries and Salary Adjustment - \$243,500.00 APPROVED

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED ----- \$18,451,468.30

TOTALS FOR 1961-1962 OPERATING BUDGET:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ----- \$ 1,822,905.88



TOTALS FOR 1961-1962 OPERATING BUDGET: (continued)

DEBT SERVICE -----	\$ 2,084,068.98
WELFARE -----	525,908.35
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY -----	2,993,470.00
PUBLIC WORKS -----	2,404,044.00
PARKS & RECREATION -----	538,755.09
SALARY ADJUSTMENT -----	240,000.00
SUNDRIES -----	<u>3,500.00</u>
MAYOR'S BUDGET -----	\$ 10,612,652.30
EDUCATION -----	<u>7,838,936.00</u>
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGETS -----	<u>\$ 18,451,588.30</u>

A recess was called at this time (12:45 a.m.) for the members to rest and have a "Coffee break".

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET 1961-1962

MR. REBACK: "I feel as though comment must be made concerning this \$2,000,000 Public Works budget for Sanitary Sewers. This is the initial step in a ten year program to sewer the entire City of Stamford south of the parkway. This plan should have been started forty years ago and it is a threat to the present administration to put this in, in view of the fact that this is an election year and also a year of higher taxes. This is one of the most necessary items that we have ever been called upon to pass. I believe that when this is completed, much of the sanitary problems that we have had in the City of Stamford will be obviated and this administration will go down as a far thinking one."

Page 3 - SANITARY SEWERS:

Glenbrook, Belltown, Springdale - \$1,572,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 3 - Southwest Section - \$428,000.00 APPROVED.

TOTAL SANITARY SEWERS - \$2,000,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 5 - STORM DRAINS:

Wilson Street & Hall Place - \$56,389.00 APPROVED.

Seventh Street - \$5,200.00 APPROVED.

Page 5 - STORM DRAINS: (continued)

Lincoln Avenue - \$110,000.00 APPROVED.

Frederick Street - \$36,220.00 APPROVED.

Storm Drains - City-Wide - \$10,000.00 APPROVED.

Stillwater - Spruce - \$30,000.00 APPROVED

Virgil Street - \$25,000.00 APPROVED

TOTAL STORM DRAINS - \$272,809.00 APPROVED.

Page 9 - SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING:

Curbing - City-Wide - \$12,000.00 APPROVED.

Sidewalks - City-Wide - \$15,000.00 APPROVED.

TOTAL SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING - \$27,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 11 - NEW CONSTRUCTION:

Wash Garage - \$15,000.00

MR. DEFOREST MOVED to delete this item from the budget. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. REBACK: "The problem of the Wash Garage was given quite a bit of time. It was pointed out that the equipment that we are going to get for the City will be maintained now by careful cleaning. It might interest you to know that there are some trucks in operation today - many of them, in fact - that have never been cleaned, because we have no facilities. And, some of them have maggots on them and the mechanics won't go near the trucks because of this.

"Now, over the years, the equipment has not been maintained properly. Once again, this is a step in the right direction. It is going to be constructed alongside the City Garage, if I'm not mistaken, and it's going to be done just as economically as possible and it will help maintain our rolling stock for many years to come."

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mr. DeForest's motion to DELETE the \$15,000.00 for the Wash Garage. Lost.

TOTAL FOR WASH GARAGE, NEW CONSTRUCTION - \$15,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 13 - HEAVY EQUIPMENT - ROLLING STOCK

Capital Equipment - Heavy Rolling Stock - \$200,000.00

MR. KELLY spoke in favor of this appropriation. He said it had already been cut \$50,000 by the Board of Finance and did not think it should be cut any more.

HENRY NOLAN said the Public Works Committee, of which he is the Chairman, made a survey and said this is merely a start to get the equipment that is badly needed. He said: "We know this equipment is going to cost a lot. The entire Committee is



in favor of it. Mr. Philpotts had a little reservation about the amount, but the entire Committee is in complete agreement that we should make a start in the right direction."

