

Minutes of December 11, 1961
Meeting of the Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

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The first regular monthly meeting of the 7th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, December 11, 1961 in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul D. Shapero, at 8:10 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Joseph J. Ehrenkranz, Congregation Agudath Sholom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG: The President led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 34 members at the calling of the roll. Several members arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 38 present and 2 absent. The absent members were: Raymond Mazza and Stanley Kulowiec.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of November 13, 1961

The Minutes were accepted, with one correction. On page 3254 under those absent at the Steering Committee meeting held October 23, 1961, Mr. Blois should have been recorded as being present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEERING COMMITTEE

The President read the Steering Committee report, which follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held December 4, 1961

The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the 7th Board of Representatives was held on Monday, December 4, 1961 in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 8 P.M.

The Chairman, Paul D. Shapero, presided. All members were present.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Appointments - Contained in letter from Mayor dated 12/4/61 concerning confirmation of his appointments of Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Finance and Corporation Counsel.
REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ordered on Agenda.

- (2) Additional Appropriations:

All requests for additional appropriations, previously approved by the Board of Finance at their November 9, 1961 meeting were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE. In the case of items of \$2,000 and over, with the exception of pensions, these were also referred to secondary committee.

- (3) Amendment to Resolution No. 357, previously adopted on June 5, 1961, changing method of financing (Approved by Board of Finance 11/9/61)
REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and ordered on Agenda.

- (4) Concerning method of releasing Workmanship Guarantee Bond (As contained in Ordinance No. 92 Supplemental)

This was discussed and it was decided to write a letter to the Corporation Counsel, requesting his advice on the proper method of releasing these bonds and the designation of a City Department to assume responsibility for following this through.

- (5) Letter from Planning Board, dated Dec. 4, 1961, requesting the Board of Representatives to adopt a resolution approving the filing of an application with the Federal Government for a \$200,000 grant for a COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROGRAM - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (6) Amendment to Building Code under the Heating & Air Conditioning Section concerning Licenses and Fees (Requested in letter of August 23, 1961 from William Hickey, Jr.)

The above request, having been in the Legislative & Rules Committee of the previous Board, was ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA.

- (7) Request to hold a Circus in Stamford - From Mrs. Donald A. Porter, a member of the Junior League (dated 11/15/61) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

(8) Planning & Zoning Committee:

All matters held in above Committee from the previous Board were ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA.

(9) Naming of road North of Bull's Head:

MR. RUSSELL asked to have this placed on the Agenda under the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - SO ORDERED.

(10) Old matters still in Committee from previous Board:

- (a) Concerning Fallout Shelters (Brought up at the Oct. 2, 1961 Board meeting by Mr. Reback) REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (b) Request in letter of 6/29/61 from James Ericson for a license to give pony rides on the streets of Stamford (Concerns Sec. 3, item #4, Chapter 30 of City Ordinances) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (c) Regarding secret ballots on matters before Board of Representatives (Letter from Robert Meyers, 7th District Representative, dated 2/7/61) REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (Note: See Minutes of 3/6/61, item #8, page 3018)
- (d) Concerning recommendations from Planning Board in letter of 9/7/60 RE: Septic tank installations - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (e) Periodic Health Examinations of Food Handlers - Requested by William Murphy, 11th District Representative, in letter of 3/16/61 - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (f) Fluoridation of City Water Supply: REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

(11) Distribution of secret ballots at Board meetings:

Mr. Shanen said he brought this matter up about 1-1/2 years ago with suggestions on how this could be better handled. The President said he would look into a better way of handling the ballots in order to avoid errors. (Note: See Rules of Order under "VOTING", 3rd sentence in 4th paragraph)

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul D. Shapero, Chairman
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MRS. AUSTIN, Chairman, presented her Committee report. She reported that a meeting was held on December 8, 1961 and present were: Eleanor Austin, Chairman, Samuel Cushing, Stephen Kelly, Patsy Arruzza and Bernard Geronimo. She said the Committee recommended all three appointments on the Agenda.

