

Minutes of August 3, 1964
Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

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The regular monthly meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 3, 1964 in the Board's meeting room Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ronald M. Schwartz, at 8:15 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Philip Saltis, Greek Orthodox Church

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE - In memory of MURRAY GOLDENBERG, Principal of Turn-of-River High School.

In memory of REV. RICHARD A. JOHNSON, Pastor, St. Andrews Parish.

THE PRESIDENT called for a moment of silence in memory of the above two men, recently deceased.

Mrs. Farrell was instructed to write letters to the families, conveying the condolences of the Board.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 31 present and 9 absent at the calling of the roll. However, two resignations were received and replacements sworn in; also Mr. Connors and Mr. Rand arrived shortly afterward, changing the roll call to 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were: Paul Rand, Robert Durso, Lee Mogul, William Murphy, Edward Dombroski and Jennie Esposito.

RESIGNATIONS-ALLEN J. SHANEN, Democrat, 9th District.

THE PRESIDENT read Mr. Shanen's letter of resignation.

VITO BISCAGLIO, Republican, 6th District,

THE PRESIDENT read Mr. Biscaglio's letter of resignation.

Correction - See Sept 14, 1964 Minutes acceptance of minutes
Election
APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENTS - 9th District - GERALD J. SULLIVAN, Democrat,
residing at 44 Grant Avenue.

6th District - FRANK F. VEIT, Republican,
residing at 18 Richards Avenue.

THE PRESIDENT called for nominations for replacements for the resignations of the members from the 9th and 6th Districts. Mr. Sullivan was named as replacement for Mr. Shanen, and Mr. Veit was named as replacement for Mr. Biscaglio.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Veit were sworn in as members of the Board and assumed their duties as members from the 9th and 6th Districts, to fill out the unexpired terms, ending November 30, 1965.

NEW BALLOT BOXES

THE PRESIDENT called the attention of the members to the new ballot boxes, which are equipped with locks and sliding panels. He requested Mrs. Farrell to send a letter thanking the City carpenters for the nice work done.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of June 15, 1964
Meeting of July 6, 1964

MR. KELLY asked to have the Minutes of June 15th changed to eliminate remarks made by other members on pages 4046, 4047 and 4048 as being irrelevant, unnecessary and immaterial and asked that they be stricken from the record, and SO MOVED.

THE PRESIDENT asked if there was a seconder. Seconded by Mr. Zexima.

MR. SHERMAN rose on a point of information. He said he believes the motion at this point should be a motion to CORRECT the minutes and not to DELETE and the time to object to any material being incorporated in the Minutes would be at the time of the meeting. He said these remarks are already in the Minutes and he questioned as to whether or not at this time it is proper for this Board to delete any part of its Minutes.

MR. KELLY replied at that meeting he requested same and didn't get a chance to put it through.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Kelly that he has not yet made a ruling.

MR. SELSBERG said he strongly doubts whether or not it is proper to delete anything from the record and that the Board may only correct the Minutes and not to delete or add anything to them.

THE PRESIDENT RULED that the motion made by Mr. Kelly is inappropriate at this time, as the Board can only correct something that is in error and as a practical matter, anything that has been broadcast over the radio and written up in the press is a matter of record and cannot be changed as it has now become a matter of public record.

There being no further corrections, the Minutes of the meetings of June 15, 1964 and July 6, 1964 were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. SCHWARTZ, Chairman, read the Minutes of the Steering Committee as follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, July 20, 1964

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, July 20, 1964, in the Board of Representatives' meeting room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of the following: Lee Nogul, Michael Zexima and Booth Hemingway.

The Following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Appointments not acted upon at the July 6th Board meeting - ORDERED on Agenda under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (2) Mayor's letter of 7/20/64 concerning two appointments: one - Alternate to Zoning Board and two - Appointment to the Board of Recreation - REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (3) Additional appropriations, approved by Board of Finance on 7/9/64- REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE, with items in excess of \$2,000.00 referred to a secondary committee.
- (4) Letter (dated 6/23/64) from Connecticut Municipal Policy Committee, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, New Haven, Conn. to Mr. Truglia, Minority Leader - RE: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, under terms of Public Act 495 (1963 Session) REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (See Minutes of 7/6/64- Page 4075)
- (5) Corporation Counsel's Opinion re FEES, rules and regulations on same for PARK COMMISSION (Carbon copy of letter dated 7/10/64 to Chairman of Park Commission from Corporation Counsel) - NOTED AND FILED, with copies sent to Board officers and Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee)

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the Parks and Recreation Committee review the policies of the Park Commission and the Board of Recreation, for the purpose of achieving more harmonious operation of the City's recreational facilities.

(6) Concerning FLOODLIGHTS AT SCALZI PARK being turned off

The above matter was discussed. It was decided to refer this to the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, to see what effective action can be taken by the introduction of a specific resolution on this matter by the Committee at the next Board meeting.