MR. REBACK: "I would like to point out to the Board that the reason for the request for \$200,000 such as has come down to this Board, is the beginning of a complete replacement of the heavy rolling stock that we have in the Public Works Department, and it will take ten years to replace the equipment that we now have. Among the items that they are looking for in this particular appropriation, includes over 20 items, which includes four large trucks, 3 sweepers, 3 packers and others. We ran into a great amount of trouble last winter during the bad storms we had. The type of equipment coming in now will be used for the most part to keep our streets clean in the event that we have another winter such as we had the past year.

"This is forward thinking. As time goes by this rolling stock gets worse and worse, and pretty soon none of it is going to be moving."

MR. DEFOREST MOVED that this \$200,000 be REDUCED to \$100,000. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. McLAUGHLIN said he agrees with Mr. DeForest. He said: "Just because the equipment that we now have is not properly maintained, the small fortune we now have invested in it goes down the drain, just because it is left out in all kinds of weather and not taken care of."

MR. MACRI spoke in opposition to Mr. DeForest's motion to reduce this appropriation. He said: "We all know that we have had a very rough winter and every District was hollering about lack of service. One of the main reasons why they could not get the service that was so badly needed was because the men didn't have the equipment to work with. If we don't pass this now we are only asking for more trouble in the future, because the trucks that were running this year, a certain percentage of them won't be running next year."

MR. RUSSELL spoke in favor of the cut. He MOVED to increase the amount to \$150,000.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Russell that he cannot move for an increase, but only for a reduction and was out of order.

MR. BLOIS spoke in opposition to the cut in this appropriation.

MR. GERONIMO: "Mr. Philpotts went down to the City Garage with us and I am sure that by his attitude and his remarks and conversation, he saw a real mess down there - didn't you, Mr. Philpotts?"

MR. CONNORS: "This is something that we have looked forward to for so long a time. Every administration decides to get new trucks, and every time they come in and ask for an appropriation, it gets knocked off, so let's shoot the works and get started on the right foot for a change. I'll go along with what Benny and Blois said. Believe me that equipment that they got down there - I doubt if anyone would give them any money for it - it's not even worth burning."

MR. DEFOREST: "I'm not opposed to getting new equipment, but I fail to see why we have to go whole hog at once. I think I overheard, when I sat in some of the meetings, that we have already spent something like \$25,000. I think we have already brought one sweeper and two more which, I think, were \$11,500. apiece. You can

correct me if I'm wrong. They have already been buying and replacing some of this equipment with emergency appropriations."

VOTE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion to REDUCE the appropriation from \$200,000 to \$100,000. LOST.

TOTAL HEAVY EQUIPMENT - ROLLING STOCK - \$200,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 15 - FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL.

Cove Island - New Jetty & Replacement of Sand - \$2,500.00 APPROVED.

Cummings Park - Jetty & Replacement of Sand - \$1,500.00 APPROVED.

Hurricane Protection - \$150,000.00 APPROVED.

TOTAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL - \$154,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 17 - PARK COMMISSION.

Cummings - \$20,000.00 - APPROVED.

Dyke Park - General Improvement - \$23,500.00 APPROVED

Southfield Park - General Improvement - \$18,000.00 APPROVED

Woodside Park - General Improvement - \$5,000.00 APPROVED

MR. DEFOREST: "This is on No. 5 - the Woodside Park improvement. How many courts are there? (referring to the tennis courts)"

THE PRESIDENT replied that there are approximately 16.

MR. DEFOREST: "16 in all?"

THE PRESIDENT: "Yes, I should know, having worn out four or five pairs of shoes."

MR. RUSSELL: "All I can say is that it is really glorified now."

Sleepy Hollow Park - General Improvement - \$5,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 19 - PARK COMMISSION (continued)

Turf Renovation - \$3,000.00 APPROVED.

Trees - Shrubs - \$6,000.00 APPROVED.

Marinas - \$10,000.00 APPROVED.

Floodlighting - \$15,000.00 APPROVED

Major Maintenance:

(a) Asphalt -----	\$12,000.00 APPROVED
(b) Utilities -----	8,000.00 APPROVED
(c) Engineering -----	1,500.00 APPROVED



TOTAL for PARK COMMISSION - \$127,000.00 APPROVED.

