

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 197614th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESStamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, August 2, 1976, in the Board of Representatives Legislative Chambers 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 8:50 P.M. after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Elihu J. Steinhorn, Congregation Agudath Sholom.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: President Miller said that just a few days ago, the City of Stamford lost a gentleman who had been a City employee for 45 years, and had been President of the Municipal Employees Association. The Chair thinks it would be most appropriate if we had a MOMENT OF SILENCE for the memory of ANDREW THORPE.

ROLL CALL: The Roll Call was taken by the CLERK, LINDA D. CLARK. There were 34 members present and 6 absent. The absent members were: Michael G. Morgan, Barbara A. McInerney, George G. Baxter, Robert H. Costello, David I. Bulm, and Audrey M. Cosentini.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

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

PAGES: MR. NICK LOGLISCI, who is a student at Fairfield Prep and is the son of Operations Officer, Nicholas Loglisci, and the nephew of former Board member, Joseph Loglisci.

MR. GARY BRUNO, who is a student at Dolan Middle School.

MR. MILLER said that the REPUBLICAN vacancy on the HOUSE COMMITTEE will be filled by LEONARD HOFFMAN.

MR. MILLER said there are no MINUTES to be accepted this evening, and he recognized Mrs. Clark.

MRS. CLARK: "Yes, Mr. President, about, I guess it might have been about a month we have a new lawyer amongst us. We're pretty sure he is...he has now taken his bars and it may be cold outside but he's very warm worrying as to what's going to happen and won't probably know from which I understand until October, but we, on behalf of the 14th Board and the Administrative Assistant, have a little cake, and we wanted to congratulate you on your graduation from Fordham Law School and that we are 100% sure you passed the bars with flying colors." (Applause)

MR. MILLER: Thank you very much. It says on it "Congratulations, Esquire" (laughter). I did take the exams on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. We had 200 short-answer questions on Wednesday, and 18 essay questions on Thursday. The exam was given up at New Haven at Southern Connecticut State College. I won't know the results until the end of September and I hope I passed. If I didn't, I'll just take it again (laughter) in February. I do appreciate this very much. Thank you.

MR. SIGNORE: From the Republican side of the aisle, I would like to say congratulations to a fine gentleman. I don't think there's anyone here who can conduct a meeting better than Fred can, and I know he'll make a fine lawyer and probably a judge some day. (applause and laughter)

MR. MILLER: Thank you all very much. I do appreciate this very much. You'll be able to eat the cake. I do appreciate this and I appreciate all the individuals who have congratulated me over the past . . . Thank you.

Now we'll have to go to the Agenda. Committee reports. . . think the Majority Leader could move that the Steering Committee report be waived.

MR. DeROSE. I so MOVE.

MOVED, SECONDED, and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 19, 1976

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, July 19, 1976, in the Democratic Caucus Room, Second 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 11:15 p.m., following the Adjourned Regular Meeting of July 19, 1977 which had ended at 11:07 p.m. that same evening (having been adjourned from the July 12, 1977 regular meeting.)

There were 12 members of the STEERING COMMITTEE present, and 7 absent. The 7 absent were: Linda Clark, Joseph DeRose, Handy Dixon, Michael Morgan, Thomas D'Agostino, Jeremiah Livingston, and James Loboza.

Also present at the Steering Committee were Mildred Ritchie, David Blum, Lynn Lowden, and Mildred Perillo.

The following matters of the TENTATIVE STEERING AGENDA were acted upon:

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Two names were placed upon the Agenda for the August 2, 1976 meeting: Mr. Robert P. Lavach for the Park Commission and Mr. Paul J. Dziezyc for the Zoning Board.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS (FISCAL) ITEMS:

There were four items of a fiscal nature on the TENTATIVE AGENDA and all were to appear on the August 2, 1976 Agenda.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

- (3) PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING CONDEMNATION PROCEDURES AND THE REQUIREMENT OF NOTICE TO THE LAND OWNERS PRIOR TO CONDEMNATION. Requested 5/20/76.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and also referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (4) PROPOSED AMENDMENT/S TO THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES. To change sentence #3 on Page 6, No. 1 under Section entitled "VOTING", as per text submitted.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (5) AN ACT CONCERNING CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT -PUBLIC ACT PASSED IN JULY, 1975 SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE enabling municipalities and towns to adopt provisions by referendum.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and also referred to PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE and FISCAL COMMITTEE.

- (6) MATTER CONCERNING REGISTRARS OF VOTERS REQUEST FOR PENSIONS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

- (7) MATTER CONCERNING TOWING PROBLEM. STATE MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

- (8) PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO SELL CITY-OWNED PROPERTY for \$5,200.00, plus \$125.00 Appraisal Fee (Total \$5,325.00); 8,981.23 sq. ft. in Zone R-7½, being Parcel 16 East Side of Haig Avenue at St. Charles Avenue. Mayor Clapes' letter 6/1/76; John Smyth, Asst. Corp. Counsel's letter 5/8/76 and supporting data. Board of Finance approved June 16, 1976.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

- (9) PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT JOB APPLICANTS BE RESIDENTS OF STAMFORD FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE FILING APPLICATIONS. Submitted by City Rep. James Loboza.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

The following five items were not on the Tentative Steering Agenda but were brought up, with action taken as indicated:

- (10) PROPOSED AMENDMENT - FOR FINAL ADOPTION - TO CODE OF ORDINANCES NO. 18-68 RAIL OR FENCE AND RED LIGHTS TO BE MAINTAINED.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; and also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (11) REQUEST FROM CITY REPS. NIZOLEK AND DIXON RE PROBLEM IN THEIR DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH HAWK TRANSPORTATION. To be discussed with Law Dept. about an agreement they have with Hawk.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (12) PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE BOARD TO INCREASE THE STEERING COMMITTEE FROM 19 TO 20 MEMBERS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

- (13) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS ON UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF ROAMING DOGS -
Creating serious problems in many sections of the City.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Health and Protection Committee.

- (14) LETTER FROM C.O.W.'S signed by Mrs. Longo, petition, re their problem.
(Citizens of Waterside.)

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee, Health and Protection.

- (15) MAYOR CLAPES' LETTER OF 7/15/77 advising selection by West Side Advisory Committee of a name for the new West Side Park-Playground - "The Dr. Joseph L. Carwin Park".

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (16) Letter from David Caesar Jachimczyk protesting re-naming of Dyke Park to Kosciuszko Park dated July 12, 1976. Letter from PARK DEPARTMENT approving this re-naming.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; to Parks and Recreation Committee.

- (17) Letter from Mrs. Frances Adams, Education Chairman, of Courtland Terrace Association, Inc., re balances in Board of Education accounts as of end of fiscal year.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA.

- (18) The matter of a complaint from Mr. Ferro of 25 Fenway Street.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA. To the Sewer Committee.

- (19) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY. Mrs. Nancy McAfee, Chairman, MITAC.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA. To Public Housing & General Relocation Committee.

- (20) LETTER FROM PETER FERRARIS, CHAIRMAN, ZONING BOARD, RE HOUSING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT, URBAN RENEWAL AREA. City Rep. Morris Glucksman submitted letter he received.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; to Urban Renewal Committee. (This item was not on Tentative Steering Agenda)

- (21) LETTER OF 8/28/76 FROM JOSEPH N. GILL, State EPB Commissioner advising that Stamford Environmental Protection Board as of July 15, 1976 has jurisdiction in accordance with Section 22a-39-11.7 of the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Regulations of Stamford's regulated areas. Letter from Louis J. Casale, Chmn, EPB dated 7/2/76.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA. (Just informational)

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (22) PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS to dredge the East Branch of Stamford Harbor. Submitted by City Rep. Joseph DeRose.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; to Environmental Protection Committee.

- (23) THE MATTER OF ALTERATIONS TO THE VOTING MECHANISM TO COMPLY WITH FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION ACT.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; to House Committee.

- (24) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MAYOR AGAINST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION REGULATIONS - APPEARANCE scheduled for July 23, 1976.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA (The complaint is being withdrawn by Mayor)

- (25) REPORT FROM LINDA CLARK REGARDING THE ANNUAL PICNIC.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA. (Mrs. Clark absent from this meeting)

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 11:50 p.m. (The lateness was due to the fact that the Steering Committee Meeting followed the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Board; in effect, two meetings were held the same evening, one following the other.)

