

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 197513TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 13th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, March 3, 1975 in the Board's meeting room on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:45 p.m. after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: Given by Rev. Carducci D'Amico, Assistant Pastor at Sacred Heart Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: The President led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed to honor the memory of Mr. George Lippoth, father of former Board member, Lois Pont-Briant.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: A check of the voting machine was conducted and it appeared to be in good working order.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Marilyn Laitman. There were 39 members present and 1 absent, as follows:

Alfred Perillo (D) 9th District

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI noted that Mr. Perillo is ill and is in the hospital in Boston awaiting surgery and his address is:

Room #109
Robert B. Brigham Hospital
125 Parker Hill Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02120

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESIDENT announced that pursuant to the establishment by this Board at the last regular meeting of a Special Committee on the Re-naming of Municipal Facilities he has appointed the following Representatives as members:

Algird Cibulskas (D), Chairman
Linda Clark (D)
Billie Perkins (R)
Kurt Zimble (R)

PAGES:

Stephen McDonough, a student at Stamford High School and Anne Marie McDonough, a student at Burdick Middle School, nephew and neice of City Rep. Julius J. Blois.

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STATE STATUTE PROHIBITING SMOKING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

MR. RAVALLESE MOVED that the "No Smoking" signs be taken down. ~~Seconded.~~

After some discussion, MR. DAVIDOFF MOVED THE QUESTION. ~~Seconded and~~
CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Ravallese motion to remove the signs and the motion was LOST by a machine vote of 19 yes and 20 no votes.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for the acceptance of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of February 3, 1975. ~~Seconded and~~ CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTSSTEERING COMMITTEE

The reading of the report of the Steering Committee meeting of February 18, 1975 was waived and appears below:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Tuesday, February 18, 1975

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1975 in the Democratic Caucus Room, 2nd floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:00 p.m. The following members were present:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.
Leonard Hoffman
Michael Tresser
Gerald Rybnick
Julius Blois
Salvan Ross

Marilyn R. Laitman
Thom Serrani
Handy Dixon
Jerry Livingston
Matthew Rose
Joseph DeRose

The following matters on the tentative agenda were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Mayor's Appointments

There were 16 Appointments submitted by Mayor Lenz and ORDERED ON AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) Appropriation items

The eight additional appropriation requests as listed on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE with those over \$2,000.00 also being referred to a secondary Committee.

(3) Legislative matters

The following nine items on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

- 1) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY
- 2) Final adoption of ORDINANCE CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION
- 3) Proposed RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF SEWER EASEMENT UNDER THE NESTLEDOWN PROPERTY
- 4) Final adoption of ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES - COMMISSION ON AGING - ESTABLISHED: COMPOSITION
- 5) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - COMMISSION ON AGING - MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, COMPOSITION, COMPENSATION
- 6) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - COMMISSION ON AGING - POWERS AND DUTIES
- 7) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - COMMISSION ON AGING - STAFF
- 8) REQUEST THAT BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES INVESTIGATE ON-GOING PROBLEM THAT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HAS HAD WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING REQUESTS FOR LEGAL OPINIONS
- 9) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 80,20 SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN PERMIT FEES FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF STAMFORD

Item No. 3 ---- also referred to Sewer Committee

Item No. 9----- also referred to Fiscal Committee

- 10) REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE)

Above item was NOT ORDERED ON AGENDA

(4) Parks & Recreation concerns

- 1) Proposed FEES FOR BOARD OF RECREATION PROGRAMS
ORDERED ON AGENDA under PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
- 2) Proposed FEES FOR PARK DEPARTMENT
ORDERED ON AGENDA under PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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(5) Education, Welfare & Government concerns

- 1) Resolution CONCERNING RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FROM SEWER ASSESSMENTS - (Letter dated Feb. 10, 1975 from Stanley Baron, Sewer Commission member, and submitted by Julius Blois at Steering Committee of 2-18-75)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE and also referred to SEWER COMMITTEE

Other matters discussed and/or referred to Committee included the following:

- 1) Copy of investigation regarding Seaboard Services Invoices - Stamford Parks Department submitted by the Law Department with covering letters dated 1-22-75 and 1-27-75

NOT ordered on agenda - deferred to next month's meeting.

- 2) Letter dated 2-10-75 from Margot H. Wormser, Executive Director of Housing Authority, thanking Board for its support of the Clinton Avenue Housing Project for Senior Citizens - (Mr. Miller read letter from Congressman McKinney also)

NOT ordered on Agenda

- 3) Appointment of members of Special Committee established at 2-3-75 meeting of the Board of Representatives concerning the proposal of guidelines for RE-NAMING OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED FACILITIES

NOT ordered on agenda - deferred to next month's meeting.

- 4) Mr. Julius Blois read a letter from Ivan R. Ashley, Regional Director, letter dated Jan. 30, 1975 and News Release dated Feb. 10, 1975 concerning duplication of services by the Board of Recreation and the Committee on Training and Employment (CTE), the Human Resources Development Agency of the City and the resultant problems were referred to Committee for consideration.

NOT ordered on agenda but referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Frederick E. Miller, Jr.
President

MR. TRUGLIA said he had on his desk a copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives held on February 26, 1975 and asked if the Board was going to vote to accept them.

THE PRESIDENT noted that nobody made a motion to do so. He said the acceptance of that report was not on the agenda. He said it was his opinion that if a meeting is scheduled and there is not a quorum present, the meeting should

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just be disbanded. He said, however, that there is no requirement in Robert's Rules that such a meeting be disbanded and that all of those people present at that meeting clearly recognized that they could take no legal action and no votes were taken. He said that in terms of parliamentary procedure there doesn't necessarily have to be any opposition to the motion to accept those minutes but he again noted that nobody has made that motion.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Theodore Boccuzzi

THE PRESIDENT announced that the Tellers for the meeting would be Mr. Rybnick (D) and Mrs. Forman (R).