- (7) Concerning CITY PROPERTY, ALLYN PLACE - Dangerous and unhealthy conditions (Letter to Mr. Truglia, 2nd District Representative, from Stephen J. Winnicki, 27 Allyn Place) - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (8) Complaint from residents of Burley Avenue on NOISY OPERATION OF POLYCAST CORPORATION between 9:00 P.M. until midnight and before 7:00 A.M. - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (9) Petition (dated 7/13/64) from 49 residents of AMELIA PLACE area, requesting that the name of AMELIA PLACE be retained - REFERRED TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
- (10) Cloonan School closing - Carbon copy of letter from Parents for Better Education and Preservation of Schools, to Board of Education (dated 7/7/64) protesting The closing of Cloonan School in view of school overcrowding - NOTED AND FILED
- (11) Cloonan School Closing - Copies of correspondence between Chairman of Education, Welfare & Government Committee and Board of Education (dated 6/27/64 - NOTED AND FILED

(12) CONCERNING PLACE FOR AUGUST MEETING OF BOARD:

The Chairman announced that the next Board meeting will be held in the Board's meeting rooms in the Municipal Office Building.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned.

Ronald M. Schwartz, Chairman
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, gave his committee report. He said a meeting was held on July 28, 1964 with all members of the committee present.

BOARD OF TAXATION:**Term Ending:**

JESSE M. WELLS (R)
26 Waverly Place
(Replacing Frank Kurowski)

Dec. 1, 1968
(5 yr. term)

Mr. Nathanson reported that he had received a letter from the above man, who requested that his name be withdrawn from consideration as a member of the Board of Taxation. He said the Committee acted on the following appointments.

The Tellers distributed the ballots among the members.

THE PRESIDENT announced that ANDREW TATANO (R) would replace Mr. Biscaglio as an ALTERNATE TELLER.

The votes on each appointment are recorded below:

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW:**Term Ending:**

EVERETT E. NIEMI (R)
77 Maple Avenue
(Replacing Charles Alexander) *VOTE: 31 yes
2 no

Dec. 1, 1968
(5 yr. term)

ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE:

RALPH W. ANDERSON (R)
243 Four Brooks Road
(Replacing Dominick Florenza) VOTE: 31 yes
3 no

Dec. 1, 1964
(3 yr. term)

*Another member arrived between voting for the first appointment and the second one.

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FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented the report of the committee as prepared by Mr. Russell, Acting Chairman, during Mr. Hemingway's absence from the country. He reported that a meeting was held on Thursday, July 23, 1964 at the Springdale Fire House with all members present except Mr. Durso, Mr. Mogul and Mr. Hemingway

- (1) \$4,223.50 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK - Code 112.0904, Fees, Hunting Licenses
(Mayor's letter 6/11/64) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$4,718.00)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred in the approval. CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$785,861.72 - Resolution No. 449 authorizing transfer of unexpended funds, in amount of \$785,861.72 from Rehabilitation Bonds for CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (1961/1962 and 1962/1963 bond issues) to the CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT BUILDING (Mayor's letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 449

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS, IN AMOUNT OF \$785,861.72 FROM REHABILITATION BONDS FOR CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (1961/1962 AND 1962/1963 BOND ISSUES) TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLOONAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT BUILDING

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with Section 630. of the Stamford Charter, to approve the transfer of unexpended funds, totalling \$785,861.72 from the Rehabilitation bonds for the Cloonan Junior High School (1961/1962 and 1962/1963 bond issues) to the construction of the new Cloonan Junior High School Replacement Building.

MR. CONNORS spoke in favor of retaining Cloonan School.

MR. KETCHAM spoke in favor of the resolution. He said it is not this Board, but the Board of Education that dictates the policy regarding education in this City, and it is not this Board's responsibility to dictate educational policy, whether this Board likes it or not.

THE PRESIDENT said he wishes to note, for the record, that he has received a letter from John C. Crosby, President of the Parents for Better Education and another from George Aretakis, President of the Stamford Council of Parent-Teachers' Association, which, in substance, are in favor of adopting this transfer, but in the letter from Mr. Crosby, expresses some reservations as to the procedure.

MR. KUCZO, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, said his Committee asks that the transfer of funds be granted in order that the progress on the new Cloonan Jr. High School not be further delayed. He said it is also urged that the Board of Education start this project in the immediate future, purchase the land without further delay, as they have had the money since June 1, 1964. HE SECONDED THE MOTION.

After some further debate, A VOTE was taken on the approval of Resolution No.449, and CARRIED.

- (3) \$52,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.2202, Autos and Trucks (Mayor's letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of item #3 above.

MR. HEARING, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee, seconded the motion, and said his Committee favored the appropriation.

MR. KUCZO spoke in favor of the appropriation.

