

Minutes of May 11, 1964  
Special Meeting of 8th Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Connecticut

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 11, 1964, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, Ronald M. Schwartz, at the Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:30 P.M.

INVOCATION - In the absence of anyone to give the invocation, a moment of silence was observed.

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

"CALL OF MEETING:

The President read the following "Call" of the special meeting:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
429 Atlantic Street  
Stamford, Connecticut

April 29, 1964

I, RONALD M. SCHWARTZ, 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

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1964  
At the Walter Dolan Jr. High School  
Cafeteria, Toms Road, Stamford at 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1964-1965, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 21, 1964.

(Signed) Ronald M. Schwartz,  
President,  
Board of Representatives

THE PRESIDENT said there was an addendum to the agenda, dated May 5, 1964, to all members of the Board of Representatives, which he now read as follows:

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BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
429 Atlantic Street  
Stamford, Connecticut

May 5, 1964

TO: All members of Board of Representatives

FROM: Office of Board of Representatives

SUBJECT: Addendum to Special Meeting to be held May 11, 1964 Concerning Refreshment Concession at Cummings Park, between City of Stamford and the National Automatic Services, Inc., submitted by the Park Department and approved by the Corporation Counsel. (See Mayor's letter to President Ronald M. Schwartz, dated 4/10/64 - Approved by Board of Finance 4/9/64 - Denied by Board of Representatives 5/4/64)

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The following motion was presented by Mr. Selsberg under "New Business" at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Representatives held Monday, May 4, 1964, seconded and CARRIED:

MOVED that the Park Department of the City of Stamford be instructed to receive bids concerning the refreshment concession at Cummings Park within the following week and return its recommendation through the necessary and proper authorities so that same may be properly acted upon at the May 11th meeting of the Board of Representatives, and I

FURTHER MOVE that the Administrative Assistant of this Board be instructed to immediately notify each and every member of the Board of Representatives that same shall be placed on the agenda and acted upon at said meeting.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
(Signed) Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant

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Because of the illness of Mrs. Frances Lilliendahl, the President called for the nomination of a Temporary Clerk to serve in her absence.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that Mr. Romaine Philpot be appointed Temporary Clerk.

Mr. Philpot assumed his duties as Temporary Clerk.

ROLL CALL was taken by Mr. Philpot, Temporary Clerk. There were 31 members present and 9 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mrs. Esposito and Mr. Durso arrived shortly thereafter changing the roll call to 33 present and 7 absent. The absent members were: Vincent Caporizzo, Allen Shanen, Stanley Kulowiec, Carmine Longo, George Russell, Peter Martin and Frances Lilliendahl.

THE PRESIDENT called MR. HEMINGWAY, Acting Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, to present the report of the Fiscal Committee at this time. He presented the following report:

#### REPORT OF FISCAL COMMITTEE

To: Members of the Board of Representatives

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In presenting for your consideration and action, the CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS of the City of Stamford, as determined by your Fiscal Committee, we feel that the Board should know that your Committee spent many evenings interviewing the various department heads. These discussions were, at times, very lengthy and warm.

We feel, however, that all interviewed, understood that a job had to be done and that the Fiscal Committee was trying to fulfill its assigned task by the Board of Representatives. We realize that our recommendations largely influence the services needed and desired by the people of Stamford, as well as the final tax dollar that they will pay for same.

Hence, we took very serious consideration of the cuts and actions of both the Mayor, and after him, the Board of Finance. The cuts or reductions by the Board of Finance amounted to about three mills.

The Fiscal Committee felt that the reductions being presented by their actions are minor, but since most of the budget (operation costs) are fixed, did not wish to drastically offer reductions that would curtail the orderly progress that Stamford has been outstandingly proud of.

The Fiscal Committee so recommends the Capital and Operating Budgets as follows:

(Note: Figures as presented and recorded in official copies of Fiscal Committee's Budget Books filed with Clerk.)

After both the Capital and the Mayor's Proposed Operating Budgets have received final action by the Board of Representatives, and all figures have been duly checked, the Board must then confirm their complete action by adopting the annual Appropriation Resolution, pursuant to Section 614 of the Stamford Charter.

Signed by all members of the Fiscal Committee:

George E. Russell, Acting Chairman  
Robert M. Durso  
Frances Lilliendahl  
John T. D. Rich  
George V. Connors  
Booth Hemingway  
Lee Mogul  
Gerald J. Rybnick

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MR. HEMINGWAY said the first budget to be acted upon will be the CAPITAL BUDGET:

THE PRESIDENT announced the plan of procedure. He said, starting with the Capital Projects Budget, he would call it page by page and each page will be approved, rather than each specific item. He said if any member of the Board has any question about any item, he may address his remarks to the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, and if any member wishes to move for a reduction of any item, he may do so. He informed the members that this Board does not have the power to add to any of the items previously approved or reduced by the Board of Finance.

PAGE 3 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SANITARY SEWERS:

1. Extension of Sanitary Sewers South of Parkway and Sewage Treatment Plant Addition -----\$900,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR SANITARY SEWERS -----\$900,000.00

PAGE 5 - STORM DRAINS:

1. City-wide Storm Drains ----- \$30,000.00 approved
2. Westover-West Hill-Westview-Bartina ----- \$25,000.00 approved
4. Cove Road-Seaside Avenue ----- \$35,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR STORM DRAINS -----\$900,000.