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI reported that the Appointments Committee met Thursday, February 27, 1975 and present were Reps. Tresser, Dixon, Crosby, Costello, DeRose, Ravallese, Martino and Theodore Boccuzzi. He said other members of the Board that were present were Reps. Handley, Davidoff and Clark. He reported on the following appointments and the votes are recorded below:

COMMISSION ON AGINGTerm Expires:

MRS. FRED A BROWN (D)
Greenbriar Lane
(Reappointment)

APPROVED
VOTE: 32 yes
6 no
1 abstention

Dec. 1, 1977

MICHAEL CACACE (D)
89 Barmore Dr. West
(Replacing Mary J. Witkowski,
whose term expired)

APPROVED
VOTE: 29 yes
10 no

Dec. 1, 1977

DR. NEIL KLEIN (R)
31 Strawberry Hill Ave.
(Reappointment)

APPROVED
VOTE: 30 yes
9 no

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WELFARE COMMISSION

MRS. ELEANOR AUSTIN (D)
32 Coolidge Avenue
(Reappointment)

APPROVED
VOTE: 34 yes
5 no

Dec. 1, 1977

ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE

ALVIN WELLINGTON (D)
109 Tresser Blvd.
(Reappointment)

APPROVED
VOTE: 27 yes
11 no
1 abstention

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PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE

MRS. PHYLLIS SINRICH (D)
12 Fernwood Drive
(Reappointment)

APPROVED
VOTE: 32 yes
7 no

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GOLF AUTHORITYTerm expires:

FRANK CHICATELL (R)
18 Unity Road
(Replacing George Cohen,
whose term expired)

APPROVED
VOTE: 35 yes
4 no

Jan. 1, 1978

MICHAEL J. HOLAHAN (D)
131 Ocean Drive East
(Reappointment)

APPROVED
VOTE: 29 yes
10 no

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BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

ALEXANDER VANECH (D)
Cypress Drive
(Replacing Joseph Santagata,
who resigned)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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LOUIS CAVANNA (D)
121 Westwood Road
(Replacing Irving Teitelbaum,
whose term expired)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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FAIR RENT COMMISSION

REV. LORENZO ROBINSON (D)
77 Prospect Street
(Replacing Herman Alswanger,
whose term expired)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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JOSEPH GRODEN (R)
197 Bridge Street
(Replacing Lloyd Contract,
who resigned)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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BOARD OF RECREATION

PAUL LEHMAN (R)
58 Archer Avenue
(Reappointment)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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SEWER COMMISSION

IRVING SLIFKIN (R)
211 Shelter Rock Road
(Replacing E. Iacovo,
who resigned)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION

VITO OTTAVIANO (R)
104 Old Barn Road West
(Replacing Edwin Harbert, whose
term expired)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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HEALTH COMMISSION

Term Expires:

DR. RICHARD ZIMMERN (R)
65 Tyler Drive
(Replacing Dr. Ralph A. Pesiri,
whose term expired)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said his Committee was hopeful that they could set up two meetings for next month to act on the appointments that have been held in Committee and the new appointments that the Mayor is expected to submit for next month.

MR. EXNICIOS suggested that if the Chairman feels that his Committee can not possibly have time to meet with all the people whose names are being submitted for confirmation that he not put them all on the agenda at the Steering Committee meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Marilyn Laitman

MRS. LAITMAN reported that the Fiscal Committee met on February 26th and present were Reps. Laitman, John Boccuzzi, Crosby, Dixon, Exnicios, Forman, Livingston, Loughran, Rybnick and Zimble. She reported on the following items:

- (1) \$2,034,000.00 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING - Proposed Community Development Program includes First Year Activity Program and Budget for Fiscal year 1975-1976 - (Submitted by the Mayor in letter dated 2-10-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said considerable input was obtained on this item at various public hearings and workshops in addition to two meetings held by the Committee. She said it was the unanimous feeling of the Committee to support this application. She said there was general support for the items considering the qualifying target areas to be served, the diverse needs of the City and the restrictions placed upon the grantee by the federal regulations. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this item and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Dixon who said the Public Housing and General Relocation Committee concurred. He said the Committee met several times with the Mayor and his staff on this item and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval.

MR. FLANAGAN said the Urban Renewal Committee met twice on this item. He said at the conclusion of the February 20th meeting the Committee refrained from taking a vote because they did not have time to review thoroughly the new material that was submitted at that time. He said the Committee expressed disappointment that the funds for the Urban Redevelopment Commission had been cut from \$1 million to \$850,000.

MR. GUROIAN said he wanted to address his remarks to the letter from Corporation Counsel Joel Freedman regarding the Housing & Community Development Act. He said it is Mr. Freedman's opinion that this body cannot modify, change or amend the application and can only approve or reject it. He said it is also Mr. Freedman's opinion that the Act does not provide a legislative role in the formulation of the application itself. He said he is of the opinion that that is very odd because the elaborate graph

that has been posted on the wall of the Board meeting room portrays the steps for the formulation and execution of the Community Development program. He said the graph starts off with stating that the legislative body and the chief executive officer start the Community Development project. He said Step 6 shows clearly that the legislative and administrative process is involved. He said this happens simultaneously with citizen participation. He said if you look at the graph you will see that only then does the program begin to be formulated. He said what he has said is simply that in spite of Mr. Freedman's opinion, which is only an opinion of his interpretation of the Act, that graph points out clearly that the legislative body can and should be involved. He quoted a portion of Mr. Freedman's letter which noted that legislative bodies "are not intended by the Act to play a role in formulating applications for Community Development Programs." He said that statement does not coincide with the graph on the wall. He said when the eleven members of the Board called the Special Meeting last week it was to preclude the situation which has occurred where the Board is legislating with "a gun to our heads." He said that Mr. Freedman's letter does not address itself to the Special Meeting which would have afforded the members the chance to recommend modifications and changes to the application. He said if he does vote affirmatively on this request it will be with a sense of outrage and disgust and despair.

MR. LOUGHRAN said he believes that the administration has made every possible effort to encourage maximum citizen participation and noted that five neighborhood workshops were held in addition to the public hearings. He said the application has been developed very intelligently and thoughtfully and he recommended that the Board grant the necessary authorization to file the application. He noted that the Mayor's office was operating with a time constraint in as much as the \$2 million has to be spent in the 1975-1976 fiscal year or it will be lost. He said he urges the Mayor's office to continue to apply its efforts to this application to insure that every penny is spent in the coming fiscal year. He said this \$2 million will do much for the City particularly for the senior citizens who will benefit from over 20% of the total grant. He said the grant will also provide much needed employment for the City. He said he does not want to see these funds lay idle as the URC funds do. He said he checked with the Finance Commissioner's office and learned that URC is sitting on nearly \$10 million, which he said he is of the opinion should be pumped into the economy. He said he urges that this \$2 million be spent as early as feasible in order to stimulate the local economy.