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

Term Expires:

PARK COMMISSION

- (1) MR. ROBERT P. LAVACH (R) (Replacing John Nolan who Dec. 1, 1976
290 Sylvan Knoll Road resigned)

ZONING BOARD

- (2) MR. PAUL J. DZIEZYC (R) (Replacing Stuart Konspore Dec. 1, 1980
93 Haig Avenue whose term expired)

MR. DIXON: The names that appear on the Agenda for approval tonight are being HELD IN COMMITTEE. This is due to the fact that at a regular scheduled meeting of the Committee on Thursday night, the 29th, there was not a quorum present, so we didn't have a meeting. Therefore, we are holding these names until next month.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Report by Gerald Rybnick, Vice-Chairman

MR. RYBNICK: The Fiscal Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, July 28th. Those present were Sandra Goldstein, Audrey Cosentini, Ralph Loomis, George Hays and Gerald Rybnick. Having heard the presentation of these items on the Agenda, the Fiscal Committee could not vote during that meeting for lack of a quorum. However, the Fiscal Committee did meet prior to our meeting tonight. Those in attendance were Sandra Goldstein, Linda Clark, Christine Nizolek, Mildred Ritchie, George Hays, Ralph Loomis, and Gerald Rybnick.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (1) \$152,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO THE 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET - A NEW PROJECT ENTITLED "ATLANTIC STREET ALIGNMENT AND WIDENING PROJECT" - to be financed by the issuance of bonds. Per letter of Mayor Clapes 5/4/76 and enclosures from Frederic R. Harris, Inc., engineering estimate. Approved by Board of Finance 6/17/76. (Held in Committee 7/19/76 pending meeting with U.R.C.)

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE for further information.

MR. PERILLO: Again, for lack of a quorum, Public ^Works Committee took no action on any items from this Agenda.

- (2) \$ 12,450.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - AMENDMENT TO THE 1976-1977 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$12,450.00) TO CAPITAL PROJECT "#296-1975-76 BONDS" ENTITLED "RIVERBANK MEDIA CENTER". Letter from Mr. Benjamin R. Reed, Asst. Supt./Business 7/9/76. (Board of Finance has NOT acted upon this item yet, so approval would be contingent upon their approval.)

MR. RYBNICK: Through some misunderstanding, we didn't invite the Board of Education so we're HOLDING IN COMMITTEE. (Note: Board of Finance DEFERRED this item on 8/16/76 meeting.)

MR. WIESLEY: No quorum.

- (3) \$ 26,507.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO THE 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THERETO A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$26,507.00) TO BE KNOWN AS "NEW CONSTRUCTION - ADDITION TO BUILDING #3 AT THE TOWN YARD", - to be financed by the issuance of bonds. Board of Finance approved July 8, 1976.

MR. RYBNICK: The Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 to approve this item and I SO MOVE.

MR. PERILLO: Again, no quorum. We took no action.

MR. BLOIS SECONDED the MOTION.

MR. ZIMBLER: I'd like to go on record as being 100% opposed to this particular appropriation. What it's doing is perpetuating an eyesore. The Haig Avenue Town Yard has no business being where it is. It's in a residential neighborhood. It's a nuisance and an eyesore to the people living in that area and any additional money that we put into this is only going to perpetuate it. I'd like to see it out of there. I'd like to see it in an industrial part of town where this type of facility belongs, and I, for one, will not vote one more penny for the Haig Avenue Yard.

MR. HOFER: I can understand Mr. Zimble's feeling, I suppose; however, on the other hand, I look at, as I'm sure many of you have, the vehicles that are owned by the City of Stamford are rusty and obviously in need of a paint job. We've known for some time that there is no preventive maintenance for any of the equipment that the Public Works Department owns and operates; therefore, we know that this equipment which is in essence owned and paid for by the taxpayers is not being properly maintained, and I believe that here now is a small amount of money that is going to the enlargement of an existing facility and it should enable

MR. HOFFMAN (continuing) ...the Public Works Department to do a little bit more insofar as preventive maintenance is concerned on some of the vehicles, and until such time as they construct a new town garage, why we can't have a complete program. At least this would be a stop-gap measure and therefore I would support this 100% and I would hope that all the other Board members do, as well. Thank you.

MR. BLOIS: My colleague on the left side of the aisle said it so well. You must remember the Public Works Department doesn't even have one decent garage. Now this \$26,000 that you're going to approve tonight will enclose I think seven trucks, and Lord knows, we need these trucks inside during the winter months, also summer months. Half the equipment won't roll in the cold months and this will help the town yard to get going in the winter months. I'd like to see those people that are against this appropriation because the Town Yard doesn't belong there..this is what we have at the present time. Unless you can come up with a couple of million dollars, we're willing to build another garage. We need it very badly. We need it downtown here also, but I'd suggest that you reconsider and go along for this \$26,000.00.

MR. LOOMIS: All I'd like to do is second the remarks of both Mr. Blois and Mr. Hoffman. We spent about an hour going over with Commissioner Rotondo this appropriation along with several of those on his staff and concluded unanimously this is quite a bargain. Through this added construction, there'll be seven new bay areas created for vehicles and mechanics which don't have the space now to operate in, and you should be reminded that the present facility was built way back in the WPA days and so there is need for expansion; and as was indicated, the alternative, of course, is to build an entirely new structure at considerably greater expense. So I would urge all those present to vote for this appropriation as I think it's a worthwhile project.

MR. HAYS: Mostly everything I was going to say has been said by those people for the motion. I'll pass. Thank you.

MR. LOBOZZA: I think first, with the seven vehicles, it comes out to about \$3,400.00 a vehicle. We could paint a lot of trucks for that. No. 2, I thought that any appropriation over a certain amount of money had to be gone over by at least two committees. I would like to see this HELD so we could go over it and discuss it a little more.

MR. MILLER said the Motion had been **SECONDED** and suggested that someone make a MOTION to **SUSPEND THE RULES**.

MR. HAYS made a MOTION to **SUSPEND THE RULES**. **SECONDED**. MOTION is **CARRIED**.

MR. ZIMBLER: I think I'd like to go on record that I'm not opposed to preventive maintenance on vehicles. It simply is where it's being done. I think Mr. Blois said it rather well. He'd like to see the Town Yard get moving. I'd like to see it get moving, too, moving out of the 16th District. It's been there for some time but then again so has the Scofieldtown Dump in the 20th District. I rest my case.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DeROSE: I would just like to say that both Representatives Fox and myself have an interest here simply because the Haig Avenue Garage is in the immediate vicinity of our 15th District. I would just as soon not go into the merits this evening as to whether or not the garage belongs there. It's been there for a very long time and the way money is at this point in time, I feel that that garage is going to be there for many years to come. Perhaps all of us will be gone from this Board before any further action is going to be taken in terms of moving the garage. Attempts have been made to renovate this building in the past. I think it's rather unfortunate in a way that it was knocked down. It's my understanding they have all the trucks housed in the yard over there simply because the garages are too small. They're antiquated and you can't put those trucks inside the garage, so anything will be a welcome addition. And I would assume that this new construction will enable them to put, while it may be only seven trucks inside the garage, at least it's a start in the right direction and therefore I would support it.

MR. PERILLO: The Haig Avenue Garage has been there a long time, long before a lot of those homes were built up there, and they were all well aware of it. Now it gets back to the same old story. Put it in your back yard; take it out of mine. If that's the case, then we don't need a town yard, let's get rid of it!

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. I have to agree with Mr. DeRose. I represent the people in the 16th District along with Mr. Zimbler. However, I don't agree with voting against this appropriation. There is no question that this Town Yard is not going to be moved at this point from Haig Avenue until we appropriate money for a new garage; and in the interim, I would like to see that building not be the eyesore that it currently is; and therefore, in the interest of cleaning up the garage, so to speak, I will vote for the appropriation.

MR. CONNORS: Many times in the past we, as members of the Board, have been very critical of the Public Works Department. Now here's an opportunity to take care of some of our own equipment. All you have to do is go down to Magee Avenue and see all the cars that they have outside that they can't even put it; and you have equipment laying there that is very, very expensive. It's not very cheap and I feel we are going in the right direction now. After all, there's nothing we can do about Haig Avenue. We're not going to tear the building down. We're not going to move it out. We've had it there for a period of years. It's going to continue to stay there, so if we're thinking of the taxpayers, looking out for them, this is a golden opportunity to protect our own interests. If you had an automobile of your own, you wouldn't let it go to rot, so that's exactly what we're trying to do here.