Page 21 - BOARD OF RECREATION:

1. Playgrounds - Recreation Areas  
Improved and Developed ----- \$10,000.00 APPROVED
2. Storage Building - Courtland Park ----- 20,000.00

MR. REBACK: "The Fiscal Committee recommends that this \$20,000 be DELETED."  
 Seconded by Mr. Carey.

MR. REBACK: "I want you to know, Mr. President, that the vote of the Fiscal Committee on this was 7 for the deletion and one in favor of the appropriation. Mr. Connors was the one who was in favor of approving it and I believe that Mr. Connors should give the reason why he was in favor of this."

MR. CONNORS spoke in opposition to Mr. Reback's motion. He said "In order to operate a playground it is necessary to have storage space in these areas. Fortunately, we have been using the school buildings during the summer months when the schools are not in operation. But, this equipment has to be stored in the winter. Of course we have the use of the toilet buildings. The storage space at Courtland Park is the same size as that in the park space in the sanitary buildings and is used for the storage of playground equipment. In order to put all the equipment under cover, we need more space than is provided in the new storage building. As you all know, tonight we received a copy of a letter from the Board of Recreation explaining their needs. Although, in reality this building is supposed to be used for storage facilities in reality it is also used for garage, workshop and storage. As you know from the list you have there, the Board of Recreation has stuff stored all over town - it's scattered around. They have a problem now right in the Stevens School. The Fire Department have even gone so far - the Fire Marshal - of threatening Mr. Hunt that he will be arrested, because they are working in that school building and are storing materials there that are against the health and welfare of the pupils. Believe it or not - the school children are complaining, the principal is complaining and the Fire Marshal is complaining."

"Now in building this building, they have to have a place to store this equipment. As you know, back a short time ago they had a barn down at Cove Island which was since taken away from them. Now they finally found themselves a home up in Courtland Park. Believe me, they done a beautiful job up there. They have a brand new-----(?) that is outdoors and they have no place to park it. They have lawnmower equipment and they have to keep it under canvas. I think that this building should be built, because they cut the appropriation \$8,000. Now in the winter months they have an awful lot of equipment that should be stored - it cost a lot of money and it should be protected."

MR. SHANEN also spoke in opposition to deleting this appropriation.

MR. KUCZO spoke in opposition to the motion.

MR. KELLY spoke in opposition to the motion. HE MOVED to amend the motion to re-instate the \$20,000. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kelly that the full amount would be automatically re-instate in the event Mr. Reback's motion is defeated and said Mr. Kelly's amendment was out of order.

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MR. DEFOREST asked, through the Chair, how the Committee had arrived at their decision to delete this from the budget. He said "Wasn't a building built last year which was to be combined lavatory facilities, storage, etc., and if so, did the Fiscal Committee take that into consideration?"

MR. REBACK: "Yes, we did, and we thought at this time that while the various items requested by the Board of Recreation were undoubtedly needed, we felt that perhaps it could be held off for one additional year and they could come back next year when we don't have this type of budget and we could give it to them then. This was the feeling of the majority of the members of the Committee."

MR. CONNORS: "I went up and looked at the storage facilities the other day. It will only take care of the equipment they have at Courtland Park. What will they do with all the other equipment that they have to take out of the schools in the winter? They have to put it somewhere in the winter time."

MR. SHANEN: "I would like to ask the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee a question, through the Chair. Where is the equipment now stored-----the pick-up truck, the tractor, etc. now stored?"

MR. REBACK: "You mean at the present time? They have facilities."

MR. SHANEN: "It is my understanding that this building will not house rolling stock."

MR. REBACK: "I do not want to be repetitious but I cannot tell you at this moment exactly where that equipment is stored."

MR. DEFOREST: "We spent a lot of money on that building and now it won't hold everything."

MR. REBACK: "There should be no comparison between the building that was just erected and a storage building - they are not used for the same thing and it would not be fair to say that since you now have this facility you don't need storage facilities for heavy equipment. The building that was built and is up there now is designed to use as storage for the equipment that is used in Courtland Park. This is not the same thing. We are now talking about storage for all of the equipment - certainly this small building cannot handle it. It was the reasoning that all of this equipment that has been separated in the past, that perhaps for economy's sake, it could be left where it is for twelve more months - that was our reasoning."