MR. SAINBURG said that at the combined committee meeting on February 20 it was agreed that there should be another Special Board Meeting to help finalize the application. He said that it is apparent from what he reads in the papers that the only Board members who were listened to were those that threatened to hamstring the whole program if they weren't appeased. He said the Mayor's office made all the decisions and this Board is faced with a take it or leave it situation. He said he resents being placed in that situation. He said it has been said that the City is committed to \$1,700,000 for URC purposes and if this entire sum does not come from this grant it has been said that the City must make up any differences and since only \$850,000 has been proposed for this purpose, the City will be positively forced to come up with another \$850,000 or another one mill hike in local taxes. He said a lot of money is paid to the federal government in taxes and the City only gets back a pittance and is forced to raise the property taxes. He said he did not hear refutation of this fact at either of the

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meetings he attended on the proposed program. He said some of the projects, outside of the \$850,000 for URC, are laudable and he would support many of them in normal times. He said in the present economic situation he would not. He said in effect this Board is being told to support such projects by substitution as it will be forced to appropriate money for URC purposes which has been deleted from this program to make room for other fine programs. He said the Board is faced with a loaded gun because the whole program will be lost if the application is rejected, which means the loss of the laudable programs as well as the URC money and the City will be faced with a two mill tax increase. He said he will reluctantly vote for approval of the grant application.

THE PRESIDENT said he was aware that the Minority Leader was desirous of having a Special Meeting to consider this application but he was never informed that one of the Committees wanted one.

MR. TRESSER urged support of the application and noted that the Commission on Aging is in favor of the projects relating to senior citizens.

MR. LIVINGSTON also spoke in favor of the application and said that under the mandated guidelines of the Community Development Act the Mayor has acted in good faith on behalf of all the citizens of Stamford. He commended the program for the elderly, for the community centers, for the rehabilitation programs, for the URC project and for the park proposed for the West Side.

MR. CONNORS also spoke in favor of the program and complimented Mrs. Mitchell for her presentation to the Board.

MR. COSTELLO said as Vice Chairman of Urban Renewal he wanted to go on record as objecting to the cuts made in the allocation for the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

MR. HOFFMAN commended Mr. Sainburg for his statements. He said he does believe that the Mayor did put forth some efforts and his only criticism was that the whole process was too short and this Board did not have a real opportunity to offer changes. He said he feels the elderly of Stamford were short-changed.

MRS. MCINERNEY said that as a member of the Public Housing & General Relocation Committee she would like the record to indicate that she was never invited to attend a meeting with the Mayor or Mrs. Mitchell.

MR. DAVIDOFF MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and LOST on a machine vote.

MR. ZIMBLER said he intended to vote in favor of the proposal and noted that he has never been in conflict with the basic intent of this appropriation and his only objection had been that this Board did not have sufficient opportunity to provide input.

MR. MARTINO noted that he was not able to attend the Special meeting as he had made a previous commitment to attend another meeting and when that meeting was over he did attend the Special Meeting for the last few minutes. He said he was voting in favor of the item under discussion. He commended the efforts of Mrs. Mitchell in putting this program together and also Mr. Guroian and Mr. Ravallese for convincing the Mayor to add the program for the East Side senior citizen center. He said there was some misunderstanding about who was

calling that Special Meeting and noted that that attempt to call the meeting was a bad precedent.

MR. EXNICIOS complimented Mr. Sainburg for his remarks and said he completely agrees with him. He said he would like the record to indicate that two private citizens have taken it upon themselves to write a letter and have a conversation with Senator Weicker and one of his aides. He said one of those individuals was Stephen Vitka who is a leader of senior citizen groups. He said these individuals have questioned the process that Stamford has used in preparing the application.

MR. LOWDEN said he wanted it noted for the record that although he had originally signed the call for the Special Meeting, he subsequently withdrew his name.

MRS. LAITMAN said Delores Russell, Director of the Commission on Aging, attended the Fiscal Committee meeting and noted that she and the Commission felt the programs in this application for the elderly were good ones. She also noted that there is a lot of truth in what Mr. Sainburg said about the federal government but said it was something that could not be changed and this Board must deal with that reality. She said there is something for everyone in the proposed application and said it is a well planned program.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he wanted to congratulate the administration and noted that none of the proposed projects will cost the taxpayers any money in the next fiscal year.

MR. ROSS said he feels it is a shame that this Board was not afforded an opportunity to offer its input.

MR. DeROSE requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported this request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approved the proposed application (Item #1) and the motion was CARRIED unanimously:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
CROSBY, Robert (R)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
DIXON, Handy (D)
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROLIAN, Armen (D)
HANDLEY, Diane (R)
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)
KELLY, James (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (continued)

LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
 LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
 MARTINO, Vincent (D)
 MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
 McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
 MILLER, Frederick (D)
 MORABITO, Joseph (D)
 PERKINS, Billie (R)
 RAVALLESE, George (D)
 ROSE, Matthew (D)
 ROSS, Salvan (D)
 RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
 SAINBURG, Richard (R)
 SANDOR, John (D)
 SERRANI, Thom (D)
 TRESSER, Michael (R)
 TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)
 WALSH, Peter (D)
 ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

MR. RYBNICK MOVED that the Fiscal Committee be designated to act as a "watch dog" committee to keep track of what is being done as a result of this application and that a periodic written report be made to the Board as a whole. Seconded.

MR. DIXON noted that HUD will be watching this closely and will periodically audit the spending of these funds.

The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Rybnick's motion and the motion CARRIED.

- (2) \$8,000.00 - BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Code 176. - Observance of the bicentennial celebration is scheduled to begin April 19, 1975 - Funds requested will provide for stronger administrative organization and will enable Committee to make commitments for promotional activities and commitments to insure participation of musical organizations - (Mayor's letter of 2-5-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said that these funds, if granted, would be expended before July 1 and would provide administrative help for the Committee, mailing expenses, promotional activities and deposits for the planned Festival programs. She said that while the Committee is well aware of the depressed economic situation, it was felt that support of the Bicentennial Committee's efforts would be a worthy investment in community spirit and would provide a fitting sense of identity with the grit and determination displayed by the founders of this country. She said that the Fiscal Committee supports this effort and encourages the planning of self-liquidating projects and the seeking of funds from the private sector. She said the Committee made some suggestions for fund-raising activities and hopes for continued communication with the Bicentennial Committee through the two Board Representatives, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Rybnick. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this request and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Blois who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concurred by a vote of 5 to 0.

MR. RYBNICK urged support of this item and quoted from an article noting the goals of the planned celebration throughout the nation.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the above request and the motion CARRIED.

- (3) \$84,300.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE - Code 410.5502 -
Cash Relief - \$77,600.00 and Code 410.5505 -
Burials - \$6,700.00 - Necessary to meet estimated
expenses for remainder of fiscal year as required by
law in accordance with standards of eligibility and
financial assistance - State Welfare Department returns
to the City 90% of all expenditures made from these
accounts - (Mayor's letter of 1-13-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said these accounts are reimbursed for 90% of all expenditures by the State. She said the additional funding is needed because original budget requests were estimated on the basis of the expenditures required during the first six months of the 1973-1974 fiscal year and recent events have made additional funds necessary in the cash relief account. She said the State mandated a 10% increase in the flat grant standard, a \$4 monthly increase in standards for assistance for adult cases and increased the eligibility levels. She said unemployment has resulted in an increase in applications and noted that in January 1974, 113 applications were processed while in January 1975, 215 applications were handled. She said that in regard to the burial account the State increased the maximum amount payable for a welfare burial from \$300 to \$600. She said there has also been a higher number of applications for burial. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this item and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred. CARRIED.

