

MEETING OF THE 10TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Minutes of December 4, 1967
Stamford, Connecticut

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A regular monthly meeting of the 10th Board of Representatives, being the first business meeting of the newly elected Board, of the City of Stamford, was held on Monday, December 4, 1967 in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building (2nd floor), 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John C. Fusaro, at 9:00 P.M. after a Caucus of the respective Republican and Democratic parties and meetings of the newly appointed Standing Committees.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Samuel M. Silver, Temple Sinai.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk, Frank A. Coperina. All members were present, with the exception of Chester Deutsch, absent because of illness.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of November 13, 1967

The above Minutes were accepted.

MR. GUROIAN rose on a point of personal privilege on the following matter:

Clarification of rules concerning conduct of members

MR. GUROIAN said a great deal of debate occurred on the previous Board regarding the scattered sites controversy and about Board members publicly prejudging an issue and the penalties involved. He said he wishes answers to the following questions:

- (1) Does a member of the Board forfeit his right to vote on an issue when he has publicly lobbied for it before it has come before the proper Committee and has had a proper hearing and does not this type of action result in prejudging an issue?
- (2) Can action of this type subject a member to a possible vote of censure by this body?
- (3) If the answers to the above questions are in the negative, when applied to a member who holds official title and whose attitude should be doubly judicious, since his viewpoint will have considerable influence in deciding the vote of other members, is it to be assumed that any member of the Board has the right to publicly state his position on issues without fear of either of the above recriminations?

MR. GUROIAN said he believes it is important for every member to have this matter clearly spelled out to him at the beginning of his term so that he will not, in his ignorance, subject himself to possible later recriminations.

THE PRESIDENT said Mr. Guroian's point is well taken and he believes this Board should hold this in abeyance and bring it up under "New Business".

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE PASSING OF THE LATE JUDGE JOHN KEATING

The members observed a moment of silent prayer in memory of the late Judge of Probate, John Keating, recently deceased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The reading of the Minutes of the Steering Committee report were waived. However, they were entered in the Minutes, as follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Friday, December 1, 1967

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Friday, December 1, 1967 in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut, immediately after the Organization Meeting of the newly elected 10th Board of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, John C. Fusaro. All members were present, with the exception of John Rich.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Concerning resignation of NORMAN GLUSS from the Board of Finance and election of replacement - (Under provision of Sec. 113 of Charter)

REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (2) Confirmation of appointments to Mayor Giordano's "Cabinet"

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Paul D. Shapero (D)

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE: Norman Gluss (D)

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS: Nicholas R. Loglisci (D)

REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (3) Additional appropriations approved by Board of Finance at their meeting held November 9, 1967

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA, with items in excess of \$2,000 referred to a secondary Committee.

- (4) Letter (dated 11/27/67) from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools, requesting approval of amendment to 1967 - 1968 Capital Projects Budget by adding \$100,000.00 to be known as "LAND ACQUISITION" Account, to be transferred from the 1964 - 1965 and 1966 - 1967 Capital Projects Budgets, as follows: (Approved by the Board of Finance on Aug. 10, 1967 and, according to letter from Dr. Porter, never acted upon by this Board, but apparently overlooked)

- (a) \$75,000.00 - To be transferred from the 1964 - 1965 Capital Projects Budget, Project known as "Site Acquisition for Additional Elementary School North of Parkway" - - - (The Edgar M. Cullman property)
- (b) \$25,000.00 - To be transferred from the 1966 - 1967 Capital Projects Budget, Project known as "Elementary School North of the Parkway"

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (5) Concerning Proposed Ordinance for tax abatement on HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS, located on WASHINGTON COURT, Stamford, Conn. -
(To grant the United Church of Christ Residence, Inc. a 50% yearly reduction in real estate taxes for structure located on Washington Court -- Introduced by Mr. Fusaro at the 10/2/67 Board meeting - See page 5197 of Minutes of that date, at which time it was referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral -- Originally introduced as a resolution)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (6) Letter from PUC "FINDING AND ORDER" Docket No. 10600 Concerning Increase in Water Rates and Charges to all Customers (Received 11/28/67 - undated)

Above noted and filed.

- (7) Letter (dated 11/28/67) from Louis J. Casale, Jr., member of the 9th Board of Representatives, suggesting various Charter amendments and requesting the appointment of a 13th Charter Revision Commission.

