

Minutes of May 11, 1965
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 Tuesday, May 11, 1965, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, Alan H. Ketcham, in the meeting rooms of the Board, at 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order, after a Caucus, by the President at 9:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 33 present at the calling of the roll and 7 absent. The President declared a quorum to be present.

The absent members were: Chester Walajtys, Patsy Arruzza, Daniel Remling, Gerald Sullivan, Stanley Kulowiec, Carmine Longo and William Hearing.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

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

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Municipal Office Building
429 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

May 6, 1965

I, ALAN H. KETCHAM, 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

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1965

At the Municipal Office Building

429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, at 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS for the Fiscal year 1965-1966, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 21, 1965.

(Signed) Alan H. Ketcham,
President
Board of Representatives

THE PRESIDENT explained that the Board is proceeding under Sec. 614 of the Charter, which he read at this time. He also called attention to Sec. 202.2 concerning method of voting upon an appropriation resolution. He further cautioned the members that although this Board may reduce an appropriation, they cannot reinstate one that has been denied or increase an appropriation that has been reduced by the Board of Finance.

THE PRESIDENT called upon the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Booth Hemingway, to present his report.

MR. HEMINGWAY said the first Budget to be acted upon will be the Capital Projects Budget:

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

1965 - 1966

Page 3 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SANITARY SEWERS:

1. Extension of Sanitary Sewers South of Parkway and Sewage Treatment Plant Addition-----\$1,000,000.00
2. Alvord Lane----- 150,000.00
3. West Side Relief Line----- 44,500.00
- TOTAL APPROVED FOR SANITARY SEWERS-----\$1,194,500.00

Page 5 - STORM DRAINS:

1. Storm Drains - City-wide----- 20,000.00
2. Alvord Lane (Reduced from \$225,000.00)-----175,000.00
3. Valley Road - Forest Street (This item did not appear in the Budget)
4. Main Street - Storm Drains (Denied by Board of Finance)
- TOTAL APPROVED FOR STORM DRAINS----- \$195,000.00

Page 7 - HIGHWAYS:

1. Resurfacing ----- DENIED
2. Raise Manholes City-wide - REDUCED from \$7,500.00----- \$3,000.00
3. Scofieldtown Road - REDUCED from \$200,000.00----- 75,000.00
4. Washington Avenue Widening and Extension to Bull's Head-----700,000.00

MR. KANE asked why item No. 1 was denied by the Fiscal Committee.

MR. KUCZO spoke against denying item No. 1.

MR. CONNORS said he thinks this is taken care of under the State appropriation.

MR. KELLY spoke in opposition to reducing item No. 2.

MR. RUSSELL explained that the amount approved by the Committee will be adequate.

MR. DURSO said he believes that money is mainly going to the Springdale area and that the City itself usually does not do this work.

MR. KELLY said his District has been neglected four years in a row.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that item No. 1 remain at \$25,000.00. Seconded. LOST.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that the members confine their remarks to one item at a time, rather than jumping haphazardly around from item to item.

MR. RUSSELL said there has been \$50,000.00 in the Operating Budget under general operation of roads that has been in the Budget for the last 20 years and that is the answer for doing individual roads. He said they also are reimbursed by the State in the amount of approximately \$128,000.00 for doing individual roads, which is first approved by a State Inspector, which is done about 90% of the time.

MR. KELLY MOVED that item No. 2 be reduced to \$5,000.00 from the \$7,500.00 approved by the Board of Finance. Seconded. LOST.

MR. MURPHY said he would like to know why item No. 3 was cut.

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Fiscal Committee felt that all the exits and entrances into this property had not been considered.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR HIGHWAYS ----- \$778,000.00

Page 9 - SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING:

1. Curbing, City-wide----- DENIED

MR. KUCZO spoke in opposition to denying the above item.

VOTE taken on denying this item. CARRIED, with 2 no votes.