VOTE taken on DELETING the \$20,000 for item #2 - "Storage Building, Courtland Park". CARRIED. There were several no votes. A show of hands were called for and the motion was CARRIED.

3. Permanent Playground - Cove Island - \$20,000.00

MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Carey and CARRIED.

4. Hatch Field - Improvement \$4,000.00 APPROVED

5. Heavy Sewer Lines - New Water Line Courtland Park - \$2,661.00 APPROVED.



6. Improvement to Building & Facilities (Courtland Park) \$10,000.00

MR. REBACK: "It was the unanimous decision of the Fiscal Committee to DELETE this item completely and I SO MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Carey.

MR. CONNORS asked that item #2 be voted upon again. (Re: Storage Building, Courtland Park - \$20,000 which was DELETED from the budget)

THE PRESIDENT asked that the members vote again upon the following, as requested by Mr. Connors.

Re: #2. Storage Building, Courtland Park - \$20,000.00

VOTE taken by a show of hands. Mr. Reback's motion to DELETE the \$20,000 from the budget was CARRIED by a vote of 22 in favor and 11 opposed.

MR. KELLY asked that item #3 be also voted upon again. He spoke in favor of having this item not be reduced.

THE PRESIDENT allowed the vote to be taken again on this item:

Re: #3 - Permanent Playground - Cove Island - \$20,000.00

VOTE on Mr. Reback's motion to REDUCE this to \$10,000.00. CARRIED for the 2nd time, with a few no votes.

The members returned to the matter that was on the floor before the second votes were taken on item #2 and #3.

6. Improvement to Buildings & Facilities (Courtland Park) - \$10,000.00

THE PRESIDENT explained that Mr. Reback has already made a motion to DENY this appropriation and it has been seconded by Mr. Carey. He said the debate would now be on this matter.

MR. CONNORS spoke in favor of this appropriation. He said this improvement was badly needed, and did not think it should be denied.

MR. KELLY also spoke in opposition to Mr. Reback's motion.

THE PRESIDENT explained that a vote can be taken on Mr. Reback's motion to deny and another vote can be taken on this in the event Mr. Reback's motion is voted down.

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion to DENY the \$10,000. LOST.

MR. REBACK then MOVED to reduce this \$10,000 to \$5,000. Seconded by Mr. Carey.

MR. DEFOREST SUGGESTED that it be reduced to \$4,000. and MOVED to amend. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

VOTE taken on Mr. DeForest's motion. LOST.

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion to reduce this to \$5,000. LOST.

MR. O'CONNELL MOVED this be REDUCED to \$8 000. Seconded by Mr. Connors and Mr. Kelly and CARRIED.

7. Complete Game Area - Lions Park - \$1 800.00 -

MR. DEFOREST MOVED the above item be DENIED. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. LOST.

8. Complete Game Area - Cummings Park - \$1 800.00

MR. DEFOREST MOVED the above item be DENIED. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and LOST.

TOTAL FOR BOARD OF RECREATION ----- \$18,261.00 APPROVED

Page 23 - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Traffic Light Equipment - \$10,000.00 APPROVED

Radio Communication System - \$18 000.00 APPROVED

TOTAL FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT ----- \$28,000.00 APPROVED

Page 25 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION

Lockers - \$1,400.00 APPROVED

Renovate Ladies Room & Office - \$8 507.00 APPROVED

TOTAL FOR HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION ----- \$9,907.00 APPROVED

Page 27 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

"Smith House" - Equipment - \$175 000.00

MR. REBACK MOVED the above amount be REDUCED to \$75 000.00. Seconded by Miss Farina.

MR. CONNORS said he had received some further information on this and did not think this should be reduced.

MR. BAKER said he thinks they will have enough money to get started and said he did not believe they should have an unrestricted hand.

MR. TRUGLIA said he did not think \$75,000 is enough to open up a place of this kind.

MR. GERONIMO spoke in opposition to the motion and said he was opposed to any reduction.

MR. RUSSELL spoke in favor of the reduction.

MR. KUCZO said he felt the aged and infirm should not be penalized.

MR. CALLAHAN spoke in favor of the reduction.

MR. MACRI spoke in favor of the reduction.