Above noted and filed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

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JOHN C. FUSARO, Chairman,
Steering Committee, 10th Board

MR. FUSARO, President, said it would seem good practice to waive the reading of the Steering Committee, and if any member desires to see it before it is printed in the Minutes, to contact Mrs. Farrell and request a copy. It was agreed that this will be done in the future.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, Chairman, presented his report. He said a meeting of his Committee was held this evening and present were the following Representatives: John Boccuzzi, George Georgoulis, John Rich, and Lynn Farnen. He gave a brief resume of the background of all the Mayor's appointments to his "Cabinet".

The Tellers distributed the ballots on the following appointments. The vote is recorded below:

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Paul D. Shapero (D) VOTE: 34 yes
4 no
1 abstention

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE: Norman Gluss (D) VOTE: 31 yes
7 no
1 abstention

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS: Nicholas R. Loglisci (D)
VOTE: 36 yes
3 no

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF FINANCE - Norman Gluss - Term: 12/1/67 - 12/1/69*

*(Elected term of office is from 12/1/67
to 12/1/71; term for replacement ends
as per provisions of Sec. 113 of Charter)

ELECTION OF REPLACEMENT

MR. KAPLAN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to take up the above matter now instead of under "New Business" at the end of the meeting. Seconded by several and CARRIED.

MR. MORRIS said he wants it noted for the record that 13 of the Republicans are not going to vote on this vacancy and that only one of the Republicans is going to cast a ballot.

THE PRESIDENT said this will be noted, and called for nominations to fill the vacancy on the Board of Finance created by the resignation of Norman Gluss.

MR. KAPLAN presented the name of SIDNEY S. LANDAU (D) in nomination to fill the vacancy. He outlined his qualifications, as an attorney with a background in finance.

MR. PLOTNICK spoke in favor of the nomination.

MR. GEORGOULIS presented the name of PATRICK HOGAN (D) in nomination to fill the vacancy in the Board of Finance and outlined his qualifications, one being his 13 years of service as a member of the Board of Finance.

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that the nominations be closed.

Ballots were distributed by the Tellers, with the vote being 19 votes in favor of PATRICK HOGAN and 7 votes for SIDNEY S. LANDAU. MR. HOGAN was declared elected to the Board of Finance, replacing Norman Gluss, to term ending 12/1/69.

It is noted for the record that ballots were given to all Democrats present, and one Republican (Peter Chirimbes) who requested a ballot, 13 Republicans not being given ballots, as requested by the Minority Leader, Mr. Morris.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. DURSO, Chairman, said his Committee met this evening, with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Deutsch, absent because of illness.

- (1) \$20,000.00 - Resolution No. 542 amending 1967 - 1968 Capital Projects Budget in aforesaid amount, to be known as "CONSTRUCTION OF TWO LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS", and appropriation of \$20,000.00 for said project - (Mayor's letter of 10/9/67 - Approved by Board of Finance on 11/9/67 in REDUCED amount)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. ALSWANGER, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, to whom this was also referred, said his Committee recommends approval. The resolution follows, which was CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 542

AMENDING 1967 - 1968 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET IN AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 TO BE KNOWN AS "CONSTRUCTION OF TWO LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS", AND APPROPRIATION OF AFORESAID SUM FOR SAID PROJECT

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1967 - 1968 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "CONSTRUCTION OF TWO LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS", in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter by adding thereto the sum of \$20,000.00 and the appropriation of the aforesaid sum for said project.

- (2) \$274.82 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Code 602.0101, Salaries, Administration - (Change in classification from Accounts Clerk II, S-11 to Accounting Supervisor, S-17, effective January 1, 1968 for Joseph Kitlas - Approved by Personnel Commission on October 25, 1967 - Mayor's letter of 10/31/67)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED.

- (3) \$1,500.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, As follows: (Mayor's letter of 10/31/67)

Code 510.0103 - Dept. of Health, Overtime -----	\$1,000.00
Code 511.0103 - Code Enforcement Task Force,	
Overtime -----	500.00
	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Kelly and others. CARRIED.

- (4) \$478.62 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Code 511.0801, Car Allowance - (Mayor's letter of 10/31/67) (REDUCED from \$546.12 by Board of Finance on 11/9/67)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Caporizzo and CARRIED.