- (4) \$3,525.00 - Proposed RESOLUTION AMENDING 1974-1975 CAPITAL PROJECTS
BUDGET BY ADDING THERETO A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$3,525.00 TO BE ENTITLED "HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE -
WELL" TO BE FINANCED BY THE TRANSFER OF SAID AMOUNT FROM
THE PROJECT ENTITLED "HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE -
FENCING" - To be used to install a well to raise the
water level to relieve the existing dangerous situation
at the lake on the Golf Course property - (Mayor's
letter of 2-4-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a transfer of \$3,525.00 from capital expenditure "Fencing" to "Well". She said this is a preventative measure to ensure the safety of the golfers using the course and raising the water level would not only decrease the danger factor but would also provide water to be used for irrigation, thereby lessening the need for City water at Hubbard Heights. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 2 to recommend approval of this transfer and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Blois who said the Parks & Recreation Committee concurred and noted that this project was badly needed.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he is very familiar with the Hubbard Heights Golf Course and is not convinced that a dangerous situation exists. He asked Mrs. Laitman why some of the Committee members voted against this item.

- (6) \$15,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - FEDERAL GRANT - To be received under Title III for "A Planning Grant for Development and Improvement of Performance Appraisal of Administrators" for an 18-month time period from January 1975 through June 1976 - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 2-12-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said this is a new 100% prepaid grant for Development and Improvement of Performance Appraisal of Administrators. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he would like the record to indicate that he is abstaining from all discussion and voting on this matter.

MR. TRUGLIA asked how will this differ from the current appraisal program?

MRS. LAITMAN said this will involve wider participation of the administrative staff and an enlargement of the existing program. She said the original committee will be expanded to include a wider number of administrators and will be able to obtain consultant help in order to develop goals for appraisal, standards of effective administration and performance objectives for administrators.

In response to a question from MR. TRUGLIA, MRS. FORMAN said the committee will include administrators in the schools such as principals, assistant principals, coordinators and teachers and it is a 12-member committee.

MRS. CLARK said she would like to record to indicate that she is abstaining from all discussion and voting on this matter.

THE PRESIDENT noted that Mrs. Perkins, who was not feeling well, has left the meeting and there are 38 members present.

MR. DeROSE said he would like the record to indicate that he is also abstaining from the vote on this item.

MR. GUROIAN said this is a sheer waste of taxpayers' money.

MRS. FORMAN said this committee is now operating as an 8-man committee without funds and the grant will provide a project assistant to do research and provide some consultant work and they hope to prepare a report.

MR. HOFFMAN said he would like to expand a little on what Mr. Guroian said and he noted that during this current fiscal year this Board has appropriated \$1,781,646.27 in grant money. He said he was in opposition to this grant and said he felt that to appropriate \$15,000 to do this appraisal was ridiculous and a waste of taxpayers' money. He said he felt that this should be an on-going program within the system.

MRS. LAITMAN said she is not the least surprised about the amount the Board has appropriated in grant money. She said almost a half million dollars was appropriated for day care centers and another one-half million for the WIC program run by the Health Department. She said these two items account for at least three-quarters of that funding and they are totally reimbursed.

MRS. LAITMAN said that there were three dissenting votes, not two as she previously reported. She said she would prefer that those who voted against the item speak for themselves.

MR. BLOIS said that when the water table is down it is dangerous as there is a 15-foot drop at the side of the lake. He said the well would enable the water level to be maintained at all times.

MR. CROSBY said he was one of the Fiscal Committee members who opposed this request. He said the walkway and cartway coming off that tee are well away from the water and he doesn't see that it is such a dangerous situation.

MRS. HANDLEY said she concurs with Mr. Crosby and it would seem to her that raising the water level would create a more dangerous situation.

MR. EXNICIOS said he also voted in opposition in Fiscal Committee. He said the Committee was told that the depth of the lake would be kept at about 20 feet and would not be fenced in. He said he thinks it would be more dangerous and he would prefer that the lake be fenced in.

MRS. LAITMAN said the Hubbard Heights Commission would be able to save money in the long run because they would be able to supply some of their own water for use on the course with the proposed well. She said there are various advantages to this transfer and MOVED that the item be returned to Committee for further study. Seconded.

MR. BLOIS spoke against putting this back in Committee and noted that the golf season is just about to start and it would be preferable to have this work done on the course before that time.

MR. RYBNICK said that at the present water level the lake doesn't have any shoulders and if the water level is higher there will be shoulders and it will be safer.

MR. SANDOR said the well would require a pump and the added electrical expense and he felt it would be better to fence in the area.

MR. MAYNOR suggested the water level could be raised by filling the lake with sand which would be a one-time expense.

MR. ZIMBLER MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on Mrs. Laitman's motion to put this item back in Committee and the motion CARRIED.

(5) \$2,342.50 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.1207 - Fire Alarms - To replace fire alarm box demolished as a result of an automobile accident - City will be reimbursed for damages - (Mayor's letter of 1-24-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said the above item will be Held pending further information.

MR. HOFFMAN said Mrs. Laitman's point is well taken but he believes that if all cities reappraised their acceptance of federal grants it might be possible that individual taxes could be lowered.

MR. TRESSER said this request is only a drop in the bucket compared to what the federal government just allocated to run the railroads or for aid for Cambodia.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if any of this money has been already spent in as much as three months of the grant period have already passed.

MRS. FORMAN said the committee is on-going and is ~~moving~~ without funds. She said the committee needs this money for a research assistant and a consultant.

MR. GURDIAN MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve Item #6 under Fiscal Committee and the motion CARRIED on a machine vote of 21 yes and 13 no.

(7) \$665.00 - TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT - Code 525.0802 - Car Allowance and Code 525.1702 - Automobile Fuel - Requested to meet estimated expenses for remainder of fiscal year which will increase because of additional staff and rise in gasoline prices - (Mayor's letter of 2-7-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said this item is being HELD in Committee because the Traffic Director was absent from the City at the time of the Fiscal Committee's meeting and it will be considered next month.