2. Sidewalks, City-wide-----\$15,000.00

3. Board of Education Sidewalks----- 10,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED for SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING---- \$25,000.00

Page 11 - NEW EQUIPMENT:

1. New Equipment ---REDUCED from \$20,000.00 ----- \$10,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR NEW EQUIPMENT ----- \$10,000.00

Page 13 - FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL:

1. Hurricane Protection - Total Cost: \$11,000,000.)	
Federal Share: 6,620,000.)	
State: 1,278,000.)	
City: 3,102,000.)	\$438,000.00

2. Cove Island Beach Improvement)----- \$ 3,767.00
 City's Share: \$46,672.82)
 3% Interest: \$12,600.70)
3. Cummings Park Beach Improvement)----- 1,400.00
 City's Share: \$19,316.00 }
 3/25% Interest: \$1,860.00 }

TOTAL APPROVED FOR FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL---- \$443,167.00

Page 15 - PARK DEPARTMENT:

1. Cummings Park
 Phase Improvement - REDUCED from \$25,000.00----- \$20,000.00
2. Cove Island Park Phase Improvement ----- 25,000.00
3. City-wide Construction
 Repairs & Replacement---REDUCED from \$10,000.00----- 5,000.00
4. Marinas----- 10,000.00
5. Game Areas (This item did not appear in the Budget)
6. Horticultural (This item did not appear in the Budget)
7. Mechanized Equipment (This item did not appear in the Budget)
8. West Beach----- 15,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PARK DEPARTMENT ----- \$75,000.00

Page 17 - BOARD OF RECREATION

1. Heating System (REDUCED from \$10,500.00) \$ 7,500.00

Page 19 - No action (Denied by Board of Finance)

Page 21 - BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. North East Elementary School-----\$175,000.00
2. Stamford High School, Site Expansion,
 Rehabilitation, Survey----- 45,000.00
3. Rice School Replacement - New School
 REDUCED FROM \$800,000.00----- 250,000.00

Note: Items Nos. 4, 5 and 6 were eliminated
 from the Budget this year.

MR. KANE asked why the Planning Board's recommended figure was \$75,000 and the Mayor increased it to \$1,000,000, the Board of Finance reduced it to \$800,000 and we now propose to reduce it to \$250,000. He said it looks like an escalator, going up and down from one figure to another. He asked for clarification.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he can't speak for all departments of the City, but it was the feeling of the Fiscal Committee that with the school Board not even having a site or preparing to buy a site that this \$250,000 would give them an ample sum to start with.

MR. KANE said he believes that the thinking of the Fiscal Committee is rather sound.

MR. TRUGLIA said he is disturbed because the Mayor asked for \$1,000,000 and now we are not anywhere near it. He said he would like to know why the Mayor asked for this sum in the first place.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he can only speak for his Committee.

MR. MURPHY said he does not believe this should be reduced further than it has already been reduced by the Board of Finance.

MR. MARTIN said he believes the Board should strive to keep the taxes as low as possible by keeping expenditures down.

MR. RUSSELL said this year they are getting away from the old way of doing things by bonding large expenditures. He pointed out that last year in the case of the Northeast Elementary School we only appropriated \$75,000 and the Board of Education came in at a later date with an emergency appropriation of approximately \$700,000. He said this gives the Board better control of the situation, as they would like to know what is going on, and to guarantee a healthy start.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED to reduce item No. 3 to \$75,000. There being no seconder, the motion was not considered.

MR. MURPHY MOVED to amend that this be left at \$800,000 as approved by the Board of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Kane, who spoke in favor of the motion.

After considerable discussion, a vote was taken on Mr. Murphy's motion. LOST.

VOTE taken on the Fiscal Committee's recommendation of \$250,000 for item No. 3. CARRIED.