- (5) \$330.00 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Code 510.2202 New Cars - (Mayor's letter of 10/18/67)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and Mr. Kelly and CARRIED.

- (6) \$437.23 - CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT, Code 174.0906, Civil Service Examinations (Mayor's letter of 11/2/67)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Kelly. CARRIED.

- (7) \$2,000.00 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, Code 730.1801, Maintenance of Buildings - (Mayor's letter of 10/20/67)

MR. DURSO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Alswanger who said the Parks & Recreation Committee also concurs in approval. CARRIED.

- (8) \$100,000.00 - Resolution No. 543 amending 1967 - 1968 Capital Projects Budget by adding the sum of \$100,000.00 to be known as "LAND ACQUISITION" Account, to be transferred from the 1964 - 1965 and 1966 - 1967 Capital Projects Budgets -
(Approved by Board of Finance on August 10, 1967)
(See letter of 11/27/67 from Joseph B. Porter, Supt. of Schools)

MR. DURSO presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by several members. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 543

AMENDING 1967 - 1968 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY
ADDING THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 TO BE KNOWN AS "LAND
ACQUISITION" ACCOUNT, TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE
1964 - 1965 AND 1966 - 1967 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1967 - 1968 Capital Projects Budget, in accordance with Sec. 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding thereto the amount of \$100,000.00 to be known as "LAND ACQUISITION" which amount is to be transferred from the 1964 - 1965 and 1966 - 1967 Capital Projects Budgets as follows:

- (a) \$75,000.00 - To be transferred from the 1964 - 1965 Capital Projects Budget, Project known as "Site Acquisition for Additional Elementary School North of Parkway" -- (The Edgar M. Cullman Property)
- (b) \$25,000.00 - To be transferred from the 1966 - 1967 Capital Projects Budget, Project known as "Elementary School North of the Parkway"

MR. HEINZER said by approving this resolution, we are setting up a Capital Reserve Fund for the School Board for property acquisition which will result in by-passing this Board whenever they wish to acquire property. He said he feels it is setting a bad precedent for any Board to allow them to establish a reserve fund to have at their disposal.

MR. CONNORS spoke in favor of the transfer. He said it is a bond issue and he is sure that the Board of Education cannot transfer these funds for anything but land acquisition and as far as them being able to keep the money "in toto" and hold it for other purposes, they can't do it.

MR. RUSSELL said there is a question of clarity as to whether this is an appropriation as spelled out in Sec. 619 or is it a transfer and if it is a transfer, then it does not come before this Board at all and if it is actually an appropriation, then it requires the so-called two-thirds vote of this Board and the question as to whether there were five affirmative votes by the Board of Finance. He said he only says this because the way the transmittal has come to us, it seems to be a transfer and if so, under Sec. 619 a transfer does not come before this Board as an additional appropriation. However, he said it does say that they are amending their 1967 - 1968 Budget but they are doing it by a transfer method which is not spelled out by any method as far as he knows.

THE PRESIDENT explained that this is NOT an appropriation, but is an amendment of the Capital Projects Budget, which requires a vote of this Board and is definitely not an appropriation. He said, actually, this money is lying dormant with no use being made of it and the "land bank" which the school Board is attempting to set up will be funded by this sum.

MR. RUSSBACH spoke against the transfer. He said if this money is lying "dormant" would we not be doing the same thing by putting it in another account and having it lie dormant again?

THE PRESIDENT explained that this "land acquisition" will not be a dormant fund.

MR. DURSO said this \$100,000.00 was designated for one specific piece of property and was tied up for that specific use and what we are now doing is merely transferring it from the Cullman property on High Ridge Road, which the City never did purchase because negotiations fell through. He said by transferring this money, it can then be used for land acquisition for a future elementary school and that is the reason for asking for the transfer.

MR. HEINZER said it appears that this \$25,000.00 is apparently left over from money originally allocated for an elementary school north of the Parkway, and it could be transferred to the General Fund of the City for land acquisition and it does not have to be used for a School Board land acquisition account. Again, he said he wishes to register disapproval of having a reserve fund set up by this method, and on the other hand might approve of setting up a reserve fund if it were done by the proper procedure, but feels this is a sort of "back handed" way of setting up a reserve fund and he feels it is a bad precedent to set.