MR. LOOMIS MOVED the question. SECONDED and CARRIED.

MR. MILLER called for a vote on the \$26,507.00. The MOTION is CARRIED. There was a request for a DIVISION, which was taken using the machine, and the vote was 30 YES; 3 NO; 1 ABSTENTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Those voting NO were: Kurt Zimbler, James Loboza, Frederick E. Miller, Jr. The ABSTENTION was Gerald J. Rybnick.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(3) (cont'd.)

RESOLUTION NO. 1057

AMENDING 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING
THERETO A PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$26,507.00) TO BE KNOWN
AS "NEW CONSTRUCTION - ADDITION TO BUILDING #3 AT THE
HAIG AVENUE TOWN YARD".

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with the City Charter, Section 611.5:

1. To adopt an amendment to the 1975-1976 Capital Projects Budget by adding a project in the amount of \$26,507.00 to be known as "NEW CONSTRUCTION - ADDITION TO BUILDING #3 AT THE HAIG AVENUE TOWN YARD."
 2. To authorize the financing of said project by the issuance of bonds.
 3. That this resolution shall take effect upon enactment.
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- (4) \$ 6,000.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Code 240.2101 CONVENTION DUES & CONFERENCES - Appropriation requested representing cost of one-year subscription to PUBLIC TECHNOLOGY, INC. (Approved by Board of Finance 7/8/76). Membership includes complete access to all materials, programs, (both manual and computer) and methodology developed by PTI: for example, their "Fire Station Location Package" et al.

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted to approve this item and I SO MOVE. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel concurs, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. RYBNICK said that concluded his report.

MR. GLUCKSMAN asked for and made a MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES of the Board to take an item out of order on the Agenda since there are numerous people here waiting for this item and he would not like to keep them waiting too long, to consider a matter concerning Inland-Wetlands. MOTION was SECONDED.

MR. MILLER said this item was not on either the PERSONNEL OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEES' agenda, so it would be necessary to Suspend the Rules just to consider the item. MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to clarify one thing on the bottom of this resolution. It says that it is submitted by myself. However, actually this has joint sponsorship. It's been submitted by myself, Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. Zimble, Mr. Glucksman, and Mr. Hoffman. (Mrs. Goldstein read the entire resolution, which follows, and which was passed UNANIMOUSLY. Discussion follows the text of the resolution.)

SENSE-OF-THE BOARD RESOLUTION
Concerning Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Act
of the State of Connecticut in the Matter of the
Application for an Inland-Wetlands Permit

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 155 of the State of Connecticut prohibits filling on lands deemed to be inland-wetlands without a license as of July 1, 1974;

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1976, David Emerson, Field Inspector, Water and Related Resources, advised the owner of the property located in the wetlands and watercourses areas along Toilsome Brook in Stamford, Connecticut, that it was necessary to obtain a permit to fill important wetlands located northwest of White Birch Lane, west of Crestwood Drive, and adjacent to Toilsome Brook;

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1974 at 9:15 A.M., the owner of said land was served with a Notice-of-Violation for illegally conducted a filling activity on the above-mentioned property which is regulated under the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Act (Section 22a-36 to 45 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.);

WHEREAS on May 20, 1976, a hearing was held in the Stamford Board of Representatives meeting room in the matter of an application for an inland-wetlands permit to develop and subdivide said land. Under Conclusion Item J of the Hearing Examiner's Report as of July 23, 1976, it is stated as follows:

"It is evident, based upon the applicant's own admission, that some fill material was deposited or transferred within inland wetlands and/or watercourses after July 1, 1974."

WHEREAS, under the Summary of Testimony and Findings of Fact No. 22 of the Hearing Examiner's Report, that: "The Toilsome Brook watershed experiences frequent flooding problems and resultant property damage. (Exhibits I, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 165, 251, 280-281, 336-339, and 349)."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Representatives of Stamford believes that enforcement of the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Act is paramount to the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Stamford:

THAT the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford is especially concerned with the admitted violations of the Inland Wetlands Act by the owner of the aforementioned property, as cited in Paragraph J of the Hearing Examiner's conclusion;

THEREFORE, the Stamford Board of Representatives urges the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to re-evaluate the entire testimony of the May 20, 1976 Hearing, and inspect said property prior to rendering a final decision.

MR. MILLER: You're MOVING, Mrs. Goldstein, that we approve that resolution?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, I am MOVING. SECONDED.

(End of Tape #1)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing) Yes. I know that this Board has heard a great deal about the Toilsome Brook problem. However, there are many new members on this Board and I would like to relate to them some of the history of this area. It won't be too long, though. Not too many years ago, the land referred to in this

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing)resolution was swamp-land. It provided a natural flood plain for the rain to spill into. Then in 1972-73-74, the filling of the land began. It continued and it has not terminated since. Trucks brought tons of fill to the property, and bulldozers completely destroyed the original grade of the land. A total imbalance of nature was the result, creating a horror of Toilsome Brook. Once the land was filled, there was no place for the water to go, except into the basements and parlors of the people who lived around the brook.

Then came July 1, 1974 and Public Act. #155 was passed. It prohibited the filling of wetlands. Unfortunately this didn't stop the filling on the property. And on August 1, 1974, as mentioned in the resolution, the owner of the land was served with a Notice-of-Violation for illegally filling land designated as wetlands.

In the two years since the passage of the Act, the residents of the area have been in the midst of a constant battle with the owner of this property. These residents have alleged many violations of the Act by the owner, and have had endless hours of aggravation in an attempt to protect their homes and at the hearing that took place on May 20th. There are innumerable exhibits, visual exhibits, written exhibits showing and documenting examples of violations of the Act but all of these exhibits and the constant diligence of the people of the area in their attempt to protect their own property have been like David fighting Goliath. For the fact is that all that was filled before July 1, 1974 can stay filled, even though the storage characteristics of the area that function as a flood plain have been completely destroyed as a result of the filling.

On May 20th, a hearing was held to hear testimony and receive evidence in the application of the owner of this land. He wanted to construct 42 homes on land. The gallery of the Board of Representatives meeting room, where the hearing was held, was filled to capacity by members of the community, as well as the entire meeting room. However, the examiners concluded....before they concluded, they said....before they came out with their final determination, they agreed with the residents of the area that most serious potential impact resulting from the development of this land is the aggravation of the flooding which presently exists in the Toilsome Brook watershed, the applicant...and this is quoted in the Hearing Examiner's Report: "The applicant, himself, had admitted that an increase in the amount of water draining into the Brook will result from the project..." and then the Hearing Examiner said "the safety and welfare of area residents may be threatened if these flooding concerns are not addressed prior to commencement of site development". Yet the Hearing Examiner recommended that the request to build by the owner of the property be granted on all lots in question except 3 of the 42 and 7 others when certain requirements are filled.

Last, but not least in the conclusion of the report, the Hearing Officer stated that fill was deposited illegally within the inland-wetlands area by the applicant's own admission after July 1, 1974, and although the law of the State of Connecticut is broken, none of the penalties inherent in the Act to protect the people of Connecticut were applied to the owner.

Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board, I ask you once again to come to the aid of the people of the area and urge Mr. Gill, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, to come down and personally view the area and then reconsider the report. Thank you.

MR. HOFFMAN: Mrs. Goldstein, this is a hard act to follow because I think you talked about many of the things that have occurred there. However, just let me say one thing. Mrs. Filardo called my attention to the fact that in the statement it should read July 8, 1974. Mrs. Filardo called me Saturday morning, and on Sunday, several members including Mr. Miller were up there looking at this horrendous, really and truly horrendous problem that exists there. It's very difficult to describe and I wish more members had gone to see for themselves just exactly the immensity of this particular problem. The area covers more than a city block long and the fill over most of the area would be much taller than I am, and in some spots it is generally over eight feet tall and visible from High Ridge Road!

MR. HOFFMAN went on to say that the residents have been paying taxes for so many years and been made promises that the problem would be resolved, but it has gotten worse. The last Board appropriated money for it but the situation still goes unabated. He said people cannot even sell their homes because of this condition. He urged everyone to support the resolution.