PAGE 7 - HIGHWAYS:

1. Resurfacing ----- \$25,000.00 approved
2. City-Wide Raise Manholes ----- 7,500.00 approved
3. Washington Avenue Extension (Previously DENIED by Board of Finance)

TOTAL APPROVED FOR HIGHWAYS ----- \$32,500.00

PAGE 9 - SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING:

1. Curbing, City-Wide ----- \$15,000.00 approved
2. Sidewalks, City-Wide ----- \$15,000.00 approved
3. Board of Education - Sidewalks----- \$20,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING ----- \$50,000.00

PAGE 11 - NEW CONSTRUCTION:

1. Incinerator Unit ----- \$150,000.00 approved
2. Sanitary Landfill Area  
#1 (Incinerator) ----- \$ 25,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ----- \$175,000.00

**PAGE 13 - NEW EQUIPMENT:**

1. New Equipment ----- \$50,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR NEW EQUIPMENT ----- \$50,000.00

**PAGE 15 - FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL:**

1. Hurricane Protection -

Total Cost: \$7,670,000.00

Federal Share: \$4,314,000.00

State: \$1,239,000.00

City ----- \$762,000.00 approved

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2. Cove Island Beach Improvement,

City's Share ----- \$3,767.00 approved

3. Cummings Park Beach Improvement,

City's Share ----- \$1,400.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL ----- \$767,167.00

**PAGE 19 - ACQUISITION OF HELCO BUILDING:**

1. Helco Building - Acquisition ----- \$200,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ACQUISITION OF HELCO BUILDING ----- \$200,000.00

**PAGE 21 - PARK COMMISSION**

1. Cummings Park Phase Improvement ----- \$30,000.00 approved

2. Cove Island Park Phase Improvement ----- \$30,000.00 approved

3. Capital Maintenance ----- \$10,000.00 approved

4. Fishing Piers ----- \$15,000.00 approved

5. Marinas ----- \$10,000.00 approved

6. Game Areas ----- (This item DENIED by Board of Finance)

7. Horticultural ----- \$ 5,000.00 approved

8. Mechanized Equipment (nothing requested this year)

9. Storage Garage ----- \$ 5,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PARK COMMISSION ----- \$105,000.00

**PAGE 23 - BOARD OF RECREATION:**

1. Shelter House - Scalzi Park ----- \$ 2,000.00 approved

2. Shelter House - Southfield Park (This item DENIED by Board of Finance)



3. Bleachers ----- \$2,100.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF RECREATION ----- \$4,100.00

PAGE 25 - POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Garage Equipment ----- \$15,000.00 approved

2. Radar Equipment (nothing requested this year)

3. Traffic Lights ----- \$15,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT ----- \$30,000.00

PAGE 27 - TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. New Headquarters ----- \$21,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT ----- \$21,000.00

PAGE 29 - SUNSET HOME:

1. Additional Funds for Sunset Home's  
Sunporch Alteration ----- \$1,500.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR SUNSET HOME ----- \$1,500.00

PAGE 31 - BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. Cloonan Jr. High School  
Replacement Project -----

MR. HEMINGWAY said that, as everyone knows, the Mayor's request for this item was \$1,700,000.00, but the Board of Finance when considering this did not come to any final conclusion, but passed it on to the Board of Representatives. The Corporation Counsel then gave his opinion saying that the Board of Representatives could, if they chose, approve any sum up to \$700,000.00.

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Fiscal Committee feels that they should not overrule or perhaps supersede the functions of the Board of Finance by approving ANY sum for Cloonan Jr. High School and in order to leave no doubt as to the opinion of the Committee, they agreed unanimously that the \$700,000.00 should be denied and HE MOVED this item be DENIED.

MR. HEMINGWAY said that everybody wants Cloonan Jr. High School, but the only question remains as to when and where. He noted that it has been reported in the paper that the Mayor has requested the Planning Board and the Board of Finance to approve the sum of \$200,000.00. He said, of course his committee was aware of this at the time of their last meeting, but felt it would be better to agree to the original sum, and therefore MOVES that the item be DENIED. Seconded.

MR. SHERMAN asked a question through the Chair. He wanted to know if it was the intention of the Fiscal Committee in this recommendation not to pass upon the merits of the Jr. High School, but merely to clear the air as the result of the action taken by the Board of Finance, so that the entire procedure may begin again.

MR. TRUGLIA requested a recess at this time. (8:55 P.M.)

Mrs. Esposito arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 32 present.

The recess was declared over at 9:20 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

Several members expressed doubt as to the status of the particular matter under discussion - namely funds for Cloonan School replacement project.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the only way that seems feasible to eliminate the confusion is to vote something less than \$700,000 - i.e., "zero dollars" which would then leave the city free to move forward in acquiring property and making appropriate resolutions of request for funds to pay for the school. He said it would appear to be the best way to clear the air by starting afresh, and because it is so highly involved at this point, it is difficult to explain.

MR. TRUGLIA said that now we have an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, not only has it become more confusing, it is "downright muddy". He asked if the Corporation Counsel has given this Board an opinion in writing.

It was explained that the Corporation Counsel had rendered an opinion to the Mayor on this matter.