THE PRESIDENT said this is now in the Budget of the Board of Education and is a transfer within their Budget.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he would like to straighten out one or two points and that is the original appropriation of \$75,000.00 was towards the purchase of land on the Cullman property, which fell through, due to the fact that the owner was not too enthusiastic about selling it and then the Board of Education turned their attention toward another piece of property further north on High Ridge Road, which during the negotiations turned out to be more expensive. He said they thereupon asked for an additional \$25,000.00 which was either appropriated in a future Capital Budget, or was an emergency appropriation, which one he is not sure. He said this money is now sitting there in the Board of Education's Capital Projects Budget, unexpended, and can only be spent on land acquisition and if this Board does nothing, it will still remain where it now is, costing no more or less than if we transferred it over to a so-called "land bank". He said those opposed to this are accomplishing nothing because it will stay right where it is and is still in the hands of the Board of Education to be used ONLY for site acquisition. He said he thinks they should be looking all the time for new land to acquire and if they don't have the money, then they should be coming in asking for it, because there are two things happening in this City - (1) we are running out of land, and (2) the land that is available is doubling in price very rapidly.

After considerable further debate, MR. LOCKHART MOVED THE QUESTION which was seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT called for a VOTE on the original motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 543, CARRIED, with several "no" votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. BROMLEY said his Committee held a brief meeting tonight just before the Board meeting and present were: Robert Bromley, John Rich, Paul Plotnick, Robert Wechsler, William Murphy and Watson Horner.

Concerning Proposed Ordinance for tax abatement on HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS, located on WASHINGTON COURT, Stamford, Connecticut -- (To grant the United Church of Christ Residence, Inc. a 50% yearly reduction in real estate taxes for structure located on Washington Court - Introduced by Mr. Fusaro at the 10/2/67 Board meeting - See page 5197 of Minutes - at which time it was referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral)

MR. BROMLEY said it is the Committee's feeling that having received this Ordinance so late (this afternoon) and not having had time to inquire into certain questions that seem to come up in the reading of this Ordinance, that they will hold it in Committee and possibly bring it out for publication next month.

Concerning proposed amendment to Local 786, International Association of Fire Fighters Collective Bargaining Agreement (contract dated June 30, 1966) by amending Article XII by adding a new paragraph 3 - (Per letter dated Oct. 23, 1967 to President of 9th Board of Representatives from Mayor Mayers, requesting action at the November meeting of that Board, enclosing copy of letter dated Oct. 19, 1967 from Gerald Kolinsky, Assistant Corporation Counsel, attaching copy of proposed amendment to contract dated July 25, 1967)

MR. BROMLEY said having only received copies of the above correspondence today, there was not enough time to consider it properly. He said it was an amendment to the Collective Bargaining agreement between the City of Stamford and Local 786, International Association of Fire Fighters. He said not having any more specific information on this matter, the Committee decided not to ask for suspension of the rules which it would require in order to bring this before the Board for a vote. He said it will be brought out at next month's meeting.

Concerning Contract between the Stamford Board of Education
and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal
Employees Local 1083, AFL-CIO Council 4

MR. BROMLEY said the above matter also falls into the same classification - not having enough time to consider it properly. He said this has to do with the Cafeteria workers in the School System. He said this was given to him tonight. He said he notices Mayor Mayer's signature on it and the City seal and the signature of the Union officials, but the Committee knows nothing more about it than that and it was the feeling of the Committee that this also should be kept in Committee for another month in order to inquire into it and bring it out next month.

MR. KAPLAN said he has a question and that is where matters have been referred to a Committee during the past Board of Representatives (9th Board) and he notices that there were several held in the Legislative & Rules Committee -- are these matters going to be acted upon by the Committee of the newly elected 10th Board of Representatives, or will these matters have to be again referred to Committees by the Steering Committee?