(8) \$1,253.25 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Code 510.0939 - Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program - Grant - Received from the State Welfare Department to provide screening services to children - (Mayor's letter of 2-7-75)

MRS. LAITMAN said these are additional funds which are totally reimbursed and have already been received under a grant previously approved by this Board. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. LAITMAN reported the total collections made by the Tax Collection Task Force and the Tax Collector and the total lawful corrections made by the Tax Collector for the month of January as follows:

Total uncollected taxes as of 12/31/74	\$3,344,008.15
Total collection of delinquent taxes for January	(74,873.98)
Total lawful corrections for January	8,447.31
	<u>\$3,277,581.48</u>

She said a complete breakdown of the figures will be kept on file in the Board office.

THE PRESIDENT announced the meeting would be recessed for five minutes. (11:02 p.m.)

THE PRESIDENT called the meeting back to order at 11:18 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Thom Serrani

MR. SERRANI reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on February 27th and present were Reps. Davidoff, Serrani, Flanagan, Perlins, Sabinburg, Maynor and Handley. Absent were Reps. Walsh and Morabito. He reported on the following items:

- (1) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY - (Letter dated 12-10-74 from William M. Ivler, Executive Director, Stamford Real Estate Owners Association, Inc.) (Held in Committee 1-6-75 and 2-3-75)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being Held in Committee pending the re-writing of the Ordinance in legal form.

- (2) Final adoption of Ordinance CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION - To be added to the Code of Ordinances under Chapter 8 - Approved for publication on 2-3-75 and published on 2-8-75 - (Submitted by Thom Serrani, 17th District Rep.) - (Held in Committee 1-6-75) - (Hearing scheduled for 2-27-75)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being Held in Committee. He said the program for Resource Recovery started today and it was the Committee's feeling that until the Resource Recovery Department has a day-to-day schedule with time tables for the trucks this Ordinance might be detrimental. He said right now the Resource Recovery program is picking up three days in each of the three areas of the City and the Committee is hoping that they will make subdivisions of that schedule so that papers will be picked up on the same day as they are put out by the residents.

- (3) Proposed RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF SEWER EASEMENT UNDER THE NESTLEDOWN PROPERTY - To provide proper sewage facilities for the Board of Recreation buildings on Courtland Avenue - (Letter dated 10-12-74 from Supt. of Recreation) - (Held in Committee 11-6-74 and 2-3-75)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being Held in Committee. Mr. DeRose said the Sewer Committee agreed that this item should be held.

- (4) Final adoption of ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES - COMMISSION ON AGING - ESTABLISHED: COMPOSITION - To eliminate restrictive requirements for membership on the Commission on Aging - Approved for publication on 2-3-75 and published on 2-8-75 - (Letter dated 11-18-74 from Anne B. McDonald, Chairman of Commission on Aging)

MR. SERRANI said the above item did receive the backing of the Legislative and Rules Committee but he has since re-polled the Committee members and they agree that the item should be Held in Committee because it relates directly to Items 5, 6, and 7 which are also being Held in Committee.

- (5) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - COMMISSION ON AGING - MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, COMPOSITION, COMPENSATION - To make conditions of membership for the Commission on Aging comply with applicable Charter provisions (Submitted 2-5-75 by Deputy Corporation Counsel) - (Letter dated 11-18-74 from Anne B. McDonald, Chairman, Commission on Aging)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being Held in Committee.

- (6) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - COMMISSION ON AGING - POWERS AND DUTIES To enumerate the powers and duties of the Commission on Aging - (Submitted 2-5-75 by Deputy Corporation Counsel) - (Letter dated 11-18-74 from Anne B. McDonald, Chairman, Commission on Aging)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being Held in Committee.

- (7) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD - COMMISSION ON AGING - STAFF - To enable the Commission on Aging to employ staff as necessary subject to the appropriations provided - (Submitted 2-5-75 by Deputy Corporation Counsel) - (Letter dated 11-18-74 from Anne B. McDonald, Chairman, Commission on Aging)

MR. SERRANI said the above item is being Held in Committee.

- (8) REQUEST THAT BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES INVESTIGATE ON-GOING PROBLEM THAT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HAS HAD WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION REGARDING REQUESTS FOR LEGAL OPINIONS - (Letter dated 12-19-74 from John F. Leydon, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals, et al) - (Held in Committee 2-3-75)

MR. SERRANI said the request was denied by the Legislative & Rules Committee by a vote of 7 to 0.

- (9) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 80,20 SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN PERMIT FEES FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF STAMFORD - Submitted as a result of a stipulation imposed by the Board of Representatives when on 10-7-74 this Board approved an additional appropriation of \$25,000 for the Law Department to be used for demolition of unsafe buildings - Proposal would include the cost of removal of an unsafe condition pursuant to Section 416.1 of the Charter within the permit fee for new construction on the same piece of property (letter dated 1-30-75 from the Deputy Corporation Counsel)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee had voted to recommend approval of this item but since that time it has been brought to his attention that certain additional points should be included in the ordinance, and, therefore, the item is being Held in Committee. Mrs. Laitman said the Fiscal Committee concurred that this item should be held and said that a meeting will be held next week with Mr. Macri, Mr. Sotire, and Mr. Boodyman to review the proposal.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to consider a waiver of a building permit for Stamford Hospital for the construction of facilities to house a new linear accelerator to be used for the treatment of cancer. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI MOVED for approval of the waiver of the building permit fee for Stamford Hospital. Seconded and CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo and Gerald Rybnick

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he has received a letter from the Indian Hill Association noting that the residents in the area are having a problem trying to switch from one garbage collection service to another. He said from what he can gather the practice is highly monopolistic and unfair to the residents.

MRS. FORMAN said this has been a problem for many years and added that individuals are afraid to complain because of reprisals and no garbage pick-up at all. She said she would heartily endorse any action that the City could take to alleviate this problem.

MRS. LAITMAN said the same problem exists in her district. She said she has spoken with Bobby Rybnick who is the President of the consortium of garbage collectors and said he was extremely helpful in trying to work out solutions for some individual complaints. She said it was his recommendation that any Representative get in touch with him on behalf of the residents who are having problems.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI said he is appalled with the idea that a person can't pick another person to provide him with this essential service. HE MOVED that this problem be referred to the Public Works Committee and the Legislative & Rules Committee for extensive study and recommendations for a solution. Seconded by Mrs. Laitman.

MR. ZIMBLER said he concurred wholeheartedly with this recommendation and noted the problems that exist in his district.

The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Theodore Boccuzzi's motion and the motion CARRIED.

MR. DAVIDOFF said that the litter that is discarded along the roads and streets in Stamford is a disgrace and the anti-litter laws should be enforced and an effort made to clean the streets up and see that it doesn't continue to happen.

THE PRESIDENT suggested this complaint be referred to the Police Commission.