(1) CORPORATION COUNSEL: Isadore M. Mackler

The Tellers distributed the ballots on the above. CARRIED with the following VOTE:

32 in favor
5 opposed

(2) COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE: Norman Gluss

The Tellers distributed the ballots on the above. CARRIED with the following VOTE:

26 in favor
11 opposed

(3) COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS: John E. Canavan

The tellers distributed the ballots on the above. CARRIED, with the following VOTE:

22 in favor
15 opposed

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. MEYERS, Chairman, presented his committee report. He reported that a meeting was held on December 6, 1961, with the following members present: Robert Meyers, Chairman; Bernard Geronimo, William Murphy, Rose Farina, George Russell, Richmond Head, Jr., George Connors, with Mr. McLaughlin being absent.

(1) \$1,600.00 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE (Mayor's letter 11/6/61)

Code 144-0301 - Stationery, Supplies & Postage -----	\$ 800.00
Code 144-0402 - Printing and Advertising -----	800.00
	<u>\$1,600.00</u>

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRI was excused and MR. TRUGLIA arrived, which resulted in 37 present at this time. (Note: Roll call shows 38 present, 2 absent)

(2) \$6,384.00 - DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE (3 letters from Mayor)

- (a) Two-way radio and standby battery (\$350.00)
Three transistor radios----- (\$150.00)-----Total \$500.00
(Mayor's letter 11/6/61)
- (b) Salary Account (Mayor's letter 11/6/61)----- \$5,534.00 *
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| Deputy Director ----- | \$ 7,267.00 |
| Administrative Assistant ----- | 3,694.00 |
| Total----- | \$10,961.00 |
| Less----- | 5,427.00 now in Budget |
| | *\$ 5,534.00 |
- (c) Renovations at Civil Defense Headquarters
to qualify as a safe fallout shelter area ----- \$ 350.00
(Mayor's letter 11/2/61) \$6,384.00

(Above also referred to Health & Protection Committee)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above requests. Seconded by Mr. Connors and Mr. Geronimo.

MR. GERONIMO said the Health & Protection Committee concurred in approving the above requests.

MR. HEARING asked who appoints the Administrator - the City or the State.

MR. MEYERS replied that this appointment was made by the City and that there is a 50% rebate from the Federal Government - a matching funds situation.

MR. HEARING asked if there would be a competitive Civil Service examination held to fill this position.

MR. MEYERS replied that an examination would be advertised and held by the Civil Service Commission.

MR. HEARING asked who is taking care of the radio equipment. Mr. Meyers asked him to explain more fully. Mr. Hearing said he referred to the maintenance of the equipment. Mr. Meyers said he assumed that would be up to the Civilian Defense Director, and that the Board is only concerned with whether or not this equipment is needed and cannot go into the maintenance procedures with each department making a request for funds.

After some further debate, MR. SCARELLA MOVED the question. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

VOTE taken on Mr. Meyers motion to approve the \$6,384.00 requested by the Civilian Defense Department. CARRIED.

(3) \$2,220.17 - PENSION, Patrolman Lucien J. Marrucco, effective 11/18/61, based on annual pension of \$3,584.00 being 64% of annual salary of \$5,600.00 (Mayor's letter 11/2/61)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$2,730.38 - PENSION, Acting Police Lt. Canio Genovese, effective 12/2/61, based on annual pension of \$4,703.32, being two-thirds of annual salary of \$7,055.00 (Mayor's letter 11/2/61)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Vitti and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$11,943.34 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Street Lighting, Code 616
(Mayor's letter 10/11/61)
(Above also referred to Public Works Committee)

MR. MEYERS MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. Blois seconded the motion and said the Public Works Committee concurred in the approval.

MR. McLAUGHLIN asked the Chairman to explain what this was for and Mr. Meyers said it was the cost of electricity and represents the annual cost.