MR. MORRIS said this was very much needed equipment and urged approval.

MR. NATHANSON also spoke in favor of the appropriation. CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$1,200.00 - COLLECTOR OF TAXES - Code 146.0101, Salaries, Part-time help (Mayor's letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (5) \$2,200.00 - 8TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION - Expenses during 1964/1965 fiscal year (Mayor's letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. He said the money was for the employment of a part-time Secretary, stationery, official newspaper notices and part-time janitorial services.

Seconded by Mr. Sherman who said his Committee was in favor of the appropriation. CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) \$3,600.00 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, Central Services Department - Code 126.0101, Salaries - For employment of a Clerk-Messenger (Mayor's letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request.

MR. PHILPOT seconded the motion and said the Personnel Committee approved the request. CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) \$5,735.92 - PENSION for Deputy Fire Chief William Densky, Sr., effective 7/7/64, based on annual pension of \$5,816.64, or two-thirds of his annual salary of \$8,724.96, (Mayor's letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held Thursday, July 30, 1964 in the Municipal Office Building, with the following members present: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Tatano and Mr. Selsberg.

- (1) ORDINANCE - Final adoption of Ordinance CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND RESEARCH REALTY, INC., LOCATED ON WOOD RIDGE DRIVE SOUTH (Adopted for publication 7/6/64; published 7/10/64) (Mayor's letter of 6/5/64)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for final approval of the following Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 113 SUPPLEMENTAL**CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTIES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND RESEARCH REALTY, INC. LOCATED ON WOOD RIDGE DRIVE SOUTH**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-24 to 2-27, inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the exchange of property between the City of Stamford and Research Realty, Inc., of the following properties is hereby approved, viz:

Property to be deeded to the City of Stamford by Research Realty, Inc.:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being known and designated as "Meadow Park Avenue South", on a certain map to be filed in the City and Town Clerk's Office, Stamford, Connecticut, entitled: "Map Showing Subdivision of Property of Research Realty, Inc., Section 2, Stamford, Connecticut."

Said parcel as shown on said map is bounded:

NORTHERLY: 50.00 feet by Meadow Park Avenue South,
EASTERLY: 148.20 feet by Lot No. 30 as shown on said map,
SOUTHERLY: 88.63 by Wood Ridge Drive South, and
WESTERLY: 141.41 feet by Lot No. 29, as shown on said map.

Property to be deeded to the Research Realty, Inc., by the City of Stamford, Connecticut:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being known and designated as "Reserved for Future Road", on a certain map entitled: "Subdivision of Property of Research Realty, Inc., Section 1, Stamford, Connecticut", which map is filed in the City and Town Clerk's office, Stamford, Connecticut, as Map numbered 7617.

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Said parcel as shown on said map is bounded:

NORTHERLY: 147.27 feet by Lot No. 7 as shown on said map,
EASTERLY: 50.07 feet by land of Wood Ridge Lake Corporation,
SOUTHERLY: 148.71 feet by land of Lot #6 as shown on said map, and
WESTERLY: 90.00 feet by Wood Ridge Drive South

and is hereby authorized.

The Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to act for the City and to execute all documents necessary to transfer title to such above described property.

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

(2) ORDINANCE - Final Adoption of Ordinance RELATIVE TO ELECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Adopted for publication 7/6/64; published 7/14/64)

MR. SELSBERG said it was the opinion of the Committee that the figure of 70 Justices of the Peace is realistic for the size of the City of Stamford. HE MOVED for final adoption of the following Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Arruzza and Mr. Kuczo and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 114 SUPPLEMENTAL

RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

WHEREAS, Section 9-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Revision of 1958) provides that the number of Justices of the Peace for each town shall be equal to one-third the number of jurors to which such town is by law entitled, and

WHEREAS, By law the City of Stamford is entitled to 540 jurors, and

WHEREAS, there is no need for the election of 180 Justices of the Peace in the City of Stamford, and

WHEREAS, Section 9-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Revision of 1958) provides that a City may, by Ordinance, provide for the election of a lesser number of Justices of the Peace for such City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the number of Justices of the Peace for the City of Stamford be fixed at 70.

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

- (3) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY. (List of property from Planning Board and recommendations for disposition of same, their meeting of 5/26/64, pursuant to request of Commissioner of Finance dated 5/8/64 - Also pursuant to provisions of Sec. 2-24 and Sec. 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances) (Copies sent to all Board members on 6/4/64)

MR SELSBERG said it is his understanding that the above list of properties for sale or lease has not yet been acted upon by the Board of Finance and therefore, any action by this Board would be premature at this time, because it necessitates prior action by the Board of Finance.

The above matter was kept in Committee, pending prior action by the Board of Finance.