MR. ZIMBLER said he feels everyone is familiar with the problems of Toilsome Brook and the Genovese Property filling and he doesn't want to beat a dead horse by going into it all again, particularly since the previous speakers stated the case so well. He said Mr. Genovese illegally filled in this property by raising the west bank along Toilsome Brook to a level approximately six to eight feet higher than the east bank which gives the water no place to go except into the back yards of other people when the stream over-flows. That this is the crux of the whole matter. He said he received a letter from Mrs. Filardo of 114 Crestwood Drive enclosing a chronological listing of events, documented by letters and memos regarding the depositing of material in and on the property adjacent to her own; and also stating the controversy of ownership with E. G. Brennan, Jr. as Trustee, and the strange and bizarre events re excavation fill deposited there.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Zimble, of course the letter is germane to the question being discussed but that letter will have to be given to the Steering Committee and determination would have to be made as to whether the Steering Committee would want to put that on the Agenda for the September meeting, and then the Board would have to decide whether it wanted to pursue an investigation.

MR. ZIMBLER said he would like to submit that along with the chronological.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she was hoping that later on, under Letters or Communications, Mr. Zimble could bring this letter up again since it is a very important problem right now and help is necessary immediately and it would be beneficial to the community if this could be discussed later also.

MR. MILLER: Well, you can discuss it but I don't know what could be done except that there could be a Motion to Suspend the Rules to give this immediately to a committee. That could be done. We'll do it later. Thank you.

MR. GLUCKSMAN said that in his short time on the Board he has been somewhat involved in the Toilsome Brook area and he cannot observe any planning on the problem. He said it is like the Revonah Woods problem where they just jump around, and if there ever was a problem it's no longer there. He said this is just another example where there is no planning, they just decide to allow the fill and that's it. He moved to second the motion in the hope that it will result in new planning.

MR. MILLER called for a vote on the resolution, and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, having been seconded by many. He then called on Mr. Hoffman who wished to say something about the Fiscal Committee.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Miller. My only comment was that I did see a letter that Mr. Morgan had sent to the members of the Fiscal Committee regarding a proposal that he was making and that concerned the various sizes of the appropriations and if it was such, it wouldn't really require a whole lot of debate, and I think that's absolutely wrong. I'm terribly sorry that Mr. Morgan isn't here so that he could hear me speaking to this particular matter, but I would hope that perhaps the Leadership would see fit to discuss this with Mr. Morgan and perhaps show him the error of his ways because I do believe that if we are to, if this Board is to undertake such a proposal, I think that what we are going to do then is to act as a rubber stamp for the various departments and commission of the City and then I don't know why in the word we are going to look at any of these matters at all. I believe that the Fiscal Committee has a great deal of responsibility, certainly to the taxpayers, because they have to look at all these items and investigate them and then report to the Board whether or not it is an appropriate matter and it is a worthwhile matter, and it's worthy of our tax dollars being spent on this particular item; but I really believe that to just take some of this very lightly is absolutely wrong and I think that if you are to say that in a matter, and I don't recall exactly, I seem to recall that matters under \$500 wouldn't require having a department head or a commissioner sit in and tell the Fiscal Committee about this, and I believe that this is absolutely wrong. I believe also that the Fiscal Committee should look at amounts of money that are being given to the City as either Federal or State grants. This, too, is our tax dollars and I don't know of anyone who is happy or satisfied with the Federal taxes that we are paying, and I'm quite certain that there isn't one person that lives in the State of Connecticut who would be happy if indeed a State income tax were enacted because this would mean we're just going to pay more taxes. There's never any revision downwards and so therefore, Mr. President, I would like to urge the Leadership to take another look at this entire matter and I would like to have Mr. Morgan take another look at this and perhaps rescind this idea and reject it as being something that is fiscally unsound. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. LOOMIS: I just wanted to clarify Mr. Hoffman's impression of that memorandum. First of all, the memo resulted from concerns that I and Mrs. Cosentini and Mrs. Ritchie and others on that committee had because we were getting to the situation where we were going hours and hours on meetings with 14 or 15 items and it was totally, completely impossible to have people appear on each item; and in addition to which on some of the items which were very clear-cut and sometimes mandated, there was no reason or no necessity to have people there, so we are really attempting to work on a system where we'd be able to conduct our business more expeditiously and in a manner though keeping to our responsibilities, you know what's going on in terms of fiscal matters in the City, and the appropriations that come before us. The memo was just for the committee, requesting some of our suggestions. We haven't had a chance since Mr. Morgan's been on vacation, to sit down and talk it over. I'm sure when we do, why then those recommendations that come as a result of the memo will be shared with the Steering Committee and others, but in no way did we intend to shirk the responsibility and the important obligations that Mr. Hoffman has spoken of. We're just trying to work out a method which would dispose of our work in a better fashion than it has been taken care of in the past three or four months.

MR. SIGNORE: There is another large group of people here who are interested in a particular item on the Agenda and I wondered if we could move ahead to PARKS AND RECREATION for their convenience? I MOVE to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider the re-naming of Dyke Park to Kosciuszko Park.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED to SUSPEND THE RULES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. We'll move to Page 3 to Parks and Recreation.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Julius J. Blois

- (1) Letter of July 15, 1976 from Mayor Clapes advising of selection by West Side Advisory Committee of a name for the new West Side Park-Playground" The Dr. Joseph L. Carwin Park." (Submitted by Community Development Dir. Nancy Mitchell)

MR. BLOIS: The Parks & Recreation Committee held a meeting on July 28th at 8:30 p.m. in the Republican Caucus Room. Those present were George Hays, Alfred Perillo, Lois Santy and myself, which constitutes a quorum at this meeting. On that motion was made and seconded to HOLD IN COMMITTEE by a vote of 4-0.

- (2) REQUEST FROM PARK DEPARTMENT TO RE-NAME DYKE PARK AS "KOSCIUSZKO PARK".

MR. BLOIS: The Committee voted 3 YES and 1 ABSTENTION to present this for approval and I SO MOVE. SECONDED.

MR. SIGNORE: I wish to speak in favor of the re-naming of the park. The Polish community of our City deserves the honor of having Dyke Park re-named the Kosciuszko Park. The Polish people of Stamford are patriotic, hard-working, productive people. They have great pride in themselves, their families and their City, and deserve much more recognition than they have received to date.

MR. FLANAGAN: I think that this is a fitting tribute to a great hero of the Revolutionary War. In this America, in this Bi-Centennial Year, so often immediately after wars, people are recognized as heroes who, in fact, have not earned, when history studies what they did, they didn't really earn the recognition that was given in the rush of the moment. We have here a genuine hero who worked hard and without whom the war might have gone in a different direction, so I am wholeheartedly in favor of the re-naming of Dyke Park to Kosciuszko Park.

MRS. SANTY: We all received a very informative letter from Kathy Kaminski and I wholeheartedly agree with her what could be more fitting to the Polish people of Stamford than Kosciuszko, the hero of two worlds, and to rename the park. I urge you all to vote yes.

MR. ZIMBLER: I, also, would like to go on record as being wholeheartedly behind this proposal. I think those of us who were in the armed forces seem to recall that in any war, whether it was my war, the Korean War, whether it was World War II, whatever, Vietnam, there always seemed to be a preponderance of Polish people in the armed forces in this country. They certainly have given blood, sweat and tears to make this country what it is, and I think to them, and as a tribute to Mr. Kosciuszko, who was a great man, I wholeheartedly agree with this proposal.

MR. LOQMIS: Now I'm not of Polish extraction, nor do I think a majority of those in the 19th district are either. Last night I thought we were going to be voting on changing the park to Kosciuszko (laughter), but nevertheless I'm impressed, however you pronounce it, the accomplishments of the gentleman, and I'm even more impressed with the pride and the enthusiasm that the Polish community in this city have generated on behalf of this move to change the name; and I think it fitting in this Bi-Centennial Year that this be proposed and so I'm entirely for

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MR. ROSE: I've been a Representative of the south-end and had a chance to speak to some of the people of the committee that are re-naming this park and some of my constituents also those that didn't like the idea, but they say that this gentleman was a fine man. I remember, we remember Dyke Park when nobody wanted to be named after it, but it started to look like a beautiful park now and I know that the people, all the people in that area, are concerned about the Park and concerned about their community. I am supporting the name and I'm sure that Mr. Kosciuszko did a great job. I read his history and he even left in his will that he wanted to buy the freedom of the slaves. Unfortunately his will wasn't carried out and the slaves were increased, but I know he had good intentions.

MISS NIZOLEK: Yes, as an American of Polish heritage and in the spirit of the Bi-Centennial Year and in appreciation and respect for all the hard endeavors the various committees have put forth, I respectfully urge the Board to pass this very fitting tribute to the Polish community.