MR. MEYERS read from the Mayor's letter, in which the areas of lighting are outlined as follows:

Area bounded by the Connecticut Turnpike,
Greenwich Town line, West Broad Street
and Atlantic Street - Annual Cost----- \$5,647.69

Area bounded by the Rippowam River, Broad
Street, Stillwater Avenue and Bridge
Street - Annual cost ----- \$1,587.00

Area bounded by the Rippowam River,
Broad Street, Grove Street, Strawberry
Hill Avenue and Fifth Street Annual Cost--- \$4,708.65
Total cost -----\$11,943.34

VOTE taken on the above request. CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$23,670.00 - Amending Resolution No. 357 (which amends the 1960/1961 Capital Projects Budget for project known as "Circuit Court House", Family Relations Division) - Previously adopted by the Board of Representatives on June 5, 1961. This authorizes the financing by direct taxation instead of by bonds. (Note: See minutes of June 5, 1961, pages 3137-38 -- Approved 11/9/61 by Board of Finance)

MR. MEYERS presented the following amended resolution and MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Connors:

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 357

AMENDING 1960/1961 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
BY ADDITION OF \$23,670.00 TO PROJECT KNOWN
AS "CIRCUIT COURT HOUSE" FOR PURPOSE OF
FINISHING BASEMENT FOR OCCUPANCY BY THE
FAMILY RELATIONS DIVISION.
(Changing method of financing)

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an additional amendment to the Capital Projects Budget for the year 1960/1961 by including therein an item in the amount of \$23,670.00 for the purpose of finishing the basement of the Circuit Court House for occupancy by the Family Relations Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum be raised by direct taxation.

MR. SCHWARTZ asked a question of the Chairman. He asked if it was true that the construction had been completed on this project and it is now the city's obligation to pay for it.

MR. MEYERS explained that this has been paid for out of the General Fund. He said that whenever an amendment to the Capital Projects Budget is made, it is not usually made in time to actually be paid for by the proceeds of the bond sale, because the proceeds from a bond sale usually come in sometime afterward, because of the delay in transmission through several boards. He said the City can only issue bonds once a year and what happens is that funds are taken from the General Fund and the amount is paid, with the proceeds from the sale of the bonds then used to reimburse the General Fund. He said this is merely a question of changing the method of financing.

MR. SHERMAN asked why other communities who use the services of the Circuit Court do not share in the expenses, and if the Committee had looked into this matter.

MR. MEYERS explained that this issue had been raised several months ago and that the State of Connecticut leases the facilities from the City for the Circuit Court.

MR. NOLAN informed the members that at the time the building of the Circuit Court House was brought before this Board, it was gone into very thoroughly. He said it was the understanding at that time that the State would rent the facilities from the City and it was thought by all the City Boards that this would be for the best interests of the City of Stamford, in order to gain this Circuit Court housed in Stamford and that the State would rent it from the City, and it was unanimously approved by the Board of Representatives. He said this issue was thoroughly debated in the past and is not before the Board at this time.

THE PRESIDENT referred Mr. Sherman to the Minutes of November 13, 1961, pages 3261-62 at which time this Board approved a lease for the Circuit Court.

MR. SHERMAN said his question was still unanswered - that he had asked if any contributions had been sought from the other communities sharing this facility, and for improvements to a facility already in existence.

MR. BAKER explained that if the City owns the building and leases it to the State, if the City asked the various communities who use the services of the Circuit Court to share in the expenses, it would naturally follow that they would also share in the rentals received by the City for the use of the facilities. He said he believes that the city does not contemplate this kind of an arrangement, for obviously if the city is paying for the building, they also would wish to keep the rents received.

There being no further debate, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Meyers' motion to approve Resolution No. 357, as amended. CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

- (1) Amendment to Building Code "Heating & Air Conditioning, Section II", concerning Licenses and Fees (Requested in letter of August 23, 1961 from Wm. Hickey, Jr.)

The above matter was kept in committee, having been a holdover from the previous Board under this Committee.