After considerable further debate, MR. SHERMAN MOVED the previous question. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion to DENY any appropriation for item #1, page 31. CARRIED, with one opposing vote. (Mr. Truglia)

2. Elementary School North of Parkway- (East Site) --- \$1,525,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION ----- \$1,525,000.00

PAGE 33 - URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

City Funds ----- \$1,000,000.00 approved

TOTAL APPROVED FOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ----- \$1,000,000.00

The following is a summary of the totals for the Capital Projects Budget:

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - 1964-1965

PAGE 1 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- (1) Sanitary Sewers - \$900,000.00 APPROVED
- (2) Storm Drains - \$90,000.00 APPROVED
- (3) Highways - \$32,500.00 APPROVED
- (4) Sidewalks & Curbing - \$50,000.00 APPROVED
- (5) New Construction - \$175,000.00 APPROVED
- (6) New Equipment - \$50,000.00 APPROVED
- (7) Flood & Erosion Control - \$767,167.00 APPROVED
- (8) Acquisition of HELCO BUILDING - \$200,000.00 APPROVED

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PUBLIC WORKS ----- \$2,264,667.00

PARK COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 105,000.00

BOARD OF RECREATION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 4,100.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED .....	\$ 30,000.00
TURN-OF-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT.....	21,000.00
SUNSET HOME .....	1,500.00
BOARD OF EDUCATION .....	1,525,000.00
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT .....	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL, CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET</u> .....	\$4,951,267.00

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OPERATING BUDGET - 1964-1965

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's budget.

PAGE 3 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - TOTAL APPROVED ..... \$ 39,300.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Code 104.0101, Salaries

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee approved a reduction in this appropriation from \$1,500.00 to \$1,200.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN ..... \$ 1,500.00

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - TOTAL APPROVED ..... 13,994.00

PAGE 5 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - TOTAL APPROVED ..... 39,257.00

DEPARTMENT OF LAW - TOTAL APPROVED ..... 78,268.00

PAGE 7 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK - TOTAL APPROVED ..... 81,071.98

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - TOTAL APPROVED ..... 20,412.00

PAGE 9 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS - GENERAL ACCOUNTING:

Code 116.2101, Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this appropriation from \$250.00 to \$200.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING ..... \$ 50,834.84

PAGE 9 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS - DATA PROCESSING:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ABOVE DEPARTMENT ..... \$ 61,679.33



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BUREAU OF PURCHASES - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$35,120.00  
PAGE 11 - STAMFORD MUSEUM - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 95,000.00  
FERGUSON LIBRARY - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 515,000.00  
PAGE 13 - VETERAN'S SERVICE - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 13,615.00  
CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 23,978.00  
PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 6,625.00  
VETERANS' GRAVES COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 4,000.00

MR. DURSO arrived at this time (10:00 P.M.), changing the roll call to 33 present.

PAGE 15 - GENERAL INSURANCE - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$51,691.00  
EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 10,000.00

PLANNING BOARD:

Code 134.2101, Conventions, Dues and Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee recommended that the above appropriation be reduced FROM \$150.00 to \$125.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

PLANNING BOARD - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$43,845.32

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

Code 135.2102, Dues and Subscriptions

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee recommended that the above appropriation be reduced from \$3,797.00 to one-half, \$1,898.50 for the reason that this would be sufficient funds for six months to January 1, 1965 which is approximately the two years commitment made by Stamford as a member of this Agency, and SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

MR. SHERMAN spoke against the motion. He said as a representative from Stamford to this Agency, he had some knowledge of the matter. He said this Board in 1962 adopted an Ordinance (Ordinance No. 100) by which Stamford became one of the five members of the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency, thereby bringing the Agency into existence. He explained that the date the Agency was organized was January 6, 1963 and it terminates two years after that date, namely, January 6, 1965 (see Section VI of Ordinance). Mr. Sherman pointed out that under the State Statutes any member municipality must give six months notice of its intention to withdraw from the Agency, so if only half of the money was approved, and theoretically carry Stamford's contribution to January 1965, we would still, by giving notice in January of 1965, have another six months of membership under the State Statute and would be under a moral obligation to pay our share through July of 1965. He said if Stamford wishes to withdraw from the Agency, to be effective January 1965, it means that this Board must re-consider the Ordinance (which gives Stamford membership,) in June, which is the next meeting of this Board.

MR. MORRIS MOVED to amend Mr. Hemingway's motion, to delete entirely the sum that was appropriated.

THE PRESIDENT declared the motion out of order. He explained that Mr. Morris could make an amendment to reduce this still further if he wished.

MR. MORRIS said when Stamford first joined the Agency they were told it would be very easy to get out and now they find out that there must be a six months notice. He said he thinks Stamford by belonging to the Agency will lose their local autonomy of government and it would override the authority of our Planning Board and Zoning Board.

MR. KANE rose on a point of information. He said he voted against this last year and in order to clarify it in his own mind, would like to know what plans are foreseen that might make it worthwhile to stay in the Agency.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that they still have a 93 page budget to get through and not to get bogged down on one item, and that this is merely to do with appropriations and not the merits of regional planning.

MR. SHERMAN informed Mr. Kane that the Agency is strictly an advisory one and has no binding powers whatever - that it serves as a central information bureau for Planning and Zoning agencies; it protects each community in that proposed changes of zoning within a certain number of feet of an adjoining town could be brought to the attention of the Agency; it is charged with developing a regional plan which could be of great advantage to a member municipality and that the Cove Dam Project is a good example. He spoke at considerable length in explanation.