MR. CONNORS: I'd be afraid to go home to the East Side tonight (laughter). My wife is Polish. I got married in the Polish Church; my children, I guess, are half-Polish (laughter). I feel very much in favor of this because I'm telling you they'd be waiting for me, before I go to the bridge over there. (lots of laughter and applause). Thank you very much.

MR. MILLER called for a vote and the MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1058

RE-NAMING DYKE PARK IN STAMFORD
AS "TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO" PARK.

WHEREAS, the area known as Dyke Park was originally called Dyke Lane and was settled by many Polish immigrants from the 1870s to the end of the 19th century; and in 1895 when Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. moved from Branford to Stamford many Polish people came with the plant and settled near the factory, cleaning up, caring for, and tending the wild fields and shoreland. The South End became known as Polish Land or "Polska Ziemia". The Holy Name of Jesus Church was built by the Polish Parishioners and dedicated in 1905; and

WHEREAS, these early Polish settlers and their descendants have served the City and Town well in many capacities serving in public office, building the community through prosperity and depressions, asking little and giving much, applying themselves to private enterprises, large and small; and

WHEREAS, in this Bi-Centennial Year of 1976, it is fitting and proper that Stamford honor a man of Polish birth, a Polish citizen upon whom Congress in 1783 conferred the rank of Brigadier-General, the privilege of American citizenship, an annual pension of \$60 with landed estates as a reward for his services and devotion to the cause of American independence; and

WHEREAS, TADEUSZ ANDRZEJ BONAVENTURA KOSCIUSZKO (1746-1817), born in Mereczowiczyno, Poland, entered the Corps of Cadets in Warsaw and was sent abroad to complete his military education in Germany, Italy and France where he learned fortification and naval tactics; and

WHEREAS, in 1776 Tadeusz Kosciuszko entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer and served brilliantly, particularly at New York and Yorktown. He served as a Colonel of Artillery and was General Washington's adjutant. He fought for the cause of American independence for six years without furlough; and

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WHEREAS, in the meantime, his own country was crushed by Russia and one-third was taken by Russia, Prussia and Austria. In 1792 the Russians invaded Poland and had been trying to restore their independence and re-form their nation. Kosciuszko returned to fight valiantly, but when the Polish King surrendered, he fled to Leipzig and organized a resistance movement, proclaiming his "Act of Insurrection" based in part on the American Declaration of Independence. He kept fighting but was overwhelmed by the immense armies from Russia, Poland and Austria. He turned to France, but could not enlist her aid. He returned to America and then back to Europe, working both for Poland and the United States. He had been wounded and was crippled, and Thomas Jefferson pleaded with him to retire to Monticello with him; and

WHEREAS, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, in his will, left all the money he had received as back pay from Congress to create a fund to purchase the freedom of Negro slaves, educate them and give them 100 acres of land and equipment to farm. Unfortunately, the will was broken by greedy relatives. But his will remains a monument to his conviction that all men are born equal and he fought for that principle his entire life; and

WHEREAS, shortly before his death on April 2, 1817, at Solothurn, he emancipated his serfs, insisting only on the maintenance of schools on the liberated estates. His remains were carried to Cracow and buried at the cathedral; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dyke Park be re-named and henceforth be known and designated as:

"THE TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO PARK"

This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

(Note: We have a letter dated 7/24/76 from Katherine Kaminski, 103 Rock Spring Road, stating that she has records indicating that Dyke Park belongs to the Woodland Cemetery and they leased it to the City of Stamford for park purposes only: if for any other use, they would take it back.)

MR. BLOIS: Item #1 is being HELD IN COMMITTEE, re Dr. Carwin Park naming.

MR. DIXON: There are many people throughout the City of Stamford who are very much concerned with Item #1 and I would like to have Mr. Blois, if he will, to give some explanation as to why this item is being held.

MR. BLOIS: Well, the discussion at our committee meeting was the one committee had submitted the name didn't send us any communication. Any other groups that presented names weren't submitted to us for discussion at our meetings and therefore they felt we didn't have enough input to act on it that night, which I'm sure if we did have communications, that it probably would have come out of committee differently.

MR. MILLER: The Chair doesn't wish to enter into a debate, especially a debate which really isn't going on, but I do want to make it very clear that Mrs. Mitchell did ask for my advice on this subject and I told her that I felt that this committee had the authority to choose a name, and this committee has a special official status. It's not a committee competing with other individuals or groups which might wish to offer suggestions. The committee has an official status and the committee as I understand it, conducted a contest in order to determine how this park should be named; to determine what person, if a person was to be honored, should be honored by the re-naming or actually the initial naming of this property, so you know, I don't think that the committee is competing with other people or groups. The committee has an official status similar to that of the Park Commission.

MR. BLOIS: If this is a fact, I think in the future that the committee should be well-informed on the procedures that we must go by, if that was a special committee to name it, then he should give us that information also, so we wouldn't have any problems about bringing it out on the floor for approval. I think it was lack of communication on somebody's part.

MR. HAYS: Just a comment. I have some serious concern about a rush for name changes here and I think these things should be considered for some time, either in our Parks and Recreation Committee, or maybe some yet-to-be-established committee on the subject of names; but I don't know how many parks we have that are named after rather deserving former citizens that are well memorialized that we want to stop that memorial and create a new one; therefore, it is something that we should give serious consideration about and I just a concern that we're going to have another rush of names and run out of parks before we can memorialize the appropriate people.

MR. MILLER: Well, of course, I just want to note that in this instance and the instance Mr. Dixon and Mr. Blois are discussing, it's a new park. It's not a re-naming procedure, but we do have a procedure, the body which has control of the property should approve and initiate the request, like the Park Department, or any other municipal body. Anything else on this subject? I think we can proceed. Do you have anything else, Mr. Blois?

MR. BLOIS: That ends my report.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Blois. We'll then go back to the regular Agenda. And we would go to LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE. Mr. Fox?

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox

- (1) PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING CONDEMNATION PROCEDURES AND THE REQUIREMENT OF NOTICE TO THE LAND OWNERS PRIOR TO CONDEMNATION. Requested by Courtland Terrace Assn., Inc., Mrs. Betty Conti, Pres., letter 5/20/76. (Held in Committee 6/14/76 and 7/19/76)

MR. FOX: THE L&R Committee had a meeting on July 22nd at which time four members were present. At that time we met with Commissioner Rotondo and Mr. Repucci of the Sewer Commission. The L&R Committee also had a meeting scheduled for July 28th at which time 3 members were present; due to the fact that we did not have a quorum at either of these meetings, the Committee was unable to take action on any of the 5 items on the Agenda this evening. Consequently all these items will have to be HELD IN COMMITTEE. There is one item.....

MR. MILLER: All right, before you go on, Mr. Fox, I'm assuming that the secondary committees that had the same items don't wish to bring anything out?

PLANNING AND ZONING, PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION, FISCAL, O.K., wa'll go on then, Mr. Fox.

(2) PROPOSED AMENDMENT/S TO THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(a) Page 6, #1 under Section entitled "VOTING", Change Sentence #3 to read:

"If the President shall doubt the vote, or a division be called for, or, when voting upon any item on the Agenda, or made a part thereof by virtue of the Suspension of the Rules, the President determines that the first vote taken was not unanimous, the Board shall divide, those in the affirmative by raising their hands until counted, and afterwards those in the ~~affirmative~~ only voting by rising from their seats if requested. After the President has then declared the vote, it shall not be taken again unless by a regular motion for reconsideration, made by a member who voted on the prevailing side."

(Submitted by President Frederick E. Miller, Jr.)

MR. FOX said his committee had no quorum so this item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(3) AN ACT CONCERNING CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT - PUBLIC ACT PASSED IN JULY, 1975 SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE enabling municipalities adopt provisions by approval of local legislative body and then followed by referendum.

MR. FOX said his committee had no quorum so this item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(4) FOR FINAL ADOPTION, PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES NO. 18-68 RAIL OR FENCE AND RED LIGHTS TO BE MAINTAINED.

MR. FOX said his committee had no quorum, so this item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(5) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Page 3, Item 1, change (a) Steering Committee to consist of 20 (twenty) members. (Delete the 19)

Note: The Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee (a Standing Committee) to be a member of the Steering Committee.