7. Oloonan School----- \$2,440,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION ----- \$2,910,000.00

Page 23 - URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

City Funds - TOTAL APPROVED----- \$1,000,000.00

TOTALS for 1965-1966 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET:

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Sanitary Sewers-----	\$1,194,500.00
2. Storm Drains-----	195,000.00
3. Highways -----	778,000.00
4. Sidewalks and/or Curbing -----	25,000.00
5. New Construction-----	-----

6. New Equipment----- \$10,000.00
 7. Flood & Erosion Control----- ~~443,167.00~~

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS-----\$2,645,667.00

PARK COMMISSION----- 75,000.00

BOARD OF RECREATION----- 7,500.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Denied by Board of Finance----- - - -

BOARD OF EDUCATION----- 2,910,000.00

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT----- 1,000,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED-----\$6,638,167.00

OPERATING BUDGET - - - 1965-1966

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

Page 3 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR REGISTRARS OF VOTERS-----\$ 39,375.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN----- 1,500.00

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES----- 13,001.00

Page 5 - MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Code 108.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED the above item be REDUCED from \$350.00 to \$262.50 Seconded.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED TO AMEND that this stay at \$350.00. Seconded. Mr. Selsberg spoke in favor of this item not being reduced. He said that he believes that conventions are the best possible source of up-to-date information. He said if there are abuses, it is very much in the minority and is not a budgetary problem, but an administrative problem.

MR. PHILPOT said he opposes the reduction.

MR. NATHANSON said he agrees with Mr. Selsberg.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED the question. Seconded and Carried.

VOTE taken on Mr. Selsberg's motion. FAILED to pass.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion to REDUCE this appropriation from \$350.00 to \$262.50. CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR MAYOR'S OFFICE.....\$41,140.50

DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT OF LAW.....\$79,894.00

Page 7 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK:

Code 112.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$150 to 112.50. Seconded, and CARRIED.

Code 112.2201 New Equipment

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$1,060 to \$530. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TOWN AND CITY CLERK.....\$82,645.20

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE:

Code 114.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$300.00 to \$225.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.....\$20,587.00

Page 9 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS:
GENERAL ACCOUNTING

Code 116.0102 Part-time Help

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$2,500 to \$2,000. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 116.0501 Telephone & Telegraph

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$725 to \$600. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 116.2102 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$250.00 to \$187.50. Seconded and CARRIED

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TOTAL APPROVED FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING.....\$52,638.34

DATA PROCESSING SECTION - TOTAL APPROVED \$101,994.86

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS...\$154,633.20

BUREAU OF PURCHASES:Code 118.2102 Dues & Subscriptions

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$250.00 to \$237.50. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BUREAU OF PURCHASES.....\$36,380.06

Page 11 - STAMFORD MUSEUM - TOTAL APPROVED..... \$100,000.00FERGUSON LIBRARY - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$560,000.00Page 13 - VETERANS' SERVICE - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$14,015.00CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT:Code 126.0102 Part-time Help

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$1,000 to \$700. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 126.0103 Overtime

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$1,220. to \$500. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 126.0501 Telephone & Telegraph

MR. KUCZO MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$300. to \$175. Seconded by Mr. Murphy. LOST.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.....\$30,431.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION-TOTAL APPROVED.....\$6,625.00VETERANS' GRAVES COMMISSIONS:Code 129.5711 Care of Graves

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$2,000. to \$1,000. Seconded.

MR. KANE asked why this was reduced - was it possible that this is covered in another manner?

MR. RUSSELL said that the reason is that most of this money goes into the purchase of flags and it was suggested that in other communities they have one large flag rather than individual small flags on each grave and it is a very tedious job to place these small flags and they just lay there and rot and it is not very attractive, while a large flag would look much better.

MR. HEMINGWAY said the question was also raised as to why this cannot be combined in some way with Veterans' Services for more efficiency.