MR. KETCHAM urged that the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee be followed and the debate on the merits of the Agency be delayed until the June meeting when it can be properly before the Board.

MR. KUCZO spoke in opposition to any appropriation at all for this Agency.

MR. KETCHAM MOVED the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SHERMAN MOVED for a roll call vote. Seconded, and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT restated the motion. He said the motion was to REDUCE the appropriation to one-half - namely \$1,898.50. He said a vote of yes would be approval of the recommendation made by the Fiscal Committee and a vote of no would be against the amount of \$1,898.50. It would then be in order to make a further motion to either reject the entire amount or lower it.

MR. PHILPOT, Temporary Clerk, called the roll. The vote on the motion to reduce the appropriation to \$1,898.50 was LOST by a vote of 17 in favor, 15 opposed and one abstention. (Needs 21 votes to carry - a majority vote)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Patsy Arruzza (D)  
Vito Biscaglio (R)  
Joseph Bitetto (R)  
George Connors (D)  
Edward Dombroski (D)  
Robert Durso (D)  
Jennie Esposito (D)  
Booth Hemingway (R)

THOSE OPPOSED

(R) William Hearing  
(D) John Kane  
(R) Janis John Keggi  
(D) Paul Kuczo  
(R) Edwin Lindstrom  
(R) Lee Mogul  
(D) John Morris  
(R) Thomas Morris

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Stephen Kelly (D)  
 Alan Ketcham (R)  
 Benjamin Nathanson (R)  
 John Rich (R)  
 Gerald Rybnick (D)  
 William Selsberg (R)  
 Andrew Tatano (R)  
 Anthony Truglia (D)  
 Chester Walaajtys (D)

THOSE OPPOSED

(D) William Murphy  
 (R) Romaine Philpot  
 (R) Paul Rand  
 (R) Daniel Remling  
 (R) Michael Sherman  
 (D) Dominick Vivona  
 (R) Michael Zesima

ABSTAINED

Ronald Schwartz (R)

MR. SHERMAN MOVED that the entire amount of \$3,797.00 be approved. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT said the amount can only be reduced, not increased.

MR. MORRIS MOVED that the appropriation be reduced to \$1.00. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. LINDSTROM inquired if this would place the city in an embarrassing legal position, whereby they are legally obligated to pay dues by a certain time.

THE PRESIDENT told the speaker that the question should be directed to Mr. Sherman.

MR. SHERMAN replied that, frankly, he does not know what the legal ramifications are at this time, but is sure of the moral obligation.

There was considerable debate at this time.

MR. KEGGI MOVED the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

A roll call vote was requested.

The Clerk called the roll. The motion to reduce the appropriation to \$1.00 for Code 135.2102, Dues and Subscriptions, Southwestern Fairfield Regional Planning Agency was CARRIED by a vote of 21 in favor, 11 opposed and one abstention (Mr. Schwartz).

The roll call vote is as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Patsy Arruzza (D)  
 Vito Biscaglio (R)  
 George Connors (D)  
 Edward Dombroski (D)  
 Robert Durso (D)  
 Jennie Esposito (D)  
 William Hearing (R)  
 Booth Hemingway (R)  
 John Kane (D)  
 Stephen Kelly (D)  
 Alan Ketcham (R)  
 Paul Kuczo (D)

THOSE OPPOSED

(R) Joseph Bitetto  
 (R) Janis John Keggi  
 (D) John Morris  
 (D) William Murphy  
 (R) Romaine Philpot  
 (R) Paul Rand  
 (R) John Rich  
 (R) Michael Sherman  
 (D) Anthony Truglia  
 (D) Chester Walaajtys  
 (R) Michael Zesima

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (continued)

Edwin Lindstrom (R)  
 Lee Mogul (R)  
 Thomas Morris (R)  
 Benjamin Nathanson (R)  
 Daniel Remling (R)  
 Gerald Rybnick (D)  
 William Selsberg (R)  
 Andrew Tatano (R)  
 Dominick Vivona (D)

ABSTAINED

Ronald Schwartz (R)

TOTAL APPROVED FOR SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFIELD R.P.A. ----- \$1.00

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 300.00

PAGE 17 - ZONING BOARD:Code 138,2102, Dues & Subscriptions

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this item from \$150.00 to \$125.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ZONING BOARD -----\$7,286.00

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:Code 140,2102, Dues & Subscriptions

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this item from \$50.00 to \$25.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ----- \$8,055.00

TAXATION BOARD - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 350.00

PAGE 19 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:Code 144,2101, Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this item from \$600.00 to \$500.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED. (Note: This was previously reduced by Board of Finance, from \$1,000.00 to \$600.00)

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ----- \$78,889.10

CONCERNING INCREASES IN TELEPHONE ACCOUNTS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS:

MR. LINDSTROM asked why all departments seem to have such a large increase in their telephone accounts. He said it says in the Budget book: "Due to installation of new telephone system."

MR. CONNORS explained that the changeover of the new telephone system for the entire City offices has been changed since they have moved into the HELCO BUILDING, at 429 Atlantic Street, and that all city departments now go through the switchboard in the



new Municipal Office Building (HELCO). He explained that they took the flat figure for the installation and broke it down in all departments - that this includes the new equipment, work of installation, etc., and they have combined the whole city system into a central location.