- (2) Board of Tax Review - Request in letter of 12/7/61 for approval of scheduled hearings on revision of assessments

MR. BAKER MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring the above matter on the floor. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. BAKER explained that it would be necessary to approve this request for the reason that the hearings are scheduled before the next meeting of the Board of Representatives. He read the above letter at this time, which follows, and MOVED for approval of the request. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Scarella and CARRIED unanimously:

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW
Stamford, Connecticut
303 Main Street

December 7, 1961

Members of the Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 530, Chapter 53 of the Stamford Charter, we are hereby notifying you that the Board of Tax Review will meet on the following dates on the second floor of 303 Main Street, Stamford, for the purpose of receiving applications for revision of assessments on the List of September 1, 1961:

January 3, 1962	-----	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
January 5, 1962	-----	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
January 6, 1962	-----	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 8, 1962	-----	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Appeal forms may be obtained in the Assessor's Office in January 1962, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The reason for not scheduling Board meetings beyond January 8th, 1962 is to allow for executive sessions and the Assessor to make any and all changes on the Grand List, which must be completed by January 31st, 1962. This has been the usual procedure of previous boards.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Kemp, Clerk
Board of Tax Review

- (3) Request for license to give pony rides - From James Ericson in letter of 6/29/61
(Note: See item #10b under report of Steering Committee)

MR. JOHNSON asked what was the status of the above request. Mr. Baker replied that the Committee was looking into the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BLOIS presented his report and said a meeting was held jointly with the Fiscal Committee on December 6, 1961. Those present were: Mr. Longo, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Arruzza, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Mead and Mr. Blois, Chairman, with Mr. Dombroski absent because of illness in his family. He reported on the matter referred jointly to both his committee and the Fiscal Committee.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. GERONIMO presented his committee report and said a meeting had been held December 8, 1961, with the following members present: Bernard Geronimo, Chairman; Patrick Scarella, Benjamin Kozlowski, Thomas Morris. Mr. Macri was absent.

Special Police - Requested in Mayor's letter of 12/5/61 for authorization to appoint 300 additional Special Police above the 200 allowed under Chapter 43, Section 431 of the Charter

MR. GERONIMO MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up the above request. Seconded by Mr. Scarella and CARRIED.

MR. GERONIMO MOVED for approval of the Mayor's request. Seconded by Mr. Scarella and CARRIED unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held on December 6, 1961, with the following members present: Franklin Melzer, Robert Meyers, James Mulreed, Allen Shanen and George Russell, Chairman.

- (1) NORTHWOODS ROAD - Letter dated 11/9/61 from Commissioner of Finance, concerning improvements to be carried out in compliance with provisions of Resolution No. 367 adopted by Board on August 7, 1961 and powers granted under Section 640 of Charter (Estimates of cost of improvements, with portion to be borne by property owners and a portion by the City, pursuant to Section 648 of Charter)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Schwartz and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 378

DIRECTING IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT
ON NORTHWOODS ROAD

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford:

That the report of the Commissioner of Finance to the Board of Representatives, dated November 9, 1961, regarding the improvement to be carried out on NORTH-WOODS ROAD is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of said report by the Mayor of the City of Stamford, said improvement shall be carried out in accordance with said report, after notice of such finally approved report has been given according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report when so approved by the Mayor and when funds have been appropriated to pay for the cost of the improvement, shall be recorded in the land records of the City of Stamford.

- (2) STILLVIEW DRIVE - Abandonment of portion - As requested in letter of 8/23/61 from law firm of Speike & Weil (Deferred on 9/11/61 and on 10/2/61; again on 11/13/61, because of need for prior advertisement before action can be taken)

Action was DEFERRED on the above matter.

- (3) OVERLOOK PLACE - Abandonment of portion - As requested in letter from Vincent and Mary Savastino, 16 Overlook Place, Springdale (Deferred on 11/13/61 because of need for prior advertisement before action can be taken)

Action was DEFERRED on the above matter.