MR. CAPORIZZO (Vincent) MOVED to amend this appropriation remain at \$2,000. and not be reduced. Seconded. LOST.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR VETERANS' GRAVES COMMISSION.....\$3,000.00

Page 15 - GENERAL INSURANCE - TOTAL APPROVED\$50,000.00

EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$10,000.00

PLANNING BOARD - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$45,040.34

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$ 300.00

Page 17 - ZONING BOARD:

Code 138.1103 Maps & Prints

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$800. to \$400. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 138.2102 Dues & Subscriptions

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$125. to \$93.75. Seconded.

MR. KEGGI said he would like to know if this cut in Dues and Subscriptions, which apparently cuts out all except the first three pages of each magazine subscribed to, is it based on just an over all blanket cut, or does it specify what is being deleted.

MR. HEMINGWAY said it is a 25% cut.

MR. KEGGI said he would like to know does this always mean the same thing, as it sometimes seems to cover Conferences as well.

MR. HEMINGWAY said in some cases it merely means dues and subscriptions and in others also refers to conferences as well.

MR. KEGGI said he wishes to go on record as being against this sort of cut.

MR. TRUGLIA said he would like clarification as to why the item "Maps & Prints" was cut \$400.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he would have to refer him to Mr. Russell.

MR. RUSSELL said it was cut mainly on the assumption that if they needed more money later on, they could come in for it, because in 1963-64 they only spent \$226.80.

MR. SELSBERG said he wants to go on record as opposing these "across the Board" cuts. He said they were not based on common sense - merely a percentage cut - and was not realistic. He said he can see no reason for forcing departments to come back and ask for the few dollars difference each time - that it is a waste of everyone's time, and a purely arbitrary and capricious way of handling these reductions.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED TO AMEND the \$93.75 be changed to \$100. Seconded. LOST.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that the hour is growing late and we are only on page 17 of the Budget.

MR. RUSSELL said the "old timers" on the Fiscal Committee have, year after year, attempted to obtain a reasonable breakdown of what these costs pertain to and it has not been done. He said it is an account that is very loosely and poorly handled and this 25% cut is merely a step in the right direction to get some sort of reasonable accounting. He said if anyone wants to hear privately later what some of these abuses are, the Committee will be glad to tell them.

MR. KANE rose on a point of order. He said it would appear as if there is pertinent information being withheld from the members he wants to know about it. He said it might be a good idea to cut them out altogether and not just 25%.

MR. CONNORS said he thinks that in next year's budget that dues and subscriptions should be eliminated and that this should come out of the Finance Office. He said he does not think this item should even be in the Budget and he goes along with what Mr. Russell said. He said one place it is called "Dues and Subscriptions" and another place it is called "Conventions". He said no one really knows what they do with the money. He said he thinks this should be handled another way where there is less chance of abuses.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's original motion to REDUCE Code 138.2102, dues and Subscriptions from \$125. to \$93.75. CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ZONING BOARD.....\$6,492.46

MR. RAND said he would like to ask Mr. Connors to explain why the telephone bills are so high - perhaps he can give the members an explanation, once and for all.

MR. CONNORS said if you want to go back far enough you can remember the days when Yale and Towne had telephones for fifty cents because they didn't have any dials on their telephones. So, now he said, they put in a dial system in the City of Stamford, so naturally it is going to cost more money. He said the City was well aware of this when they decided to put this system in - that it was going to cost them much more money. He said then every telephone had 25¢ more a month added on to it. He said no department can dial a toll call - it has to go through the operator, who, in turn, bills each department. He said it is too ridiculous to argue about.

MR. RAND said he wants it distinctly understood that this telephone system that we now have in the City of Stamford - we are now paying for it because we wanted it that way, and each department is being billed for their pro-rata amount. He said if this isn't getting through to people perhaps someone should draw a diagram.