MR. LINDSTROM asked if this bill had already been incurred.

MR. CONNORS replied that is true.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Connors is trying to say that as a result of the new telephone system, the budgeting has increased.

MR. KETCHAM said what he would like to get straight is - are we now paying for work that was done back last October and November before the new building was occupied, such as the new switchboard which was installed in November. He asked if these payments are broken down and pro-rated between all the departments in order to pay for the work that was done previously.

MR. CONNORS explained that as an example, take the Assessor's office, which had an antique system and have, at the present time, a very up-to-date system, which necessitated the installation of all new telephones. He said if you install new telephones, you have to pay for their installation and some of these costs are installation costs as well as operating costs, and the picture could change considerably next year.

PAGE 21 - TAX COLLECTOR:

Code 146,2101, Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this item from \$75.00 to \$50.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TAX COLLECTOR ----- \$73,189.14

RESERVE FOR TAX REFUNDS - APPROVED ----- 5,000.00

PAGE 23 - BOARD OF FINANCE - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 14,815.00

PENSIONS - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$1,076,568.00

PAGE 25 - CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Code 174,2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this item from \$250.00 to \$200.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 174,1702 Gas and Oil

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee approved a reduction in this item from \$110.00 to \$85.00, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT ----- \$35,280.00

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 6,744.00

PROBATE COURT - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$6,850.00

PAGE 27 - SEWER COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 6,851.00



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<u>PRINTING LEGISLATIVE BILLS</u> - TOTAL APPROVED -----	\$ 500.00
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVED</u> -----	2,505,869.71
PAGE 29 - <u>DEBT SERVICE</u> - <u>TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----	2,953,900.00
PAGE 35 - <u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> - <u>TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----	10,029,040.00
PAGE 37 - <u>WELFARE DEPARTMENT</u> - TOTAL APPROVED -----	333,186.91
PAGE 39 - <u>HOSPITALS</u> - TOTAL APPROVED -----	80,000.00
<u>SUNSET HOME</u> - TOTAL APPROVED -----	73,565.11

RECESS:

THE PRESIDENT DECLARED a recess at this time (10:45 P.M.) to enable the members to take a brief rest and partake of "coffee and" which had been provided by Mr. Russell, who had ordered it delivered.

THE RECESS was declared over at 11:00 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

SMITH HOUSE:Code 440,2101, Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. RAND MOVED that this be reduced to \$175.00 from \$200.00. Seconded by Mr. Hearing. LOST. The amount stays at \$200.00 as appropriated.

Code 440,2601, Laundry

MR. LINDSTROM asked if he would be out of order in asking if the members would be in favor of a cut in the laundry bill. HE MOVED this be reduced to \$10,000.00. Seconded. Vote taken by a show of hands. LOST

MR. ZEZIMA said he thinks all the items should be cut in proportion.

MR. KETCHAM said he thinks the Board should be guided by the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. TRUGLIA said it was his feeling that members should not move to reduce items indiscriminately - that just to throw an arbitrary figure out for a vote should not be recognized.

THE PRESIDENT said he did not agree - that any member who wished to move for a reduced amount in any item has that privilege.

MR. TRUGLIA said these figures to reduce appropriations are just being thrown around like a child playing with a ball - with no regard as to whether they are necessary.

Code 440,6002 Provisions

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$50,000.00 from the \$72,000.00 requested, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR SMITH HOUSE -----	\$368,255.81
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TOTAL WELFARE AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS ----- \$855,007.83

PAGE 41 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Code 510.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$225.00 from \$350.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT ----- \$132,420.72

DOG WARDEN - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 4,341.00

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PAGE 45 - POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Code 530.2201 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$500.00 from \$600.00, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT ----- \$1,500,455.99

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PAGE 49 - FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Code 540.0606 Flags

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$150.00 from \$200.00, and SO MOVED. Seconded and LOST, so this item remains unchanged at \$200.00.

Code 540.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$200.00 from \$250.00, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ----- \$1,240,367.34

PAGE 51 - HYDRANTS & WATER SUPPLY - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$182,722.79

CIVILIAN DEFENSE:

Code 560.0701 Janitor Service

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$2,000.00 from \$2,200.00, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 560.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced to \$100.00 from \$150.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE ----- \$28,597.00

PAGE 53 - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Code 571. Belltown Fire Department - Total Approved --- \$30,000.00

Code 572. New Hope Fire Department - Total Approved --- 42,320.40

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Code 573. Long Ridge Fire Department - Total Approved--- \$39,000.00  
PAGE 55 - Code 574. Turn of River Fire Department - Total Approved- 39,694.72  
Code 575. Springdale Fire Department - Total Approved---- 39,605.00  
Code 578. Investigation of Fires - Total Approved ----- 75.00  
TOTAL APPROVED FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS -----\$190,695.12  
HARBORMASTER - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 300.00  
TOTAL PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY ----- \$3,279,899.96

PAGE 57 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSCode 602.0101 Salaries

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommends this item be reduced to \$84,026.00 from \$93,681.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded. Mr. Hemingway said the committee has eliminated the New Personnel - the Switchboard Operator and Chief Operator.

MR. CONNORS objected to these jobs being eliminated and argued in favor of keeping it in the budget.