- (4) Concerning adoption of a SEWER CODE. As per Sec. 4 of Ordinance No. 80 (Being balance of Building Code not yet adopted - Rest of Building Code adopted on 7/1/59, with this portion left out) (Deferred 3/2/64; 4/6/64; 5/4/64; 6/1/64 and 7/6/64)

MR. SELSBERG said the Committee is now in possession of an opinion of the Corporation Counsel and is therefore now in a position to hold a public hearing. He said the public hearing will be announced in the Stamford Advocate and will be held in the meeting room of the Board of Representatives. (Note: To be held August 27, 1964)

- (5) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE - From Turn-of-River Fire Department for the purpose of erecting a new Fire House on Turn-of-River Road, adjacent to Merritt Parkway (dated July 27, 1964)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for suspension of the rules to bring this request before the Board. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously. He read the following request:

Mr. Ronald Schwartz, President
Board of Representatives
City of Stamford, Connecticut

Re: Waiver of Building Permit Fees

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

We, of the Turn-of-River Fire Department, Inc., are erecting a new fire house on Turn-of-River Road, adjacent to the Merritt Parkway.

We understand that we must get permission from the Representatives to waive the building permit fees.

We come under Ordinance No. 80.6 Supplemental:

"Amending Section 6, Article 100 'Permits and Fees', Paragraph (13) of Building Code, City of Stamford, to waive building permit fees on buildings that serve a non-profit or eleemosynary purpose."

We will appreciate your consideration.

Very truly yours,
(Signed)

Thomas W. Ritchie
John Unnever, Jr.
Building Committee, The Turn of River Fire Dept., Inc.

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MR. SELSBERG said it is his understanding that the deadline date for the above request is August 15th and as this is the last meeting of the Board before that date, it will be necessary to act upon it tonight.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for approval of the waiver of fees. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) Proposed Amendment to Building Code to correct the requesting of waiver of building permit fees in connection with buildings used for governmental functions of the City.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring up the above matter. Seconded and CARRIED with 3 no votes. (Requires a two-thirds vote)

MR. SELSBERG explained that because this was called to his attention by the request of the Turn-of-River Fire Department, now would be a good time to correct this inequity in the Building Code so that it will not be necessary in the future for this Board to waive Building Permit Fees on buildings in connection with the governmental functions of the City, but only in connection with the functions of any nonprofit, eleemosynary institutions. He explained that buildings in connection with governmental functions should be delegated to the Building Department and not have to come before this Board each time for permission.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for adoption of the following amendment to the Building Code, waiving pre-publication. Seconded and CARRIED

ORDINANCE 80.7 SUPPLEMENTAL

AMENDING ARTICLE 100, SECTION 6, "PERMITS AND FEES", PARAGRAPH (13) OF BUILDING CODE, CITY OF STAMFORD, TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES, AND TO ADD PARAGRAPH (14) TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES ON BUILDINGS THAT SERVE A NON-PROFIT OR ELEEMOSYNARY PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

ARTICLE 100., GENERAL, Section 6, entitled "PERMITS AND FEES", paragraph (13) of the Building Code of the City of Stamford as amended by Ordinance No. 80.6 Supplemental be and it is hereby repealed and the following enacted in its stead:

- (13) No fees shall be required for the issuance of any permit for the construction, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or structure to be used in connection with the governmental functions of the City of Stamford.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that an additional paragraph be added to read as follows:

- (14) Subject to the approval of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, no fees shall be required for the issuance of any permit for the construction, alteration, repair, removal, or demolition of any building or structure to be used in connection with the functions of any non-profit, eleemosynary institution.

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

(Note: The above amended Ordinance replaces Ordinance No. 80.6 enacted June 20, 1964.)

- (7) Concerning INSTALLATION OF TOW ZONES by Chief of Police Surrounding Areas that are Condemned or a Public Annoyance, during the Regular Beach Season
(Letter dated 6/22/64 from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative and Edwin Lindstrom, 1st District Representative)

MR. KUCZO asked why the above matter was not on the Agenda. He was informed by the President that this was not ordered on the Agenda by the Steering Committee, but was ordered kept in Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. MORRIS, Chairman, presented the following petition:

(Request (dated July 28, 1964) from residents of SUSSEX PLACE for installation of a STREET LIGHT on pole #10601 (signed by 14 residents of street))

The above request was REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE for referral to the proper Committee or department.

Several members inquired as to what action was being taken on matters previously referred to the Public Works Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said there are many requests coming in daily to the Public Works Department, not only from the members of the Board, but from numerous others throughout the City and that they will be taken care of as soon as it is possible - that Mr. Morris has done as fine a job as members or Chairmen of any other Committee, and there is no reason for him to be held up for any sort of censure. He pointed out that it must be noted that due time must be given the Public Works Commissioner to handle these requests.