MR. KUCZO said he resents the inference.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$8,135.00

TAXATION BOARD:

Code 142.0101 Salaries

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$300.00 to \$200.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TAXATION BOARD.....\$225.00

Page 19 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:Code 144.0403 Printing Tax Books

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$5,000.00 to \$3,000.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.....\$83,338.17

MR. RUSSELL said he thought a note of explanation is due here regarding Code 144.0403 Printing of Tax Books. He said they discussed this with the Assessor's office and the Committee thought in the future these books should have a price tag on them - that people come in and get as much as 30 books and get them free and in most other communities there is a charge for these books. He said he believes that there are only two other communities in the State of Connecticut besides Stamford that give them away free. He said it should be brought out at this time that a charge of about \$1.50 apiece would be a reasonable charge for these books, which would cover the cost of printing, resulting in no cost to the City.

Page 21 - TAX COLLECTOR:Code 146.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$50.00 to \$37.50. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TAX COLLECTOR.....\$77,546.61

RESERVE FOR TAX REFUNDS - TOTAL APPROVED..... 5,000.00Page 23 - BOARD OF FINANCE - TOTAL APPROVED..... 14,865.00PENSIONS - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$1,204,874.47

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that it is now 11:30 P.M. and there are still many more pages to go through. He said he would entertain a motion to RECESS for "coffee and". On MOTION, duly seconded and CARRIED, a recess was declared at this time.

THE RECESS was declared over at 11:55 P.M.

Page 25 - CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$37,178.24Concerning Increases in Telephone Expenditures for all departments

MR. KUCZO said he wished to go on record as being opposed to any increases in the expenditures for telephone accounts for all departments over and above what was spent in the 1963-1964 fiscal year. Whenever this appears in any account for any department he said he wished to have his vote recorded as "abstained", or voting against that particular item.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND - TOTAL APPROVED \$6,771.00

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PROBATE COURT - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$8,450.00Page 27 - SEWER COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED.....\$7,138.00HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:Code 192.0101 Salaries

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$13,294.00 to \$9,200.00. Seconded.

MR. PHILPOT said he wished to go on record as being opposed to reducing this salary account.

VOTE taken on above appropriation. CARRIED.

Code 192.0501 Telephone & Telegraph

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$200.00 to \$150.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 192.0801 Travel

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$300.00 to \$150.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 192.2101 Conventions & Conferences

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$150.00 to \$112.50. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 192.2102 Dues & Subscriptions

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$50.00 to \$37.50. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 192.2201 New Equipment

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED this appropriation be REDUCED from \$400.00 to \$335.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.....\$10,535.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVED.....\$2,759,116.25

Page 29 - DEPT SERVICE TOTAL APPROVED.....\$3,342,563.00CONCERNING ERRATA:

THE PRESIDENT said he would entertain a motion that Mrs. Farrell, the Administrative Assistant, be authorized to correct any errors in addition or subtraction that might have occurred. This was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED unanimously that she be so authorized.

Page 35 - BOARD OF EDUCATION:

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED that this appropriation be REDUCED from \$11,400,000.00 as previously approved and reduced by the Board of Finance, to \$11,000,000.00. Seconded.

MR. KUCZO MOVED TO AMEND this to read \$11,400,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Kane.

MR. KUCZO said he would like to know what the basis was for cutting \$400,000 from the Board of Education's appropriation.

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Fiscal Committee cannot point to any one category where this \$400,000 out should be made by the Board of Education, as it is very well known that this Board does not have the power to direct where any suggested cuts could be made. He said the Committee was also cognizant of the enormous tax load on the City of Stamford, evidenced by a great deal of criticism and comments that have been made in what the tax load will be if the Budget is not further reduced by this Board. For this reason, the Fiscal Committee felt that they could only recommend that this budget be reduced to an even \$11,000,000.

MR. KUCZO said he feels that since \$1,000,000 has already been cut from the Board of Education's Budget it is quite enough and it is a shame that this was done, because this means that cuts will have to be made in maintenance items, which will allow buildings to deteriorate to the point where it is too late - such as the Cloonan School. He said he thought this was "penny wise - pound foolish" and we should take a second look at the investment we have in the school system and try to keep these buildings from becoming run down.