- (4) Acceptance of roads as city streets:

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following roads as city streets. He said these roads have been certified for acceptance by the City Engineer and maps mentioned are on file in the office of the Town and City Clerk. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

HEMLOCK DRIVE - Extending southerly from Wyndover Lane to Paul Road. Length, approximately 730 feet, width, 27 feet, as shown on Map #6955.

PAUL ROAD - Extending easterly from the westerly end of Paul Road to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 400 feet, width 27 feet, as shown on Map #6955.

LOVELAND ROAD WEST - Extending westerly from the easterly property line of Loveland Road to High Ridge Road. Length, approximately 525 feet, width, 30 feet. No map recorded in Town Clerk's office.

COLD SPRING ROAD (extension): Extending easterly from Long Ridge Road to High Ridge Road. Length, approximately 255 feet, width, 60 feet, as shown on Map #5420.

(Note: Concerning naming of road north of Bull's Head on Agenda, refers to Cold Spring Road extension above)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:

Re: Acquisition of park land for "passive recreation" area, situated on West side of Hope Street, extending from Rock Spring Road to the property of Bernard J. Coughlin (Requested in letter from Mrs. Austin, 8th District Representative - See Minutes of 11/13/61 - page 3266)

THE PRESIDENT explained that a request was made by a member of the 6th Board on the above matter, with a request that a letter be written to the Mayor. This is a reply to the letter. He then read the following letter:

To:
Board of Representatives

Dated November 30, 1961

On November 17th I received a communication from the Board of Representatives in reference to a piece of property at the corner of Rock Spring Road and Hope Street, recommended for possible passive park purposes.

Previous to this communication, I had referred this matter to the Park Commission, with the suggestion that they make a survey of the area in question to see whether it was suitable for passive purposes, and, if so, whether they would undertake the purchase and development of the land.

I attach herewith a copy of a communication from the Park Commission as of November 29, 1961.

Will you please direct this communication to the proper committee.

Sincerely,

J. Walter Kennedy, Mayor

The following letter to the Mayor was attached:

Dear Mayor Kennedy:

Dated November 29, 1961

Subject: Property at the corner of Rock Spring Road and Hope Street

At the Park Commission meeting of Tuesday, November 28, at which all five members of the Commission were present, the above property was discussed and the Commission unanimously decided that it would not recommend the acquisition of this property for park purposes.

The Commission believes that only a small fraction of this land is level and the solid rock remainder is totally unsuited for park purposes.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Connell, Sup't.
Dept. of Parks & Trees

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning Fallout Shelters: (Brought up at the Oct. 2, 1961 Board meeting by Mr. Reback and referred to the Health & Protection Committee by the Steering Committee on 12/4/61 - See Steering Committee report, item No. 10 a)

MR. JOHNSON inquired about the status of the above matter. The President informed him that it was in the Health & Protection Committee for study and report at a later date.

Concerning right of Way on Strawberry Hill, near apartment houses:
(See Minutes of April 3, 1961, page 3072)

MR. SHANEN asked if anything was being done on the above matter, as this creates a traffic problem as a result of the tenants driving out into the approach leading to the Stamford High School.

MR. RUSSELL (Planning & Zoning Committee Chairman) replied that this had taken a great deal of his time, as he had discussed it with the Planning & Zoning Boards, who told him there was nothing they could do. He said he asked the Corporation Counsel's office to look into the status of the right-of-way. He said this is not too clear, as there are two property owners in back who can use it, but whether or not they had the right to knock the wall down and create an access of their own, is the question that must be determined and is a little involved right now.

Concerning appointments referred by the Mayor to the Board for action:

MR. CONNORS asked if the above matter could be referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion as to whether the Board must wait a month before acting, or whether they could vote on them immediately upon referral the night of the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Connors if he was referring to appointments to appointive boards. He replied in the affirmative. The President informed him that he would take care of the matter.

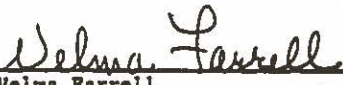
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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APPROVED:


Paul D. Shapiro, President


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