MR. TRUGLIA said he did not intend to censure anyone, but when a matter is brought up at a meeting and later referred to a Committee by the Steering Committee, that it should not be buried and put aside. He said he is not criticizing the Chairman or the Commissioner - that he is criticizing the methods employed by this Board in trying to get matters taken care of.

Several members objected at this point, saying this properly belongs under either Old or New Business, but is not germane at this time.

MR. NATHANSON said this Board is a Legislative Body and it is not their duty to go out and fix fences, etc. He asked if he is correct in his assumption.

THE PRESIDENT replied this Board is the Legislative Body of the City of Stamford.

MR. SHERMAN said that although the Board IS a Legislative Body, nevertheless the members do get complaints from their constituents. He said perhaps the Board members and the public at large are not familiar with the procedures which are best followed in connection with these matters - such as the installation of street lights, repairs to roads, etc. He suggested that it might be a good idea if the Public Works Committee, in conjunction with the Public Works Commissioner, could devise some code of procedure which can be passed on to the Board members, thus by-passing the Steering Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said it is more the responsibility of the Board members to go directly to the Public Works Department and not to use the vehicle of a Legislative Body to have public works matters completed. He said it appears the duty of each member to handle these matters himself.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

- (1) PARKING AUTHORITY - Request for INSTALLATION OF 20 METERS ON NORTH SIDE OF NORTH STATE STREET, from Atlantic Street to South Street. (Letter of 7/2/64)

MR. HEARING reported that no action has been taken by his Committee on the above matter, so it stays in Committee at this time.

- (2) APPOINTMENT OF 100 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL POLICEMEN, in accordance with Sec. 431 of Charter, as amended by S. A. 550 (1951) and S.A. 431 (1953) (Mayor's letter of 7/15/64)

MR. HEARING MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) Concerning traffic signals at intersection of FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND SELLECK STREET

MR. HEARING read a report from the Supt. of Communications as to a traffic light at this intersection, in which it states a traffic count was made at this intersection, on July 17th, for an 8 hour period. He said if the count proves to warrant a traffic light, the State will give it to them and they can go ahead.

There was considerable discussion at this point as to the methods employed in getting a new traffic light installed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, said no regular meeting of the Committee was held, due to the fact that there was only one item awaiting action.

- (1) Request for Ordinance changing name of AMELIA PLACE, by the STELMA Company Corporation (Letter of 5/14/64 from Samuel S. Miller, broker) (Deferred on 7/6/64)
- (2) Petition (dated 7/13/64) from 49 RESIDENTS OF AMELIA PLACE area, requesting the name of AMELIA PLACE be retained

MR. RUSSELL reported that the Committee is gathering more information on the above matter and cannot report at this time.

- (3) Acceptance of roads as City streets

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for suspension of the rules to bring the following roads up for acceptance:

Wampanaw Avenue
Seaview Avenue
White Street
Ingall Street
Lindstrom Road

Mr. Russell explained that these roads must be accepted in order to clear the way for the Army Corps of Engineers to do work on the HURRICANE BARRIER for the City.

The motion was seconded and CARRIED to suspend the rules to consider the above matter.

MR. KETCHAM said he fails to see any extreme urgency in this matter and MOVED TO TABLE. Seconded and CARRIED with two no votes.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held on Wednesday evening, July 29, 1964 in the Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Stanley Kulowiec, Joseph Bitetto and Stephen Kelly.

Concerning FLOODLIGHTING FEES IN SCALZI PARK (Letter from Park Commission dated 5/13/64 - TABLED at 6/15/64 special meeting; acted upon at the 7/6/64 Board Meeting)

MR. KELLY explained that at the July 6th Board meeting an amendment was added to his motion, accepting the fees, by adding "That all City sponsored recreational activities, such as soft ball, basket ball, etc., be exempted from the fees." He explained that this amendment was later declared to be illegal by the Corporation Counsel in his letter to the Park Commission, dated July 10th.

MR. KELLY MOVED to rescind the action taken by the Board at the July 6th Board meeting. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT explained that at the last Board meeting action was taken on these fees, which action has been questioned by the Corporation Counsel, so in order to clear the record, before any other action can be taken, it has been suggested, and is being put in the form of a motion at this time, that the Board rescind the previous action taken by the Board at the July 6th meeting, in order that another motion may be introduced.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if this Board has received a copy of the ruling made by the Corporation Counsel.

A recess was called at 10:15 P.M. in order to locate the Corporation Counsel's opinion. The Recess was terminated at 10:30 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

Corporation Counsel's Opinion Concerning Park Commission Rules and Regulations Regarding Fees

July 10, 1964

Mr. Robert Bundoek, Chairman
Park Commission
Cove Island
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bundoek:

You have asked me concerning the legal impact on the action taken by

the Board of Representatives on Monday, July 6th, on your proposed rules and regulations regarding fees.

The Board of Representatives, under Sec. 23-2 of the Code may approve the rules and regulations adopted by the Park Commission and filed with them and upon such approval, they have the force and effect of law, provided the publication required by the Code is complied with.