MR. ZIMBLER said he has received a complaint from a resident in the area of the Haig Avenue garage about the appearance of that garage and noting that the chain link fence was supposed to be screened by evergreens which apparently keep dying because of the heavy concentration of rock salt in the soil. He said in Sunday's Bridgeport Post there was a series of pictures labelled Stamford's Eyesores and one of the pictures was of this facility. He said he would like to turn this complaint over to the Public Works Committee.

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THE PRESIDENT suggested Mr. Zimble put his request in writing and send it to the Administrative Assistant prior to the meeting of the Steering Committee so that it can be included on the tentative agenda.

MR. ROSS, MRS. HANDLEY and MR. CROSBY endorsed Mr. Zimble's request and Mr. Crosby noted the additional problem of the debris left outside the fence for the recycling station.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Mathew Rose

MR. ROSE reported that on February 19th the Health & Protection Committee held a public hearing on the problem of vandalism at the railroad station. He said some progress is being made as a result of this meeting. He said more police protection has been provided and the proposal for additional lighting in the area is being reviewed. He said another meeting is planned to be scheduled before the Steering Committee meeting and representatives from the Parking Authority, the Police Department and various commuter groups will be invited. He said they will also have a meeting tomorrow at the Board of Education concerning the sidewalks at Riverbank School.

MR. ZIMBLER said the Health & Protection Committee has been requested to investigate the licensing of closing-out sales within the City. He said the Committee researched the matter and found that the licensing is within the jurisdiction of the Controller's Department. He said they have been in touch with Mr. Buchanan and have had excellent cooperation from him in seeing that the licensing ordinances are enforced.

MR. DeROSE said in regard to the problems of vandalism at the railroad station he would like to propose two potential solutions. He said the first is the utilization of the Bedford Street Garage for commuter use. He said that during peak hours a shuttle can be used to transport commuters to and from the railroad station. He suggested that once the Bell Street Garage is completed it could be used in lieu of the one on Bedford Street, thereby making shuttle service optional. He said two advantages of this plan would be that it would insure the safety of the automobiles and it would provide greater utilization of the garages. He said another proposal worth consideration would be the utilization of private parking lots on the outskirts of the City coupled with direct shuttle service to and from the railroad station. He said he would like to refer these suggestions to the Health & Protection Committee for consideration.

MRS. McINERNEY said these two proposals have been discussed and so far the commuters have not particularly been receptive to them. She said they will be reviewed again at a future meeting. She also noted that the Health & Protection Committee has written to the Transportation Plaza regarding the safety problems at the railroad station but they have not yet received an answer.

MR. FLANAGAN said he has written to the Mayor suggesting the use of closed circuit television at the station be investigated. He said he has pursued this idea and has some information on the specifics which will be given to Mr. Rose for the Committee's review. He also noted that the cost of parking at the Bedford Street Garage is more than twice that at the station.

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MRS. LAITMAN said she would take issue with the suggestion to use the Bedford St. Garage as the only people that would help would be people who run the garage. She said it is time to deal with the problem at the station. She said the people who own the station property have to be accountable for their property. She said a raise in the rates would be outrageous.

MR. HOFFMAN concurred with Mrs. Laitman and said when he used to commute he used to walk to the station because the bus service was atrocious and beyond belief.

MR. MORABITO noted that there is a private parking lot well within walking distance to the station and suggested that the possibility of leasing that lot be investigated.

MR. ROSE said that using the Bedford Street Garage would be running away from the problem and he feels that the people who own that property should be responsible for seeing that the situation is corrected. He said he would like to note for the record his thanks to his Committee members for all their hard work.

THE PRESIDENT said he will ask that Mr. DeRose's proposal be put on the tentative agenda for the Steering Committee meeting and perhaps it will be assigned to a committee.

MR. CROSBY said a lot of good input was offered at the Health & Protection Committee meeting on February 19. He said he hoped that the Committee will come up with both long and short range solutions. He suggested one idea for a short-ranged plan would be to use meter maids or supernumeraries or Manpower people to patrol the critical lots equipped with walkie-talkies in order to contact the police when any suspicious activity is observed.

MR. ZIMMER said he had contacted Ed Canning at Manpower and was told that the Mayor had already contacted him to determine if there were people available for this sort of patrol. He said he had two other suggestions for immediate solutions and one would be the fencing in the McCullough Street lot and the other would be the addition of high intensity lights in the area.

MR. ROSS said he wanted to thank Mr. Rose and the Committee for looking into the closing-out sales problem and suggested that it is the responsibility of everyone to report closing-out sales to the Controller so that proper licenses can be issued.

MRS. MCINERNEY reported that two Manpower people started patrolling the railroad station area this week and that the Parking Authority has put in an order for two walkie talkies.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Julius Blois

MR. BLOIS reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on February 25th and present were Reps. Perillo, Ravallesse, Perkins, Sainburg and Blois. He reported on the following items:

- (1) Proposed FEES FOR BOARD OF RECREATION PROGRAMS - As per schedule submitted by Sept. Bruno E. Giordano dated February 1975)

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1. Ethel Kveskin Barn Theater - Student \$1.50; Adult \$3.00; Group of 10 or more \$1.00 each; 2 maximum \$5 for special events projects

MR. BLOIS said these fees are the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

2. Recreation Youth Center - \$1.00 I.D. Card; Reg: \$.25 - \$1.00 if paid entertainment; 2 maximum \$5 special events yearly

MR. BLOIS said these fees are the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

3. Paddle Tennis - Dorothy Heroy Park - \$.75 per hour for children; \$1.00 for adults and \$1.50 for non-residents

MR. BLOIS said these fees are the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. MARTINO said he would suggest that the non-resident fees be higher than what the Board of Recreation has recommended.

MRS. HANDLEY agreed with Mr. Martino.

MR. CROSBY suggested the fees at Dorothy Heroy be in line with those charged at Sterling Farms.

MRS. MCINERNEY MOVED that the Paddle Tennis fees be returned to Committee. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT noted for the record that Mr. Connors, Mr. Loughran, Mr. Truglia and Mr. Exnicios have left the meeting and there are now 34 members present.

4. Swimming Pool - Dorothy Heroy Park - For 1 morning or afternoon session \$.25 per person for open swim - free for playground children for scheduled period only

MR. BLOIS said the above fees were being Held in Committee.

5. Swimming Pool - Westhill - Public swimming per session \$.25 per child; \$.50 per high school student; \$1.00 per adult; free to summer playground children

MR. BLOIS said these fees are the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

6. Softball & Baseball - no fee yet

MR. BLOIS said this item is being Held in Committee.

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7. Cubeta Baseball Diamond - Per game: Babe Ruth League \$5.00;
Twilight League and other senior
teams \$10.00

MR. BLOIS said this would be considered with the Park Department fees.