THE PRESIDENT said they would have to go through the Steering Committee and again be referred to the proper Committees. He said it is his understanding that at least two of those items were previously referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee by the Steering Committee. He said matters referred to Committees by the previous 9th Board will have to be re-submitted through the Steering Committee to the specific Committees designated by the Steering Committee of the 10th Board.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. HEINZER, Co-Chairman of the above Committee, said the Public Works Committee held a meeting tonight at 8:10 P.M. just before the Board meeting and present were Messrs. Dombroski, Longo, Boccuzzi (John), Calder, Caporizzo, Palmer, Scofield, and Heinzer. He said they had a letter from Mr. Scofield, requesting that the Public Works Commissioner send telegram to each of the two engineering firms who were contractors for the Incinerator contracted for about three or four days ago, to ask them NOT to proceed with any work, pending legal and technical questions that had to be answered.

He said just before the meeting, they spoke to the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Shapero, who requested this Board make a formal request to him to initiate these telegrams so that the work could be held up. He said perhaps Mr. Scofield can probably explain more about this as to the firms that were contracted with and the fact that the Sewer Commission was not consulted regarding the signing of these contracts. He said he also believes that the

State Statutes make that consultation mandatory. HE MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to take this matter under consideration. Seconded and CARRIED.

Concerning Incinerator-Sewage Treatment Plant - Award of Contract

MR. SCOFIELD explained that there is a question as to whether there should be one firm doing this work, since it is related and also whether the qualifications for the firm that was selected are reasonable.

THE PRESIDENT said to clarify what is before the Board - Mr. Heinzer is formally requesting this Board to request the Corporation Counsel to notify the parties involved not to do any work until after consulting with him.

MR. HEINZER explained that the damages would mount up if they went ahead with this work for the next month and then we decided that the contract was no good and the City was going to contract with somebody else - then, we would be liable for the work that had been done to date. Again, he pointed out that it might prove that because the Sewer Commission had not been consulted, there had been a violation of the State Statutes, thus voiding the contract.

MR. HEINZER MOVED that this Board direct the Corporation Counsel to notify the parties involved not to do anything until they have consulted with the Corporation Counsel. Seconded.

MR. DURSO inquired why the haste?

MR. HEINZER said because if they go ahead and do any work at all, the City will be liable and it is important to stop them until we first ascertain if the contract is a valid contract.

MR. DURSO wanted to know where Mr. Scofield obtained his information.

MR. SCOFIELD said the Board of Finance appropriated \$100,000.00 over a year ago for the planning of these two facilities and nothing was done and it does seem a little unreasonable that the outgoing Commissioner would send through a contract two days before he left office. He said for this reason he felt it should be looked into and it may be just a technical question that can be easily cleared up, but until it is done, he does not feel any damages should be incurred by the City.

MR. DURSO said that answers his question.

THE PRESIDENT asked the members if everyone is clear on the motion.

MR. RYBNICK asked would the City be liable if this contract were to be stopped after it having been awarded.

THE PRESIDENT said that will be up to the Corporation Counsel and that is why it is being referred to him.

MR. KAPLAN asked if it is correct that all this Board is doing is referring this to the Corporation Counsel.

THE PRESIDENT said we are requesting of the Corporation Counsel that he notify the parties involved not to continue with this work until they have discussed it with him. He called for a VOTE on the motion. It was CARRIED unanimously.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. CALDER, Chairman, gave no formal report at this time, but a brief outline of what has been accomplished and what is pending. He explained his Committee is trying to set up a meeting with the Urban Redevelopment Commission during this month of December and will endeavor to do this as soon as possible. He said at this meeting he would urge the attendance of all members of the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

THE PRESIDENT said the only communication we have from the Mayor has already been covered in the report of the Legislative & Rules Committee in regard to the Fire Fighters, amending their Collective Bargaining contract.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

Complaint from residents of Fairlawn Apartments about periods of Inadequate Heat - (Presented by George Connors, 8th District Representative)

Above matter was ordered held for the next meeting of the Steering Committee, but to expedite matters, referred to the Health & Protection Committee.

THE PRESIDENT explained that two other matters under Communications which appear on the agenda were erroneously placed there so we are passing them by.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning report given by Thomas Morris, Chairman of Special Committee Investigating Zoning Board of Appeals, submitted at November 13, 1967 meeting, being last meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives (Appearing on pages 5222 and 5223, Minutes of 11/13/67)

MR. KAPLAN asked if the Chair would consider a motion to reconsider which was made at the last meeting of the 9th Board, held November 13, 1967.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kaplan that he believes that the time for reconsidering has passed - that this Board has held a regular meeting since that report was presented. HE RULED that the motion to reconsider is out of order.