In our estimation, under this Ordinance, the power of the Board of Representatives is to approve or disapprove and it cannot, by amendment, make regulations different from that proposed by your Board. To change the amounts or to make exceptions has the effect of making the scheduled fees different from that proposed and is beyond the power of the Board of Representatives under this particular Ordinance.

Sincerely,

SYDNEY C. KWESKIN,
Corporation Counsel

SCK:A

THE PRESIDENT said the motion now before the Board is to rescind the action taken at the July 6th Board meeting.

VOTE taken on Mr. Kelly's motion. CARRIED

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the following fees; seconded by Mr. Sherman:

SUNDAY through FRIDAY nights (Floodlighted areas in Scalzi Park)

Softball field-----\$5.00 per night

Basketball Court----- 2.00 per night

Small games (Boccie, etc.)----- .50 per night

MR. KELLY said these fees may be reduced at the discretion of the Park Commission, but may not be increased until such time as a request for an increase in the fees has been presented to the Board of Representatives for their approval.

VOTE taken on the fees as outlined above. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY said it was to be distinctly understood that this action does not mean final approval of the fee system advocated by the Park Commission, and that review and study of Park and Recreation policies will be forthcoming at a later date.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. PHILPOT presented the following report which he requested be incorporated in the Minutes; which report was made with the unanimous approval of the Committee:

Concerning Qualifications for Executive Secretary, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

In preparation for the establishment of Stamford's COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, the following is the result and tabulation of a survey done on eight cities in various places throughout the country as to the personal qualifications required of the Administrative Head of similar Commissions in those cities and in respect to the salaries paid in those posts:

(1) GARY, INDIANA (Population 178,320)

Salary-----\$9,150.00

Education-----College Degree - pertinent to work or equivalent experience.

(2) ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA (Population 138,440)

Salary-----\$8,100.00

Education-----College degree in one of the social sciences and three years experience in intergroup relations.

(3) ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN (Population 67,340)

Salary-----\$9,100.00 - \$10,530.00

Education-----M. A. in social sciences and three years experience in intergroup relations or equivalent experience.

(4) TOPEKA, KANSAS (Population 119,484)

Salary-----\$7,500.00 - \$9,000.00

Education-----Minimum of B. A. and preferably graduate training in social science, community organization or human relations, plus one year's experience.

Note: Before setting up its specifications, Topeka studied the set-up in cities, such as Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Louisville and also consulted the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials.

(5) TOLEDO, OHIO (Population 274,970)

Salary-----\$10,248.00

Education-----No formal requirements. Present incumbent, M.A. in Social Work.

(6) DES MOINES, IOWA (Population 208,982)

Salary-----\$7,884.00 - \$9,450.00

Education-----College graduate in social sciences, plus some experience in human relations.

(7) SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS (Population 174,463)

Salary-----\$8,778.00 - \$10,691.00

Education-----Same as Des Moines, except "considerable experience".

(8) STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Salary -----Not given.

Education--Minimum of ten years experience in social fields

or four years college, plus six years experience.

It is apparent from the information cited above, that a college graduate, trained in the sociological field, is generally deemed necessary for the position in question. It is true that the majority of the cities surveyed have populations larger than the population of Stamford. However, when this survey was started, the list of localities with similar Commissions (which was furnished to me by the State of Connecticut) did not contain the names of any other cities comparable to Stamford in size. This may create some disparity in the picture, but as a counterbalance, it must be borne in mind that Stamford is a part of the Metropolitan New York area, and that attitudes in towns and cities situated in this area must be looked upon as a homogeneous pattern, rather than a series of isolated cases. Further, it is possible that a graduated salary scale could be established, with a lower figure of \$8,500.00 to start and the \$10,000.00 (as stipulated in Ordinance #110 Supplemental) as the maximum figure. However, in view of the shortage in this field of qualified personnel and the fact that the Metropolitan New York area is an exceptionally high living cost area, it should be noted that the minimum figure may have to be subject to upward revision.

MR. PHILPOT said he hopes this Board will bear the above information in mind when it comes time to approve the salary for the Executive Secretary for the Human Rights Commission.

Concerning increased benefits for pensioners now on pension under the CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN. (Brought up by Mr. Ketcham under "New Business" at the 3/2/64 Board meeting, followed up by letter submitted to the Steering Committee on 3/23/64. Also brought up again by Mr. Martin and Mr. Philpot at the 3/2/64 meeting and referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE on April 6, 1964 - see page 3964 of Minutes, item #3 and Page 3966)

MR. KETCHAM asked Mr. Philpot as to the status of the above matter.