MR. FOX said his committee had no quorum, so this item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. FOX said there is one item which we should deal with this evening in connection with the meeting of the Fall Board scheduled for September. The first Monday is a holiday, Labor Day, September 6th. Consequently, he MOVED for a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES so that consideration of a resolution to change the date might be made. MOVED and SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX MOVED the meeting date be changed to the following Monday, September 13, 1976. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Fox said that concluded his report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Personnel Committee met on July 27, 1976. Present were Mrs. Ritchie, Dr. Lowden, Mr. Wiesley, Mrs. Santy, Mr. Blum, Mr. Osuch, and myself. Mr. President, before I discuss this business on hand tonight, I would like to publicly thank my committee for the diligence with which they have been able to conduct business over the summer months. I must say that it has been difficult, understandably. I'm sure for many committees to get quorums over the summer. We haven't had

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MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing)....that problem. We have had more than quorums. We had near perfect attendance and I think that the Personnel Committee is really a credit to the Board and a credit to the constituents they represent. Thank you very much. It certainly makes my job much more easy to have a committee like that. I would now like to ask for a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to consider the NURSES CONTRACT that was presented to us last week.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We received the contract last Thursday and I have distributed to all members of the Board, highlights of the contract. Basically the contract is the same as the MEA contract that we ratified in the winter. It covers 46 nurses from Public Health, Smith House and the School Nurses. This is the meat of it, so to speak.

There will be no raise for the first six months of the contract, that period from July 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974. There will be a 3% increase in salary as of January 1, 1975 and of course this money will be retroactive. A 3½% increase July 1, 1975; a 3% increase as of Jan. 1, 1976; and the rest of the contract would be current, and that would be 3½% increase as of July 1, 1976 and 4% increase as of Jan. 1, 1977. Compounded it is 18.1% increase over 3 year life of the contract.

Some of the other items of interest and significance, I should say in the contract is (1) there has been a productivity gain I believe to this contract and that is that the Public Health Nurses who were working 32½ hours a week will now be working a 35-hour week, as do the school nurses. The Smith House nurses work a 40-hour week; for this additional time they will be working they will get a \$300 pay increase, but because that does not correspond to what their hourly wage would be over this period it represents a saving to this City. The car allowance for the nurses is in conformity with the new city policy on car allowance which would be \$3/day and no gasoline. Also nurses can now buy two years of military service for the time invested. This is in keeping with the MEA contract and a \$4,000 insurance (life) policy will be theirs at retirement as opposed to the \$1,000 contract they now have. These are highlights of the contract. I would be happy to answer any questions if I can that anybody has.

MR. HOFFMAN: The only objection I have to this I think would be again the fact that this contract came to the Personnel Committee at a very, very late date and I really question whether or not Mr. Barrett has to continue this kind of an action. I really believe that a contract of any kind should come to us more than just a couple of days before the deadline so Board members would have a chance to go over it. While I'm not really uptight about anything that they're offering the nurses here, don't misunderstand me. I do object to the fact that this contract is jammed down our throats and one of the new Board members said to me tonight, gee this thing is coming down our throats, and I said this hasn't changed a bit over the 3 years that I've been on the Board because every labor contract that we've ever had, that we're asked to approve, has been jammed down. It comes to us one day; the next day you've got to vote on it and if we don't vote on it, if we don't act on it, it's going to be accepted anyway. I believe that Mr. Barrett ought to receive a mandate from this Board saying that this is a bunch of utter nonsense and this sort of policy should be brought to a screeching halt and we ought to be given a little more time and consideration in looking at this, whether it's a teachers' contract, a nurses' contract, what have you. Thank you very much.

MR. HAYS: I want to echo all the words that Mr. Hoffman stated rather straightforwardly, and add to that, I think Mr. Barrett must realize he's spending the money of the people whom we represent and I think he would be well-disposed to give us an ear and I would like to invite him a good period of time prior to our next negotiations to our interested committees in Fiscal, Personnel, and the committee that would be in the area of the particular contract that was coming, but we cannot continue to have these contracts given to us a week before the deadlines. I think it is absurd.

MR. SIGNORE: I am in favor of the Nurses' contract, but I have to agree with Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Hays as to items that are brought to the Board at the last minute with guns held to our heads. I mean I'll vote for this contract. There's no doubt about that, but not too long ago we had a Community Development item that was jammed down our throats at the last minute. It's not this last minute action is not just relative to Mr. Barrett, but there are other items; very important items that come to this Board that it seems have to be done immediately, otherwise we lose out. I think this is wrong and I think there should be something done about it.

MR. RAVALLESE: I'm going to vote against it in protest. They've been black-mailing us for years. Last minute they throw it to us and then we have to hold on.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to say that I do agree with Mr. Hoffman and the succeeding remarks, and yes, it is very upsetting to get a contract right a few days before our meeting. I will, on behalf of personnel...and just to go back a while, the Personnel Committee itself has raised these objections several times in committee. It upsets us and this is the last contract of this round, so to speak, and in January the new contracts will be negotiating and I think we will have an entirely different tack in relations to this. However, in defense of Mr. Barrett, I would like to say that a contract is a two-way street. He alone does not determine when an agreement will be reached, so that I really don't think we ought to indict him, so to speak, for shoving this down our throat, I mean agreement just can't be reached 4 days before a Board of Reps meeting; and then what do you do. Do you want the contract ratified so you present it to the Board, but I do think the suggestions made tonight were worthwhile and I think that we'll have Personnel send a letter to that effect to Mr. Barrett.

MR. SANDOR: I would like to agree with Mr. Hoffman and the other speakers now. I believe that these contracts should also be published in the papers so my constituents can tell me whether to vote for or against. I've been on the Board for quite a few terms and these contracts come up at the last minute where the people who are going to pay the bill have no input whatsoever. It's all jammed down our throat and therefore, although I'm in favor of the contract, I'm to vote no just simply because the people, my constituents, haven't had a chance to review it and have some input.

MRS. SANTY: I MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED

MR. MILLER: We'll vote on the main motion, the contract. We have a request for a DIVISION. We'll take a Division, using the machine. The MOTION is CARRIED; there are 27 YES votes; 3 NO votes; 4 Abstentions.

UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES:

- (1) THE MATTER OF THE NURSES' CONTRACT - July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1977. As details described by Mrs. Goldstein on preceding page.

MOTION APPROVED 27 YES; 3 NO; 4 ABSTENTIONS. (The NO votes were: Mildred Perillo, George Ravallese, George Sandor. The ABSTENTIONS were: Ralph Loomis, Joseph DeRose, Peter Walsh and Audrey Cosentini.

MR. HOFFMAN: As an ex-member of the Personnel Committee, Mrs. Goldstein, we also asked Mr. Barrett for the same things, the type of consideration and really got nowhere. But as it turned out, we asked them for a lot less time than you're going to, therefore I would just say that maybe we ought to consider it as coming from the entire Board. To incorporate some of Mr. Sandor's idea whereby the people who are actually footing the bill, the taxpayers, that they should know something about what we are having to accept. It's not whether we want to or not, we are forced into accepting it.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter - No report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo - No report.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Matthew Rose

MR. ROSE: Yes, could I ask for Suspension of the Rules to give a progress report on the Citizens of Waterside group?

MR. MILLER: You can give a report without doing that.

MR. ROSE: On last week, Tuesday, we met with the Citizens of Waterside group, the Public Works Commissioner Mr. Rotondo and Mr. Sabia. We went over some of the complaints they had concerning the contractor who broke the window in one store, who knocked down some fences and didn't come back to repair them, a few other things they had in mind such as they looked at the water that's running off the railroad from Orchard St.; also they promised us they would do something about this matter, so I'm very happy they at least got down there to see exactly what the complaints were about, and what needed to be done.

MR. HOFFMAN: I'm sorry to be a pest this evening. However, I have a problem I'd like to ask Mr. Rose to help on. We have a situation where a road is being neglected by a landlord and there are a great many people who use it. It is an accessway that is more or less open to the public, so it's not just a private road. We cannot get the City to fix it and we cannot get the landlord to do anything about it. What in the world can we, or this Board do? Is there any suggestion as to how in the world we can get these problems solved?

MR. MILLER: Well, the Chair would suggest that Mr. Hoffman perhaps put this in writing and present it to the Steering Committee.

MR. HOFFMAN: Fine, Mr. President; thank you.

MRS. SANTY: A Point of Order question. Mr. Rose, was that a Health and Protection Committee report, or as a Rep from your district?

MR. ROSE: No, it's not a Health and Protection Committee report, but on the last meeting, we had this in our committee and it's still in our committee. Last week I asked the Commissioner and Mr. Sabia to come down and look at this place firsthand. I was there to go over the things that they were complaining about.