MR. KANE said he believes this cut is purely an arbitrary figure - a subtraction without any thought as to what it represents. He urged the members vote in favor of Mr. Kuczo's amendment to the motion.

MR. NATHANSON spoke in favor of the motion. He said he thinks education is too important to cut.

MR. TRUGLIA spoke in favor of the motion and urged no reduction be made.

MR. JOHN MORRIS also urged no reduction in the Board of Education budget.

MR. SELSBERG spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. LINDSTROM said he is in favor of the Fiscal Committee's recommendation to reduce this appropriation, and, the reason why industry is moving away from Stamford is because of the high taxes and if we don't cut corners here and there as much as we can, we will continue to lose more and more industry. He said those on this Board who own homes know that the taxes are high, but the taxes on industry are tremendous. He urged the members give this factor some consideration. He said he feels that a million dollar increase in the school budget over last year is a substantial increase.

MR. DURSO said some of the members may think that the Fiscal Committee just picked this reduction of \$400,000 "out of their hat". He said the Committee spent an entire evening discussing this with members of the School Board and also had members from the PTA present and they spent more time on the school budget than any other and gave it serious consideration before making their decision.

MR. PHILPOT said he felt he must support the amendment because of the affect any further reduction might have on the quality of education.

MR. MURPHY said he wished to ask the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee a question. he asked if it was true that the Board of Education's Budget (assuming that it is reduced to \$11,000,000) is still one million dollars higher than it was last year.

MR. HEMINGWAY said that is what is shown on page 35 of the Budget, so he can only assume these figures are correct.

MR. CONNORS said as a member of the Fiscal Committee, the Committee has to take many things into consideration - people who own property, whose taxes will be raised, those who are retired on fixed incomes and can ill afford a constant increase in their taxes. He said at the rate the City is spending and the taxes are increasing, eventually no one will be able to afford to live here. He said it is now getting to the point that if you retire you have to sell your home, because you can't afford to live here.

The debate continued for some time, with several members speaking for the second time on the question.

MR. MORRIS MOVED the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested on Mr. Kuczo's motion to amend.

THE PRESIDENT said the vote is on the question of approving the sum of \$11,400,000 for the Board of Education, as amended by Mr. Kuczo. LOST, by a vote of 12 in favor and 18 opposed, as follows: (Mr. Bitetto and Mr. Zezima having left the meeting before the vote was taken) (The President abstained, as is customary)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Jennie Esposito (D)
John Kane (D)
J. John Keggi (R)
Paul Kuczo (D)
Peter Martin (R)
John Morris (D)
Benjamin Nathanson (R)
Romaine Philpot (R)
John Rich (R)
William Selsberg (R)
Judith Sutherland (R)
Anthony Truglia (D)

ABSTAINED

Alan Ketcham (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

Vincent Caporizzo (D)
William Caporizzo (R)
George Connors (D)
Edward Dombroski (D)
Robert Dursio (D)
Augusta Goings (R)
Booth Hemingway (R)
Edwin Iacovo (R)
Stephen Kelly (D)
Frances Lilliendahl (R)
Edwin Lindstrom (R)
Thomas Morris (R)
William Murphy (D)
Paul Rand (R)
George Russell (R)
Gerald Rybnick (D)
Andrew Tatano (R)
Dominick Vivona (D)

MR. SELSBERG said it is now his assumption that the next vote will be taken on the Committee's recommendation. He asked the President what vote will be necessary.

THE PRESIDENT said he believes it will require a vote of 21 to pass.

MR. SELSBERG said in the event that 21 votes are not obtained, is he correct in stating that there would then be no action, and therefore the recommendation as adopted by the Board of Finance of \$11,400,000 would stand.