MR. PHILPOT said this matter is in the hands of the Personnel Department.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, under terms of P.A. 495 (1963 Session) (Letter dated 6/23/64 to Mr. Truglia, 2nd District, from Conn. Municipal Policy Committee, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, New Haven, Conn.) (Brought up under Old Business at 7/6/64 meeting - See page 4075 - See item #4 (page 4079) under Steering Committee report)

MR. TRUGLIA asked Mr. Philpot if he was going to report on the above matter.

MR. PHILPOT said the Committee had done a little work on this, but were not yet ready to report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, said his committee met Wednesday, July 29, 1964 with the following members present: Paul Kuczo, Jr., Andrew Tatano, Welfare Director, George Laturney and Purchasing Agent, Frank Benevelli.

SMITH HOUSE - Concerning Replacement of Defective Equipment (Beds)
(see Minutes of June 1, 1964 - page 4031)

MR. KUCZO read a lengthy report on the above matter. He said the Committee first brought this up in April, again at the April 21st meeting of the Steering Committee and on May 19th the Mayor called a meeting, but since all concerned were not present at this meeting, another meeting was called on May 28, 1964.

Mr. Kuczo said the Corporation Counsel had given an opinion that the City should pay for the beds and that the contract would be difficult to rescind. However, Mr. Laturney would not accept the beds and refused the responsibility of allowing payment, maintaining that they were defective and not what was originally desired. He said in view of this, the Education, Welfare and Government Committee makes the following recommendations:

- (a) That the headboards be modified so that the "cut out" at the center of the base of the headboard be eliminated. This request was granted and the Royal Metal Corporation is currently replacing all headboards with this modification. In the latter part of 1963, all defects were replaced, but since that time, about 30 headboards had developed cracks, along with some leaky hydraulic cylinders.
- (b) A request was made that all leaky hydraulic units be replaced and be modified as to have a cup attached to catch any oil that might leak in the future. The defective units will be replaced, but the Royal Metal Corporation does not see fit to modify the hydraulic unit with an oil cup. The defective units that were replaced in the latter part of 1963, were never removed by the manufacturer and 60 defective units still remain in storage at the Smith House.
- (c) It was recommended that the defective mattress be replaced. To date, 27 mattresses have been replaced out of the original order of 68. This replacement will be the 28th.
- (d) Since the headboard housing would be placed in the back, it was recommended that a larger wall bumper be used. This is being complied with, by the addition of a roller bumper.
- (e) Since there have been so many defects and replacements, it was recommended that the guarantees be extended on the beds. To date, there has been no cost to the City for all these replacements. When all replacements have been made, the guarantees will be renewed.

On July 6, 1964, Mr. Kwaskin, the Corporation Counsel, instructed Mr. Benevelli, the Purchasing Agent, to process payment immediately so that matters on our side will be complete as agreed upon between the City and the Royal Metal Corporation.

To date, the City has paid \$40,776.00 and has retained \$5,000.00 as agreed, until all replacements have been made to the satisfaction of the Corporation Counsel, who has assumed the responsibility of their acceptance and payment.

The members of this Committee feel that these beds should have been rejected when it was first noted that they were defective or not of the desire quality that the Director of the Welfare Department wanted.

Originally, electrically operated beds were desired, but by an administrative order by Mayor Kennedy to Mr. Benevelli, the Purchasing Agent, the hydraulically operated beds were accepted.

Section 484.4 of the Stamford Charter should have been adhered to, which gives only the department head the authority to change or alter any specification.

Therefore, this Committee wishes to MOVE that in the future, Section 484.4 of the Stamford Charter be adhered to, which provides that any changes that have to be made, shall be done by the head of the department.

The above motion, made by Mr. Kuczo was seconded by Mr. Bitetto and Mr. Lindstrom.

MR. RUSSELL spoke in objection to the motion. He said the Purchasing Agent is supposed to get three bids and the specifications have to be written in such a way as to obtain three bids.

THE PRESIDENT said in view of the fact that this matter was not specifically placed on the agenda and because there may be a question as to whether or not this Board can legally take any action as a legislative body, it would seem best to first obtain the advice of the Corporation Counsel. He asked that a motion be made to table this matter until such advice can be obtained; otherwise he would have to rule the motion as being out of order. He said Mr. Kuczo may then appeal the ruling of the Chair if he wishes.

MR. KUCZO MOVED TO TABLE until "we hear from the Corporation Counsel" on this.

VOTE taken on TABLING the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, offered a general progress report at this time. He said his committee has met, roughly, every other month since January, usually with the Commission and its staff.

MR. CONNORS asked what was being done to provide some type of low-cost public housing before we start demolishing these buildings. He said there has been a great deal of publicity in the newspapers about this problem. He asked if Mr. Rich could explain what was the outcome of numerous meetings in regard to providing relocation housing for these families that will be displaced by the Project.