MRS. RITCHIE: I also am seeking Mr. Rose's assistance again. I'm sorry to say but the pigeons are a nuisance in the 10th district and the surrounding area. I have had constituents calling me and today on the radio I heard some more complaints. Now where do we go from here? I've asked to see a petition. I told them to go to the Police Department. I asked them to speak to the lady, but we are not arriving at any solution and the people are just being disturbed with their houses being dirtied and it is a health problem at this point, can somebody help us?

MR. MILLER: I should say the same thing that perhaps this should be put in writing and given to the Steering Committee. I know that doesn't help you with the immediate problem.

MR. FOX: Just to try to briefly answer that question. I today received a petition from Mr. Baer who asked that the L&R Committee again look into that question. At the next Steering Committee meeting, that will be placed in our committee and we will look into it again.

MR. ROSE: That's the end of my report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Vere Wiesley - No report.

SEWER COMMITTEE - Thomas D'Agostino

(1) THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT FROM MR. FERRO of 25 Fenway Street.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: The Sewer Committee had a meeting July 26th and had people from Fenway St. and two other streets that have sewerage problems. They sent out a letter. These people on Fenway are requesting that if they have any complaints to put them in writing and they will go over it with them and see what they can resolve at this point.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston

(1) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY - Mrs. Nancy McAfee, Chairman, MITAC.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Yes, the Housing and Relocation meeting met Thursday, July 29th, and we had a quorum, but there is no report because we are going to seek additional information.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, the Chair would simply observe that the Chair did receive a phone call on Friday from Mrs. McAfee and she was interested in knowing what the committee was doing so the MITAC group is very concerned.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - L. Morris Glucksman

(1) COMMUNICATION FROM PETER FERRARIS, CHAIRMAN, ZONING BOARD, RE HOUSING IN S.E. QUADRANT OF URBAN RENEWAL AREA sent to L. Morris Glucksman.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: The Urban Renewal Committee has no report on the matter on this Agenda. It will be taken up next month.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Lynn M. Lowden

(1) PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS to dredge the East Branch of Stamford Harbor. Submitted by Rep. J. DeRose.

DR. LOWDEN: Our Committee met last Monday night to consider a resolution urging the Connecticut DEP to approve the dredging of the East Branch of Stamford Harbor. Present were 4 of the 5 members, and also attending were 2 representatives of the Conservationists of Stamford, Mr. Dennis White, Pres. of the group which consists of some 300 families, and Mrs. Joan Jobson, past Pres. of the organization.

DR. LOWDEN (continuing)... It was pretty clear from their presentation that there is considerable concern among conservation-minded citizens within the City itself with regard not to the dredging itself, but to the proposed dumping site, namely, elsewhere in Long Island Sound. After listening to their presentation, we voted those members remaining to vote, voted unanimously 3-0 to hold the resolution pending further details from representatives of the various sides of the issue, since we felt that the ultimate resolution should address itself in some satisfactory manner to the dumping site question. We plan to hear from others during the month and might propose to revise the resolution at our next meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick

(1) The matter of the voting machine alterations.

MR. RYBNICK: No report.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Linda D. Clark

MRS. CLARK: The Committee has not met as a committee. What we have been doing is going out to on-the-site visits. We've been up to Viewpoint on Richmond Hill and it's quite an education to go up there and see the type of program and the goals they have. We've met the entire staff of the Alcohol and Recovery Unit here in Stamford. We were to meet at Drug Liberation but being there has been quite a change in personnel due to internal problems, we've held off. We'll be meeting over at Drug Liberation, from what I understand as of today, in about two weeks and then we will hold a meeting because we have a couple possible resolutions coming before us.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Christine Nizolek

MISS NIZOLEK: Essentially I have no report, but our liaison committee observed a meeting of the Charter Revision Commission meeting held last Monday, July 26th, and I'm happy to report that all our members were in attendance. The Charter Revision Commission has invited us to attend their weekly meetings and we fully intend to have all of our members attend each of their meetings. We're now in the process of exchanging charter revision data so that both the Committee and the Commission are fully informed at all times. The charter revision work promises meetings and hearings into the night and we shall try to keep abreast of all occurrences, either through discussions or the written word, and I have the good fortune of having a very excellent committee. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: The Chair would like to call to the members' attention the communication which is on your desk from the President that the Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission, Mr. Mackler, invited me and the other Board members to appear before the Commission and I am appearing on August 9th to give my personal views on charter revision. And I just want to remind you that if you do wish to appear in person before the Commission, this is the time to do it, so you do have the opportunity each and every one of you, and they are interested in having input from people who have extensive experience with the charter and I think many people on this Board have had as much experience with the charter as anybody else in the City, so this is your opportunity.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None.

PETITIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS:

MR. SIGNORE: I have a proposed ordinance supplemental concerning appointed and/or elected persons being employed by the City of Stamford, as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING APPOINTED AND/OR ELECTED PERSONS BEING EMPLOYED
BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND/OR ANY AUTONOMOUS AND/OR POLI-
TICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. That no person who has held, or is holding, an elective or ~~apointive~~ post in the City of Stamford and/or any municipal autonomous body, and/or any political subdivision of the City, State or Federal Government, shall, for a period of two years after terminating such position, be eligible for any salaried or otherwise compensated position, including an independent contractor as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.
2. Any person who has held a salaried or otherwise compensated position, or was an independent contractor as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, shall not be eligible for a period of two years after termination of such relationship, to be appointed or elected to a position related, directly or indirectly, to the capacity in which he or she served as a compensated employee or independent contractor.
3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

This was submitted by myself and Mrs. Jeanne-Lois Santy.

MR. MILLER: The Chair would suggest that you give that to the Administrative Assistant and arrange for it to be put on the Agenda for the Steering Committee.

MR. HAYS: Mr. D'Agostino had to rush to another meeting and asked that I present this resolution in recognition of one of Stamford's civic-minded citizens.

SENSE-OF-THE BOARD RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford hereby congratulates ANN STAMATIN of Old Colony Road, Stamford, Connecticut, for the work that she has done in The Miss Softball America League, Minor, Major, and Senior League Divisions.

WHEREAS, this has given over five hundred girls the opportunity to play baseball on a regular, team basis; and

WHEREAS, these girls have participated in a program of physical fitness, fair play, and good sportsmanship, and community spirit; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ANN STAMATIN has the gratitude of the community for this public-spirited effort in which she is engaged.

MR. MILLER: SECONDED. WE'll vote on this resolution for Miss Stamatina presented by City Rep. Thomas D'Agostino. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Anything further on Petitions, or Resolutions?

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

MRS. SANTY: I, too, have a resolution for Mr. Signore and myself:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL

MANDATING AN ANNUAL SPRING PICK-UP OF HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS
AND AN ANNUAL FALL PICK-UP OF YARD AND GARDEN DEBRIS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. There shall be a city-wide annual pick-up of household materials discarded by City residents in the Spring, between March 15th and June 15th of each year.
 2. There shall be a city-wide annual pick-up of yard and garden debris of city residents in the Fall, between September 15th and November 15th of each year.
 3. Funds for these two annual pick-ups shall be appropriated by the Mayor, the Finance Board, and the Board of Representatives in the annual operating budgets, or by addition thereto.
 4. The work shall be performed by the Department of Public Works, or any properly-qualified agent approved in advance by the Board of Representatives.
 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, and the first pick-up shall be in the Fall of 1976.
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MR. MILLER: Would you please give this to Mrs. McEvoy and she'll put it on the Agenda for the Steering Committee. I think we can go on, and Mr. Zimble have read that letter and can bring it up again if you wish.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS

MR. ZIMBLER: I'm bringing it up, Mr. President. This is a situation that's in existence right now and must be acted upon with all due haste. Therefore, if it were possible to, in the interest of time, assign this to a Committee to immediately look into it because this is something that bears immediate investigation. The Toilsome Brook matter and the illegal (alleged) fill on the Genovese Property require immediate action.

MR. MILLER: Well, you have to SUSPEND THE RULES and then we would have to vote on Suspension of the Rules; and then we would have to vote on whether or not to give it to a particular committee. It would be by-passing the Steering Committee but it can be done, but then the Steering Committee would have to consider whether or not to put it on the Agenda for the September meeting.

MR. ZIMBLER: I'd like to MOVE for a Suspension of the Rules so that this matter may be brought before the Board.