MR. MOGUL said he believed the job of Account Clerk II was also a switchboard operator

MR. KETCHAM said Mr. Mogul is correct and that there is another job marked Clerk II\* who acts as an Operator. (relief operator)

MR. CONNORS said that there are three permanent Switchboard Operators there and feels someone's job is being eliminated.

THE PRESIDENT explained the situation. He said Mr. Connors feels that someone's job is being eliminated and the Committee feels that the item called "New Personnel" should be eliminated. He said as it now stands, it is the Committee's recommendation to approve the total sum of \$84,026.00, which would eliminate the new personnel.

MR. KUCZO asked if the total amount can be further amended after this vote is taken.

THE PRESIDENT replied that if this total amount is approved the figure is set.

MR. KUCZO said he wished to speak on the same item.

THE PRESIDENT said he would be allowed to speak before a final vote is taken.

MR. CONNORS explained that in regard to the new personnel for the switchboard, originally they were trying to hire a Chief Operator, which would be an additional job, and the part-time operators would have to take an examination. He said this Clerk II job is not a switchboard operator. He said you cannot expect an Operator to work every day for less money than the girl alongside her. He said there are three experienced switchboard operators - one from the Board of Education, and the two operators who were originally employed at the old switchboard in the old Town Hall. He said these operators have been with the city for years and this whole thing is wrong.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not believe it is fair to say that a Clerk II would be getting less than a switchboard operator.

MR. CONNORS replied that she would be getting \$4,388 if you tie it in with the two switchboard operators, who receive \$4,755 and they are three experienced girls.

MR. KETCHAM said it appears that there are now three Switchboard Operators employed who are being paid, but under what guise he does not know. However, he said, from what Mr. Hemingway says, the cut only applies to "New Personnel", being personnel which has not yet been hired and the fact that we now have three Operators who are already employed, does not appear to have any thing to do with the "New Personnel", which would seem to be over and above those presently employed.

MR. CONNORS asked the President if he could ask Mrs. Farrell a question, through the Chair. He asked her if there are now three Switchboard Operators at the switchboard in the new City Hall (HELCO Building). She replied this was correct.

MR. CONNORS said only two of these Operators are shown in the Budget book and yet all three Operators have been working for the City of Stamford for years - all of them.

MR. KETCHAM asked Mr. Connors if he would look in last year's budget he would find the same thing.

MR. CONNORS said last year one of them was working for the Board of Education and this is where she came from, and that now with the new setup on the switchboard, has been transferred to the new City Hall, because there no longer is any switchboard at Center School.

THE PRESIDENT said there is a motion before the Board and it could be debated all night, as there seems to be a difference of opinion. He said if an error has been made, it will have to be rectified at a later date. He suggested that this either be voted down or approved and move on with the budget, as it is getting late.

MR. KUCZO said before any vote is taken on the "Salaries" item, he wishes to speak. He said, through the Chair, he would like to ask the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee what are the duties of the Deputy Commissioner. He said he has noticed no appreciable increase of the Public Works Department because of the creation of this job.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Kuczo if he is making a motion to delete this job.

MR. KUCZO said he merely wants to get an explanation from the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, because he would like to know.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he believes that Mr. Kuczo was a member of the Board last year when this position was approved and apparently is a Civil Service job.

MR. KUCZO asked if this means the job can't be deleted. He was informed that it could be deleted.

MR. TRUGLIA said the thing that disturbs him is the fact that this Board is not here to find out whether or not there should or should not be a Deputy Commissioner - that this has all been straightened out through "legal maneuverings, etc." by the Personnel Commission and is not the duty of this Board now to delve into the operations of the Civil Service Department and take away a job that has already been established.



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THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that the hour is getting late and they still have a long budget to get through and will not entertain any further discussion unless there is a motion on the floor.

MR. CONNORS said he believes that all salaries should be left alone.

MR. KETCHAM said he fails to follow Mr. Connors' argument on this question that salaries are untouchable and that it is not within the province of this Board to tamper with any salary as shown in the budget.

A great deal of discussion ensued at this point.

MR. LINDSTROM said he would like to remind Mr. Connors that at one time the Board did delete the salary and the job of the Dog Warden from the Budget, which is a matter of record.

THE PRESIDENT called for order and asked the members to confine their remarks to the motion that is on the floor.

MR. KETCHAM said he wishes to have his vote on this particular salary category recorded as abstaining from voting, as in good conscience, he could not vote for the entire sum, in view of his stand in the past on this matter.

MR. KUCZO said that unless there can be proved that there is a need for the job of Deputy Commissioner, that it should be eliminated and so MOVED to delete the appropriation of \$10,450.00 for this job. Seconded.

MR. KANE asked what the vote would have to be to carry.

THE PRESIDENT replied a simple majority vote - 21 votes.

MR. DURSO said that when Mr. Kuczo questions the need for this job, that is a question that should be decided by the Personnel Commission.

MR. ZEZIMA MOVED the question. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT explained the vote is now on the question of deleting the amount of \$10,450.00 for the job of Deputy Commissioner, under Code 602.0101, Salaries. He said a yes vote means that this will be deleted and a no vote means that it will remain.

MR. PHILPOT said he intends to vote no on this question as he considers it premature and it is being taken out of context.

MR. DURSO requested a five minute recess at this time. LOST by a show of hands, with three voting in favor of a recess.