MR. SILEO said he was in favor of the reduction.

MR. BLOIS MOVED the previous question.



VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion to REDUCE this to \$75,000.00 CARRIED

TOTAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE ----- \$75,000.00 APPROVED

Page 29 - SUNSET HOME

Emergency Generator - \$7,000.00

MR. DEFOREST MOVED to DELETE the entire amount. Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

MR. REBACK said this is a very important matter. He said in the event of a power failure that it is imperative that they have this.

VOTE on Mr. DeForest's motion. LOST.

TOTAL FOR SUNSET HOME ----- \$7,000.00 APPROVED

Page 31 - BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jr. High School (Vine Road) - \$2,200,000.00

MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this to \$2,000,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Carey.

MR. REBACK: "In view of the fact that the land is already there - that all the bids have been coming in lower than anticipated, it was the unanimous decision of the Fiscal Committee to reduce the amount of money from \$2,200,000 to \$2,000,000. The one thing that we were most interested in was that nowhere in this particular request from the Board of Education will there be any denial of any of the educational services that are needed by the school. As we go down through the others you will note that nothing is denied to the School Board - we have just cut it back wherever we think that it is a little bit in excess - took a little more water out of this thing and we feel as though as though in this time of high taxes, that this is necessary."

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED.

Rogers School Rehabilitation and Addition - \$570,000.00

MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this from \$570,000 to \$540,000. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. REBACK: "On this, it was the unanimous decision of the Fiscal Committee to reduce the amount. Again it has come to our attention - as you know, this money is for Phase #2, and while we will appropriate \$540,000 for Phase #2, no one is quite sure when they are going to use the money. Phase #1 is not quite completed, as yet, so we are giving them sufficient money to complete this work, and again we feel as though the arbitrary figure of \$570,000 --- that it can well be managed within the \$540,000."

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED.

Cloonan Rehabilitation - \$480,000.00

MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this from \$480,000 to \$450,000. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. REBACK: "By unanimous vote of the Committee, this has been reduced to \$450,000. for the same economy reasons that I have already given."

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED.

Page 33 - Board of Education (continued):

Hart School Addition - \$130,000.00

MR. REBACK MOVED to REDUCE this from \$330,000 to \$310,000. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. REBACK. "By unanimous vote of the Fiscal Committee, it was decided to make this reduction, for the reasons that I have previously stated on the others."

VOTE taken on Mr. Reback's motion. CARRIED.

TOTAL FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION ----- \$3,300,000.00 APPROVED

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET APPROVED ----- \$6,253,977.00

TOTALS FOR 1961-1962 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET:

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Sanitary Sewers -----	\$2,000,000.00
2. Storm Drains -----	272,809.00
4. Sidewalks -----	27,000.00
5. New Construction -----	15,000.00
6. Heavy Equipment -----	200,000.00
7. Flood & Erosion Control -----	154,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS ----- \$2,668,809.00

PARK COMMISSION ----- 127,000.00

BOARD OF RECREATION ----- 38,261.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT ----- 28,000.00

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION ----- 9,907.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT ----- 75,000.00

SUNSET HOME ----- 7,000.00

BOARD OF EDUCATION ----- \$3,300,000.00

Page 33--TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET ----- \$6,253,977.00

The following resolution was presented. MR. REBACK MOVED its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Sileo and CARRIED unanimously:



RESOLUTION NO. 356

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL  
BUDGETS FROM JULY 1, 1961 to JUNE 30, 1962

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives. its recommended budget for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1961 and ending June 30, 1962, for final action thereon by the Board of Representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD, that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1961-1962 in the budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of

\$ 6,253,977.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

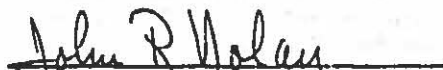
\$ 18,451,588.30 OPERATING BUDGET


BE AND IT IS HEREBY accepted, adopted and approved, and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading of "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action of this Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 A.M., upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED.

**APPROVED:**

  
John R. Nolan, President  
Board of Representatives

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant

Note: Miss Farina and Mr. Shapero were excused at 1:10 A.M.

The above meeting was not broadcast over the radio.