8. Softball Diamonds - \$5.00 per game

MR. BLOIS said this would be considered with the Park Department fees.

9. Baseball - Midget and Tiny \$2.50 per child
League -

MR. BLOIS said this fee is the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

10. Special Instruction Classes - Direct payment to instructor, plus
utilities

MR. BLOIS said this is the same arrangement as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

11. Basketball - Industrial League - \$260 per team plus adjusted costs

MR. BLOIS said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the above fee and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

12. Adult Touch Football - \$25 minimum plus adjusted costs

MR. BLOIS said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the above fee and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

13. Sailing - \$3.00 for the season

MR. BLOIS said this is the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

14. Cross Country - \$2.50 per entry - includes T-shirt

MR. BLOIS said this fee is basically the same as last year and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

15. Picnic Kit - \$15.00 returnable deposit

MR. BLOIS said this deposit has been raised but noted that it is returnable. He said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

16. Bandwagon - \$25.00 for depreciation plus
employees overtime wages paid
directly

MR. BLOIS said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the above fee and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

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(2) Proposed FEES FOR PARK DEPARTMENT - As per schedule submitted by the Park Department

1. Rosa Hartman Park

Weekdays:

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$20.00
 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. 20.00
 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. 25.00

Sat. & Sun.:

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$30.00
 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. 25.00
 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. 35.00

Chestnut Hill Park

Weekdays:

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$ 5.00
 4 p.m. - close 5.00

Saturdays:

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 20.00
 4 p.m. - close 5.00

(no Sunday or Holiday reservations)

MR. BLOIS said the only increase from last year was a \$5.00 increase for the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. period on Saturday at Chestnut Hill Park. He said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

In response to a question from MR. SANDOR, MR. BLOIS said the fee was for upkeep, garbage removal, grass care and sod and noted that these parks were available to anyone to rent for a group.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve these fees and the motion CARRIED.

2. Park Beach Stickers

Residents \$1.00
 Summer Residents 5.00

MR. BLOIS said the Committee voted to recommend approval of the above fees and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

In response to a question from MR. ROSS, MR. BLOIS said summer resident means non-resident.

MRS. LAITMAN said she felt the non-resident fee should be higher.

MR. ROSS MOVED that the fee for the summer residents be returned to Committee for further investigation. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the \$1.00 sticker fee for residents and the motion CARRIED.

3. Park Beach Stickers

Non-Resident sport sticker for designated areas only - \$1.00

MR. BLOIS said the above fee is being Held in Committee.

4. Scalzi Park:

Softball field	\$7.50 per game
Tennis Courts	2.00 per hour
Basketball Courts	2.00 per game
Bocci Courts	2.00 per court per game

MR. BLOIS said these fees are for night rental and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. BLOIS noted that the increases from last year are for the softball field which has gone from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per game and the tennis, basketball and bocci courts which have doubled.

In response to a question from MRS. LAITMAN, MR. BLOIS said the costs of lighting the fields have increased tremendously and these fees do not cover that cost.

MR. MARTINO MOVED that these fees be returned to Committee for further consideration. Seconded.

After some discussion, MR. HOFFMAN MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Martino's motion to return the above fees back to Committee and the motion LOST on a machine vote of 10 yes and 20 no.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion now before the Board was Mr. Blois' motion to approve the fees for Scalzi Park.

After considerable discussion, MR. HOFFMAN MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Blois' motion to approve the fees for Scalzi Park and the motion CARRIED.

5. Cummings Park

Football	\$10.00 per game
Softball	7.50 per game

MR. BLOIS said the football fee is the same as last year and the softball fee has increased by \$2.50. He said these fees do not cover the costs of lighting the fields which costs about \$13.50 per hour. He said the Committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the above fees and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

6. Scalzi and Cummings Parks: \$3.00 during daylight hours

MR. BLOIS said the above fee is being Held in Committee.

MR. BLOIS said the Recreation Department has recommended a 25¢ fee for the swimming pool at Dorothy Heroy Park for a morning session or an afternoon session. He said the children who are part of the playground program swim free in the scheduled periods.

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MRS. McINERNEY and MRS. LAITMAN suggested that the residents in the area be contacted for their recommendations, with Mrs. Laitman adding that the fees for residents should be kept at a bare minimum.

MR. RAVALLESE suggested Parks & Recreation Committee should be earlier on the agenda.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston

MR. LIVINGSTON said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee met jointly with the Sewer Committee on the following item:

- (1) Resolution CONCERNING RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FROM SEWER ASSESSMENTS - (Letter dated Feb. 10, 1975 from Stanley Baron, Sewer Commission member and submitted by Julius J. Blois at Steering 2-18-75)

MR. LIVINGSTON said the Committee unanimously approved the proposed resolution and HE MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. DeRose who said his Committee unanimously concurred with this recommendation.

THE PRESIDENT said he had received a letter dated March 3 and he read it as follows:

"It is my understanding that there will be presented at tonight's meeting of the Board a Sense of the Board resolution with respect to giving senior citizens some special consideration with reference to sewer assessments. Please be advised that I have set up a meeting with the Sewer Commission and the local state legislators Friday night, March 7, at 8 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. Since state legislation will probably be required to accomplish what your Board and the Sewer Commission has in mind, I have requested that someone from the Corporation Counsel's office be present to advise us of the legal connotations of the proposal. The Commission's clerk has indicated that he will probably invite the appropriate Committee chairmen of your Board to attend. As you probably know from your own experience and knowledge of the legislative process on the state level, the time for individual members of the General Assembly to offer bills has long since passed. However, if we can come up with a proposal of merit, it is my hope that we persuade the Finance Committee to raise a bill to take care of the situation once the details of the proposal are agreed upon. I think I can speak for all of Stamford's legislators when I say that we are most sympathetic with the concept.

Very truly yours,

Elmer W. Lowden

MR. FLANAGAN said he, too, was sympathetic to the elderly citizens who own their own homes and was in favor of waiving the sewer assessments while they are living in these homes but he is opposed to giving a flat exemption to the property.

MR. HOFFMAN also spoke against the proposed resolution. He said he has not been able to determine how much this would cost the other taxpayers in the City but any relief to the senior citizens will cost the other taxpayers something. He noted that the areas of the City where the elderly citizens live who are below the poverty levels have for the most part already been sewerred. He said this is a ploy or a trick because a bone is being given

away when the elderly really need meat and potatoes. He then quoted from an Advocate article which noted that the major problem for the elderly is payment of their rent. He said the proposed resolution seems to be a political gambit and he urged the Board members to oppose it.