A request was made for a roll call vote. The Clerk called the roll on the question of eliminating \$10,450.00 for the job of Deputy Commissioner, Code 602.0101, Salaries. LOST by a vote of 8 in favor, 19 opposed, 5 abstentions. (Mr. Murphy having been excused earlier, leaving 32 now present.) The vote was as follows:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Vito Biscaglio (R)  
Joseph Bitetto (R)

THOSE OPPOSED

Patsy Arruzza (D)  
George Connors (D)



THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (continued)

William Hearing (R)  
 Paul Kuczo (D)  
 Lee Mogul (R)  
 Benjamin Nathanson (R)  
 Paul Rand (R)  
 Michael Zezima (R)

THOSE OPPOSED (continued)

Edward Dombroski (D)  
 Robert Durso (D)  
 Jennie Esposito (D)  
 Booth Hemingway (R)  
 John Kane (D)  
 Janis John Keggi (R)  
 Stephen Kelly (D)  
 John Morris (D)  
 Thomas Morris (R)  
 Romaine Philpot (R)  
 Daniel Remling (R)  
 John Rich (R)  
 Gerald Rybnick (D)  
 Michael Sherman (R)  
 Anthony Truglia (D)  
 Dominick Vivona (D)  
 Chester Walajtys (D)

ABSTAINED

Alan Ketcham (R)  
 Edwin Lindstrom (R)  
 Ronald Schwartz (R)  
 William Selsberg (R)  
 Andrew Tatano (R)

THE PRESIDENT said the motion now before the Board is the vote on the Committee proposal, which is the vote on Code 602.0101, Salaries, in the reduced amount of \$84,026.00, eliminating "New Personnel". CARRIED.

PAGE 57 - TOTAL APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - \$99,494.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 7,551.00

PAGE 59 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE:

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 559,999.00

DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 66,276.00

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS, YARD #2 - ELIMINATED FROM BUDGET THIS YEAR

PAGE 61 - CROSBY STREET PUMPING STATION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 4,500.00

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS, YARD #1 - ELIMINATED FROM BUDGET THIS YEAR

DIVISION OF STREET CLEANING - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 134,936.00

STREET LIGHTING - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 325,000.00

PAGE 63 - BUREAU OF SANITATION:

Code 617.0301 Stationery & Postage

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced from \$100.00 to \$50.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 617.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced from \$100.00 to \$50.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BUREAU OF SANITATION ----- \$22,500.00

PAGE 63 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$ 31,167.00

BUREAU OF SANITATION - INCINERATOR & SEWAGE  
TREATMENT PLANT:

Code 620,2201 New Equipment

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee approved a reduction in this appropriation from \$12,688.00 to \$10,000.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR INCINERATOR & SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ----- \$440,909.00

PAGE 65 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - PUMPING STATIONS #2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8:

Code 622,1501 Light, Heat & Power

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee recommended a reduction in this appropriation from \$18,500.00 to \$16,500.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PUMPING STATIONS NOS. 2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 ----- \$ 36,724.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR DIVISION OF GARBAGE COLLECTION ----- \$538,184.00

PAGE 67 - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$287,251.00

PAGE 69 - DIVISION OF BUILDING INSPECTION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$ 94,042.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE - TOTAL APPROVED --- \$ 44,984.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE - TOWN HALL -

TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$ 49,994.00

PAGE 71 - DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE - CITY HALL -

(NEW HELCO BUILDING) - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$ 75,886.00

DIVISION OF BUILDINGS - ELM STREET SCHOOL BUILDING (ELIMINATED FROM  
BUDGET THIS YEAR (Building sold)

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE, YARD #2:

Code 633,1505 Water

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee recommended this appropriation be reduced from \$400.00 to \$200.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE,  
YARD #2 ----- \$3,200.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE -

CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 21,061.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE - YARD #1:

Code 635,1505 Water

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee recommended this appropriation be reduced from \$250.00 (previously reduced by Board of Finance from \$500.00) to \$200.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

PAGE 71 (Continued) TOTAL APPROVED FOR YARD #1 ----- \$1,700.00

PAGE 73 - FLOOD AND EROSION:

Code 636.0802 Car Allowance

MR. HEMINGWAY said the committee recommended this be reduced from \$100.00 to \$50.00 and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR FLOOD AND EROSION ----- \$13,100.00

GAS, OIL & REPAIRS - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$72,000.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE - CIVIL DEFENSE  
TOTAL APPROVED ----- 3,450.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE - POLICE BUILDING  
TOTAL APPROVED ----- 18,910.00

PAGE 75 - DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE - HEALTH BUILDING  
TOTAL APPROVED ----- 8,326.00

DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE - WELFARE BUILDING  
TOTAL APPROVED ----- 8,250.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ----- \$2,969,394.00

PAGE 77 - PARK DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$326,007.52

PAGE 79 - BOARD OF RECREATION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$207,922.46

PAGE 81 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 78,210.84

TOTAL FOR PARKS AND RECREATION ----- \$612,140.82

OTHERS:

SUNDRIES - APPROVED ----- \$3,500.00

SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR POLICE & FIREMEN ----- \$234,600.00

SALARY ADJUSTMENT (Administrative) DENIED BY BOARD OF FINANCE

OTHERS - TOTAL ----- \$238,100.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED ----- \$23,443,352.32