Invitations to Inaugural Ceremonies held at Rippowam High School on Friday, December 1, 1967

MR. CHIRIMBES said he would like the Chair to consider and set up a procedure which would come from this Board of Representatives, because during election time and the transition of Administrations, there seems to be a loss of communication.

He said he was referring to invitations to the Inaugural Ceremonies. He said, he, for one, did not receive an invitation and that some 2,000 others did. He said it would appear to be a function of this Board to set up a system whereby those who should get invitations would not be "lost in the shuffle".

THE PRESIDENT said he would apologize for the Administration and he would have to admit he was the one that sent out invitations to the Board members.

MR. CHIRIMBES said too many were missed to say it was done accidentally.

THE PRESIDENT said the list was submitted to the Invitations Committee to send out to all Board members, and if anyone was missed it happened inadvertently.

Concerning Committee Reports

MR. MORRIS said when each Committee Chairman reads his Committee report, he would like to have him state who was at the meeting of his Committee. He said this should be part of his report, in order that the Minority will know whether or not the Republicans are attending meetings.

THE PRESIDENT said he thinks this is a good suggestion.

Concerning Appointments Committee

MR. MORRIS said during the term of the last Administration, Mr. Nathanson, who was Chairman of the Appointments Committee, had a form that he gave to each person who was to be interviewed under Sec. 708 of the Charter - "Conflict of Interest" and they were asked to fill out whether they were or were not in conflict of interest. He said he would like to see this practice continued.

MR. BOCCUZZI said in answer to Mr. Morris, it must be understood that time was a problem, inasmuch as his Committee only had Saturday and Sunday since the Organization meeting of this Board, and had they mailed this form that Mr. Morris is referring to, the people involved would not have received it in time, but it will be done in the future.

MR. MORRIS said he knew the Committee was rushed and did not mean to imply that this should be done at this meeting, but rather to have the practice continued in the future.

Concerning Housing Committee becoming a Standing Committee

MR. FARMEN asked the President if he intends to set up a Housing Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board.

THE PRESIDENT explained that this would require an amendment to the Rules of Order, which requires a two-thirds vote. He said he favors such a Committee, but would leave it to the Board to decide. He said he will soon announce the membership of that Committee, and has personally advised those who will be on this Committee and at the next Board meeting will be ready to announce the entire Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning the January 1968 Board meeting - Changed to JANUARY 8, 1968

MR. RICH said he would like to call attention of the members to the fact that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board happens to fall on New Years

Day. HE MOVED, in accordance with Section 202.1 of the Charter that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board be held on MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1968. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said the Steering Committee meeting will not be affected by this, and will be held on December 18th.

MR. MURPHY asked why we always have to jump an entire week and wanted to know why the meeting cannot be postponed to a Tuesday or a Wednesday instead of letting an entire week go by each time.

THE PRESIDENT said this is more or less to protect the vacationers -- those who are fortunate enough to happen to have a winter vacation around the holidays.

Clarification of Rules of Conduct of Board members

MR. GUROIAN asked when will the rules of conduct of the Board members be clarified.

THE PRESIDENT answered that he has plans to set up several Special Committees, with the intention some day of having them become regular Standing Committees of the Board. He said this would be one and another would be one that Mr. Chirimbes has been actively suggesting, and that would be known as a "Complaint Committee" where this Board takes specific action and gets no reaction from City Boards or agencies. He said if a member finds in the future that a Committee is being ignored, a formal request will be made to this Complaint Committee. He said, of course, it must be realized that this Committee will only be as good as the members make it.

THE PRESIDENT said as regards the question posed by Mr. Guroian, he hopes to have a meeting of the leaders of the Board to go into this type of conduct that he refers to and, possibly, bring in the Corporation Counsel on it. He said there have been many questions as to an individual member of this Board jeopardizing his vote when appearing before Boards and Special Committees and it should be clarified.


Concerning need for more Microphones

MR. KELLY mentioned the need for more microphones since the membership has changed on the Board, which leaves some members without access to a microphone.

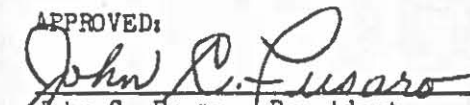
THE PRESIDENT said this matter is already being taken care of, and we have asked Mr. Thomsen to look it over.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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