THE PRESIDENT said he appreciated this question being brought up at 1:00 A.M. in the morning. He read from Sec. 614 of the Charter, and also Sec. 202 which states:

"A majority of the members of the Board of Representatives shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No Ordinance or APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION shall be adopted except by majority vote of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives....."

MR. RYBNICK said he would assume that it would require 21 votes to override Mr. Hemingway's motion, if the Board is governed by the above Section 202 of the Charter.

THE PRESIDENT said for this Board to reject Mr. Hemingway's motion which is now before the Board, would require 21 votes to carry.

There was considerable discussion at this time as to the vote required to pass Mr. Hemingway's motion, being the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. CONNORS MOVED that this Board ADJOURN until tomorrow evening. He said he thinks the President should obtain a ruling from the Corporation Counsel, or this Board will still be sitting here debating the question until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow morning, which is not too far away.

THE PRESIDENT pointed out to the members that the Board still has 23 more pages to go and everyone is very tired and at the rate we are going we will be here a lot longer.

MR. CONNORS said he wished to repeat his motion for ADJOURNMENT to tomorrow night at eight o'clock.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED to reject the recommendations of the Board of Finance.

THE PRESIDENT asked the members to please not get involved in motions and counter motions.

MR. SELSBERG repeated his question. He said his question is this - the Committee has to have an affirmative vote of this Board in order to pass this appropriation, and he questions how much of a vote they need - do they need 21, or do they need a simple majority vote.

MR. CONNORS said he believes everyone is getting a little confused at this point. He said whoever opposes the Committee's recommendations, has to get a vote of 21 to carry.

There was considerable disagreement at this point.

THE PRESIDENT said he would rule that a vote of 21 is necessary to pass a fiscal appropriation and is quoting Sec. 202 of the Charter as the authority for this. He said he would assume that what the Board is now considering is a part of an over all resolution adopting the Budget and the resolution covers the entire appropriation, item by item. He said he would then be guided by Sec. 614, which reads, in part:

".....Any items not rejected or reduced by the Board of Representatives shall be deemed to have been approved by that Board....."

THE PRESIDENT said he, frankly, was at a loss at this time in trying to interpret the meaning of the Charter and would hate to call upon the Corporation Counsel at this time in the morning to request an interpretation of the Charter.

MR. RUSSELL called attention to quorum required of the Board of Finance, which shall be four members, which would indicate that a majority vote of the four members would be all that is necessary to pass an appropriation. He said in Sec. 202 it refers to "an appropriation resolution" which this Board has not yet come to, and which is adopted at the end of the meeting when the entire Budget is adopted by resolution. He said he does not believe each item in the Budget should be interpreted as an "appropriation resolution". He said he believes this Board should be guided by Robert's Rules of Order and vote should be by a majority of those present.

MR. SELSBERG objected.

MR. CONNORS said he does not want a "sidewalk opinion".

THE PRESIDENT rapped for order. He reminded the members that the hour is growing very late and that this Board should not proceed hastily and must make the right decision.

MR. DURSO said he does not recall anyone making an issue up to this moment as to what vote was taken on other items - whether or not it was a vote of 21 - and now it has become all important. He said all this Board has been worrying about up to now has been getting a majority vote on each item.

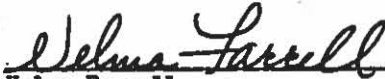
A RECESS was called at this time. (1:20 A.M.)

The recess being over, the President stated he did not wish to make a ruling that might in the future prejudice the Board, and would therefore entertain a motion for adjournment until eight o'clock tomorrow evening.

MR. CONNORS MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT. Seconded and CARRIED.

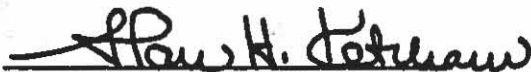
Several members objected. The President reminded the members that a motion to adjourn takes precedence over any other motion.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. tomorrow night.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:


Alan H. Ketcham, President
Board of Representatives

Note: This meeting was not broadcast over the Radio.

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