MR. SERRANI spoke in favor of approving the resolution noting that those on fixed incomes are caught in a cost squeeze. He said this would involve a 10% cut on the sewer assessment over a period of ten years and then only those who qualify under the state circuit breaker law would be affected.

MRS. LAITMAN also spoke in favor of the resolution.

MR. BLOIS said that approximately 2% of the residents in any sewer project would be eligible for this benefit. He said it is the intent of this resolution to provide some relief, though limited, to persons over 65 who qualify for tax relief under present statutes. He said the intent is also to provide relief to federal, state or city-owned property and to other recognized non-profit organizations. He said it would further restrict the granting of an exemption by considering, in each of the ten years, 10% of the total assessment, until the assessment has been waived in full. He said that if during the ten year period the property should pass into the ownership of a person not eligible for relief, the remainder of the assessment would become due under the terms of the original assessment. He said relief would be limited to one unit and one lateral charge. He noted that the proposed resolution was only a request to Hartford for enabling legislation.

MR. FLANAGAN MOVED TO AMEND the resolution by adding the following:

"except that at the time such exempt property ceases to be occupied by the person over 65, the assessment shall become due under the original term of the sewerage contract."

Seconded.

MR. DeROSE noted that he wondered if the amendment is relevant in as much as this Board is not enacting legislation but only requesting the state to enact legislation.

MR. FLANAGAN said the intent of his motion is to provide a permanent lien against the house for the amount of the abatement.

MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI and MR. DAVIDOFF spoke against the amendment.

In response to a question from MR. ROSE, MR. BLOIS said he would assume that the state legislation would allow for any elderly citizen who is paying a sewer assessment to apply for relief.

MRS. LAITMAN said the intent of the legislation is to provide tax relief for the elderly and noted that when the property is sold to someone who does not qualify for the abatement, the City's investment in the sewers will be recouped through a higher assessment and, therefore, higher taxes on the property.

MR. ZIMBLER, MRS. McINERNEY, MR. ROSS, MR. CROSEY and MR. GUROIAN spoke in favor of Mr. Flanagan's amendment.

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In response to a question from MR. GUROIAN, MR. FLANAGAN said it would be the new owner who would pay the sewer assessment over a period of ten years.

MRS. CLARK MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve Mr. Flanagan's amendment and the motion CARRIED on a machine vote of 18 yes and 14 no.

THE PRESIDENT said the question before the Board is now the motion to adopt the proposed resolution as amended.

Following more discussion, MR. DeROSE MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. BLOIS requested a ROLL CALL VOTE and a sufficient number of members supported his request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to adopt the proposed resolution and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 32 yes and 1 no: (The resolution follows the Roll Call Vote)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
CROSBY, Robert (R)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
HANDLEY, Diane (R)
KELLY, James (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
ROSS, Salvan (D)
RYENICK, Gerald (D)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
WALSH, Peter (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)

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RESOLUTION NO. 994CONCERNING RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FROM SEWER ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, appeals for some form of relief from the burden of sewer assessments have been received by various members of government of the City of Stamford, and

WHEREAS, present statutory requirements of the State of Connecticut do not permit this or any other municipality the right to provide such relief,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the consensus of this Board of Representatives that the Stamford delegation to the State Legislature introduce and support an enabling act providing municipalities the right to grant exemptions from assessments of benefits to properties due to access to a sewer system.

FURTHERMORE, the ability to grant exemption should be limited by statute to such persons over the age of sixty-five who qualify for relief under Connecticut General Statutes and to other persons or class of persons now granted relief from local taxes under Connecticut General Statutes, except that at the time, such exempt property ceases to be occupied by the persons over the age of sixty-five, the assessment shall become due under the original term of the sewerage contract.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - William Flanagan

MR. CROSBY read the following letter from Thomas Morris which was addressed to the Board of Representatives:

"Gentlemen:

I have been following, with interest, the purchase by GTE of property on the east side of Atlantic Street. To the best of my knowledge this property is not part of the Urban Renewal and I find it very hard to understand why public tax money should be used to relocate people living in these buildings. If I am wrong and this is a part of the Urban Renewal, then it would seem that it would seem that the proper procedure would be for the Urban Renewal Commission to acquire the property and turn it over to the developer rather than have the Urban Renewal Commission take on the task of aiding a tenant of one of the developers buildings in acquiring additional land in its own name. I am quite sure that if I were to purchase a building in Stamford there would be no public funds made available to help the former tenants relocate. It is my further understanding that GTE wants to demolish these buildings to provide open space around their new "World Headquarters". Again it was not the intent of Urban Renewal to provide "green space" but to encourage new business to come in and thereby increase the tax base. Please don't tell me that 101 Broad Street and GTE pay more than was anticipated from the entire project because that has nothing to do with the taxpayer subsidizing private business in the acquisition of property.

Cordially,
Thomas A. Morris

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P.S.

While I am not a patron of the Coney Island Restaurant, I think they have every right to continue their business at this location without having undue pressure brought upon them by a major corporation who, according to the Stamford Advocate, have yet to pay their City of Stamford taxes."

THE PRESIDENT suggested the letter be given to the Administrative Assistant so that it can be included on the tentative agenda.

MR. FLANAGAN noted that no additional money was given to the URC to relocate the families in this area but they were told by HUD they had to do it and they were forced to use money out of their contingency fund.

DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Lynn Lowden and Michael Tresser

DR. LOWDEN reported that a seminar was held on February 19th to discuss drug-related activities and their cost and effect on Stamford. He said present at this seminar were Reps. Tresser, Lowden, Handley, Laitman and Hoffman and officials and residents of the Drug Liberation Program. He said the principal speaker was Dr. Fred Sheftell, medical Director of the Drug Liberation Program, and representing the Police Department was Lt. Larry Hogan. He said a copy of the address by Dr. Sheftell has been distributed to each member of the Board. He said the discussions following the speakers were productive for the general morale and community understanding of this problem.

He urged the members to review this material and noted that drug abuse is still a major problem. He commended the Drug Liberation Program in all its efforts to date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESIDENT noted that this was the last Board meeting that Liz Fulton from WSTC would be covering. On behalf of the Board he wished her the best of luck in the future. (Applause)

THE PRESIDENT announced that Ms. DeBrisco who has worked in the Board's office for the last few years has transferred to another department. He said she was a very good worker while she was with us. He said he has not asked for a replacement and, in effect, the office will be staffed by two rather than three people which will reduce the budget for the Board of Representatives.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED that the President send a letter to Ms. DeBrisco thanking her for her work for the Board. Seconded and CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 a.m.

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Sally Flaherty
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Administrative Assistant and
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.
Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President
13th Board of Representatives

NOTE: Above meeting was broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC in its
entirety.

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