MR. MILLER: Moved and Seconded by many. The MOTION IS CARRIED.

MR. ZIMBLER: At this time I'd like to MOVE for a Suspension of the Rules to immediately assign this matter to the proper committee for investigation.

MR. MILLER: Well, we've already Suspended the Rules. You make a Motion to give it to a particular committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS (continued)

MR. ZIMBLER: I'd like to make a Motion to assign this matter to the Public Works Committee and the Sewer Committee for proper investigation.

MR. MILLER: Is there a Second to that Motion? Why don't we recapitulate Mr. Zimble. I'm not sure that everybody understands what the matter is, so I don't think you have to read the entire letter, but perhaps summarize.

MR. ZIMBLER: Yes, in brief summary, this concerns the fill that has been deposited in the Genovese Property on Dannell Drive. The concern particularly with the ownership of the fill. In other words, is it owned by the City, is it owned by the contractor, etc.?
(End of Tape #3)

MR. MILLER: Right, I want to make it very clear to this group that we would be doing with this item would be assigning it to two committees, but the Steering Committee would still have to consider whether or not to put this item on the Agenda for action by the Board at the September meeting, and I also want to make it very clear that these committees would have only the general investigative power that a committee of this Board has. The committees don't have any subpoena power and they don't have the power to spend money on an investigation, but we can vote now on Mr. Zimble's motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to call to the attention of the committee that this is an urgent matter. They already know, however, this week's negotiations are supposed to go on between City and Mr. Genovese as to who owns the fill, so it's really very important that work on this begins immediately. Now, Mr. Zimble read the letter to the Board and attached to the letter and very significant was a list of dates and the activity that transpired in relation to the accumulation of this fill and the storing of this fill. By the way, just an interesting side, it is against our zoning laws to store fill in this residential area, or store anything of that nature, so if anybody is interested in these particular dates, I would be very happy to show that person, or those people, the communication that Mrs. Filardo sent to Mr. Zimble and myself; and I will hand it over to Mr. Perillo so he can use it for his committee. The other thing and I feel this is very, very significant. Over the weekend an invitation was given to everyone in the City, especially directed to the members of the Board of Reps, to look, to go over and visit the area and see what is happening there. I cannot emphasize the importance of that because you can't believe it until you see it. It is truly something that every taxpayer should behold. Thank you.

MR. DIXON: I can readily see that this is a very serious problem over there, but it seems to me that the resolution of that problem would also bring about another resolution to another existing problem in the City now. It's my understanding that the City has proposed to use that fill for the hole on Ferris Avenue. Now it also appears to me at this point that any delay in reaching a decision as to the ownership of the fill might possibly cause a delay in filling the hole, and I don't think this would be fair to the people who've waited so long to get that problem solved. I think whatever happens with regards to fill where it exists, I don't think that should in any way cause any trouble or delay in filling the Ferris Avenue hole, so while we're thinking seriously of solving that problem there, then let's not lose sight of the fact that the danger still exists on Avenue and that some remedy, an alternative remedy should be looked into immediately to solve that problem. Thank you.

MR. LOBOZZA: Right in answer to Mr. Dixon, the hole has been there for quite a while and I think it's imperative that we find out just what the problem is with this fill. I can't see the City giving something away, then have to pay for it six months later to get it back.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: IN relation to filling up the hole on Ferris Avenue, the fill for Ferris Avenue would take 20,000 cu. yds. of material. Well, the estimate could vary, but it seems that there are between 50,000 and 75,000 cu. yds. of material we're discussing right now. Right now because no agreement has been reached between both parties, the Ferris Avenue hole is being filled by the fill. I hate to keep repeating that word but I don't know how else to categorize it. It's being filled by the fill taken out of the excavation that is currently being dug, so to speak....(laughter)...what is really important in the whole thing is that none of the fill on the property is being touched right now to fill Ferris Avenue. Instead stuff that is being dug out now is being trucked over by Mr. Rondano to Ferris Avenue starting today. That does not help us in relation to the fill on the property, of course, it will help Ferris Avenue get filled but I would like to see it get filled by the stuff that's sitting on Mr. Genovese's property now.

MR. FLANAGAN: I, for one, hope that we don't get hung up on two different things. Mr. Dixon, I sympathize with your problem. I supported you on it in that I would like to see that matter corrected in your district, as I'm sure you would support it if it were in mind, but in this particular instance, I think we've got to hold down our ball game. I think that regardless of what happened to this fill, whether it goes into Ferris Avenue, whether it finds its way down there or not is incidental at this particular point. I would hope that this would happen, but let's not lose sight of the fact that we've got a tremendous problem. It's a tremendous drainage problem for people that live for miles in that area because of the flooding that occurs every time there's a little bit of a rainstorm. The water runs into their back yards and into their homes, etc., so let's support this issue on the basis of correcting one problem in this particular area up there, Mr. Dixon, and if possible, let's hope it'll help you too. You know that would be a side benefit but my goodness, let's just get the doggone fill out of there to begin with. Thank you very much.

MR. ZIMBLER: I think that just about everything that has to be said on this subject has been said, and I would just like again to say to you, Mr. Dixon, that I'm with you 100%. You've got a hole and I've got stuff to fill your hole, so let's get together for goodness sake...(laughter).

MRS. PERILLO: It was my hand that was up, not my husband's. As of early this afternoon, the fill was taken over to Ferris Avenue to fill that hole as of early this afternoon, no, maybe later. I don't know. You know I could repeat so much of what has already been said. Is this necessary to go to Stzering to put off til next month? So many important decisions have got to be made to find out who owns this fill, to correct...can't we give them the power to start now?

MR. MILLER: Well, that's what we're going to do if we vote for Mrs. Goldstein and Mr. Zimble's proposal. They're both Representatives from the district involved and Mr. Zimble read the letter and made the Motion to give this immediately to the two committees to Public Works and to Sewer Committees, so if we vote for it, we would be giving it to both committees immediately.

MRS. PERILLO: I think we should take a vote. Move the Question.

MR. SIGNORE: I MOVE THE QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: SECONDED. We'll vote on the Motion to Move the Question. CARRIED.
Now we'll vote on Mr. Zimmler's Motion. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. MILLER: The Chair has a brief announcement. An announcement was made in the Democratic Caucus Room this evening. Of course, the Republican Caucus was not present at the announcement when the announcement was made, there were suggestions that perhaps the decision should be reconsidered; and the Chair must report that we do have the Majority Leader, Mr. DeRose, resigning, not from the Board, but from the position of Majority Leader.

The Chair would like to say that he feels that Mr. DeRose has been a very competent and conscientious and capable Majority Leader, but he has chosen to step down as Majority Leader.

MR. SIGNORE: I, too, wish to say that Mr. DeRose is a very competent individual. I enjoyed working with him. I found it a pleasure and I'm very, very sorry to see him step down from Majority Leader of the Democratic Party. Thank you.

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, you failed to mention the fact that my reason for resigning as Majority Leader was for personal reasons, and I won't belabor this issue, but I just want to say a word, too. I, first of all, would like to thank all of the Democrats on this Board for the support they have given me during my tenure as Majority Leader. I do, however, have one regret at this point in time and that is that this decision has to come at a time when the Democrats just received a new party chairman and I think Mr. Tim Curtin is a very able and competent individual and had I the time, I would have loved to stay on in this capacity. However, unfortunately, I just can't, for personal reasons, and I want to assure the Democrats on this Board, as well as Mr. Curtin, that I will do everything in my power to work with the Democrats and render any support that I might be able to give them; and last, but not least, I would like to thank our Co-Minority Leaders, Mr. Signore and Mrs. Cosentini and the rest of our Republicans for their understanding and the courtesy that they have shown me while I've served in this capacity. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. The Chair would simply announce that the Chair expects that at the next Democratic Caucus on September 13th, that Mr. Curtin, the new Chairman of the Party, will preside at the election of the new Majority Leader and the Chair would at this time also like to say that the President had a good working relationship with the past Chairman of the Democratic Party, Mr., now Judge Landau, and I think I can express on behalf of the entire Board, the Board's best wishes to Judge Landau in his new career on the bench. And of course this evening the Democratic Caucus had its first opportunity to welcome Timothy Curtin as the new Chairman of the Democratic Party, and I expect we'll have a wonderful relationship with Mr. Curtin also.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Signore MOVED for ADJOURNMENT, at 11:50 P.M.

APPROVED:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.

Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President
14th Board of Representatives

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