MR. RICH said these problems will not all be solved until the Project is finished. He said he had recently attended a meeting in the Mayor's office on this very same topic. He said there is no question that this is a problem that must be taken care of as the No. 1 problem and responsibility of the URC, and it is now being started, first with a complete census of all area residents. He said the whole question of low cost public housing will have to be examined thoroughly, but at the present time, this is all awaiting the processing of the data that will be obtained by means of a census to first determine the need before trying to come up with the answers.

MR. CONNORS said he understands that some housing will be located in the Willow Street area. He asked if Mr. Rich has any idea what the cost of this housing will be. He said at one time we did get figures, but it wasn't cheap housing.

MR. RICH replied what Mr. Connors refers to is what is known as "moderate rentals". He said they are exploring all areas.

MR. CONNORS said he believes that the people who are being relocated should be the first and prime consideration before any building is planned. He said what he fears most in regard to building new housing is that there will be a sudden influx of new people from out of town who will gobble up the new housing and the people who live in the Quadrant will not receive first consideration in relocation. He said if the housing is too expensive for the people who are going to relocate, then they cannot afford to move into them. He said he wants to know what this housing is going to cost - how much per room. He said these families have to be considered from the standpoint of how much rent can they afford to pay.

MR. CAPPORIZZO asked if the original plan that this Board voted on did not provide for a certain amount of low cost housing to take care of those who cannot afford to pay the higher rents.

MR. RICH said he did not think debate was appropriate at this time. However, he said he wished to make it quite clear that the job of the family relocation office is to find homes for these people and the ones in the Quadrant area do get priority over people coming from other areas.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING "TASK FORCE"

MR. KETCHAM, Chairman, informed the members that the furniture here tonight is not the furniture that this Board has on order - that this furniture has been loaned to us by the school system. He said he thought a vote of thanks is due the Commissioner of Public Works' department for obtaining the equipment that is here on a temporary basis until the Board's furniture arrives.

Mr. Ketcham noted that the acoustics are not the best, but this is not going to be permanent. He noted that the furniture may possibly arrive in time for the September meeting and at that time there will be a different pattern of seating which will group the members closer together.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if something couldn't be done to either get some fresh air, or make the air conditioning system do a better job of cooling.

THE PRESIDENT informed him that Mrs. Farrell has already been instructed to write a letter advising Mr. Mitchell of this fact.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

MR. LINDSTROM, Chairman, said he does not have a report of all the work done by the Committee to date, but said he would give a progress report.

He said his Committee has held nine meetings since its establishment by this Board; that appropriate people have been interviewed at several of these meetings and testimony has been recorded on four occasions. In all, some 180 pages of testimony have been taken. Also, during this period, extensive inquiries have been made along collateral lines pertinent to the investigation.

He presented a bill for stenographic services and transcription of hearings held July 1, 1964 and July 8, 1964 in the amount of \$173.60 and MOVED for approval, under the terms of Section 206. of the Charter. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and Mr. Ketcham. CARRIED unanimously.

PETITIONS:

Petition No. 303 - Request from STAMFORD FIRE FIGHTERS, local 786
(letter dated 7/28/64) requesting permission to hold a parade on SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1965 in conjunction with the 1965 Convention of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association.

THE PRESIDENT read the above letter. Inasmuch as this was not on the Agenda, he called for a motion to suspend the rules in order to consider the request. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the rules be suspended in order to consider this petition.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve the above request, subject to the usual rules - that the proper liability and bond coverage is met and that approval also be obtained from the Police and Fire Departments and a permit be issued by the Controller, in conformity with the Ordinances and State Statutes governing such matters.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Concerning Official Closing of CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING
(Letters dated 8/3/64 and 7/31/64 notifying all City departments that the above school is now effectively secured and closed)

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that he was in receipt of the above two letters, notifying all concerned that this building is now officially closed, that all educational material that was salvagable has been distributed or stored throughout the school system; all disposable items have been officially turned over to the purchasing Agent; the utilities shut off, the gas shut off and capped; water service and electric service terminated and turned over to the Public Works Department; the Fire Marshal has requested that all fire barriers be left intact and the keys to the building have been turned over to the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds of the City of Stamford.

- (2) Carbon copy of letter dated 7/7/64 from John C. Crosby, President of Parents for Better Education and Preservation of Schools, to Mrs. Margaret Hume, President, Board of Education - Protesting the CLOSING OF CLOONAN SCHOOL. Noted and Filed

- (3) Corporation Counsel's Opinion dated 7/10/64 - Concerning Park Commission's Rules and Regulations re Fees
(Note: This letter printed in the Minutes under Parks and Recreation Committee report)

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of thanks to DOLAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL Principal Glenn W. Moon, for use of the school facilities during past several years for Board meetings

MR. TRUGLIA MOVED that a letter of thanks be sent to the Principal of Dolan Jr. High School for the use of the school for the Board meetings over the past several years. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned.

Velma Farrell

Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

Ronald M. Schwartz

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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