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TOTALS FOR 1964-1965 OPERATING BUDGET:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT -----	\$ 2,505,869.71
DEBT SERVICE -----	2,953,900.00
WELFARE & OTHER INSTITUTIONS -----	855,007.83
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY -----	3,279,899.96
PUBLIC WORKS -----	2,969,394.00
PARKS & RECREATION -----	612,140.82
SALARY ADJUSTMENT (POLICE & FIREMEN) -----	234,600.00
SUNDRIES -----	3,500.00
MAYOR'S BUDGET -----	\$13,414,312.32
EDUCATION -----	\$10,029,040.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGETS -----	\$23,443,352.32

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THE PRESIDENT informed the members that a resolution adopting the budgets would have to be adopted before the Board can adjourn and that there might be some mistakes in addition which would have to be corrected.

MR. CONNORS MOVED that all necessary arithmetical mistakes if any, be corrected by Mrs. Farrell, the Administrative Assistant, after having been checked. Seconded and CARRIED.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Hemingway, Acting Chairman, Fiscal Committee, who MOVED for its adoption, subject to the correction of any mistakes, as previously approved. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 440

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL  
BUDGETS FROM JULY 1, 1964 to JUNE 30, 1965

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives, its recommended budget for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1964 and ending June 30, 1965, for the 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 1964-1965 in the Budgets as submitted by the Mayor, and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of

\$ 4,951,267.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

\$23,443,352.32 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.

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CONCERNING ADDENDUM TO AGENDA - REFRESHMENT CONCESSION AT CUMMINGS PARK, BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE NATIONAL AUTOMATIC SERVICES, INC. (Submitted by the Park Department and approved by the Corporation Counsel - See Mayor's letter to President Ronald M. Schwartz, dated 4/10/64 - Approved by Board of Finance 4/9/64 - Denied by Board of Representatives at May 4, 1964 Board Meeting.)

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that a motion was passed at the May 4th Board meeting to bring the above matter up for further consideration tonight and instructions were given to the Park Commission to seek bids on the refreshment concession at Cummings Park in order that it may be acted upon at tonight's meeting. He asked Mr. Ketcham, who presided at the aforesaid meeting, to explain further.

MR. KETCHAM quoted from the resolution referred to above (which will be found right after the "Call" of tonight's special meeting).

THE PRESIDENT said he has today received a letter from the Park Commission, signed by Mr. Robert F. Crosswaite, Chairman, in which reasons are set forth for the Park Commission being unable to comply with this Board's request that bids be obtained for the above named concession, and asking that this Board once again consider their request for approval of this concession. He said it would therefore appear that what is now before this Board is the original request as acted upon at their regular monthly meeting held Monday, May 4, 1964.

THE PRESIDENT said the above matter is now before this Board for reconsideration.

MR. ZEZIMA MOVED that the Park Commission's request be denied for the reason that it is exactly the same request that was previously denied by this Board and no attempt has been made by the Park Commission to ask for competitive bids for this concession, and it is now improperly before this Board. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham.

MR. KETCHAM said this Board requested the Park Department to seek bids for this concession, which has not been done, so therefore it is really a recapitulation of the same matter that was before this Board last week and DENIED at that time.

THE PRESIDENT said there is apparently some feeling that the Park Department's view has not been presented. He said he is in receipt of a letter dated May 8th, which explains why the Park Department was unable to comply with the wishes of this Board. The members said they were also in receipt of this letter.

There was considerable discussion at this point.

MR. PHILPOT said it was his understanding that the Park Department did not have the time to accomplish what this Board had requested them to do in the period allowed.

THE PRESIDENT pointed out to the members that the Corporation Counsel has ruled that the Park Commission is not required to seek the approval of the Board of



Finance and the Board of Representatives. He said if this approval is not forthcoming, it is then back in their lap again.

MR. DURSO asked if this wasn't putting all the people who will be using Cummings Park at a disadvantage, because they will be unable to obtain anything to eat, as there will be no concession there. He asked if the Parks and Recreation investigated this any further since the last Board meeting on May 4th.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Durso that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Crosswaite who indicated to him that it was an impossibility in the five days since the last Board meeting to prepare specifications and advertise for bids - that it was impossible to do what the resolution requested. He said Mr. Crosswaite assured him that there was no attempt being made to thwart the wishes of this Board, but that it was a physically impossible task to do what had been requested.

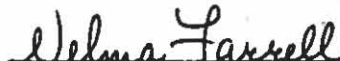
MR. KETCHAM said he offered this opinion last week and that the Park Commission's request was for this Board to approve a lease, which was arrived at between the Park Commission and the vendor, without competitive bids. He said this Board has not been asked to approve competitive bidding, and has already acted on the other request by denying it. He said in view of this Board's previous action, it would seem that it is now up to the Park Commission to request the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive bids for this concession, as has been done in previous years. He said it would appear very simple to do this just as it has been done in the past.

MR. KUCZO MOVED THE QUESTION.

VOTE taken on Mr. Zekima's motion to deny the request for reconsideration. CARRIED by a vote of 18 in favor and 9 opposed. The Park Commission's request for reconsideration of this lease was therefore again REJECTED by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 A.M., on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED.

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

  
Ronald M. Schwartz, President  
Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast  
over Radio Station WSTC until  
11:00 P.M.

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