

MINUTES OF MONDAY. APRIL 2, 1979 REGULAR MEETING

THE 15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, April 2, 1979, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 P.M. by the President, John Wayne Fox, after both parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: The Rev. Robert W. Perry of the Union Baptist Church was unable to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by the President of the Board.

ROLL CALL: CLERK Diane Raymond called the Roll. There were 32 present and 8 absent at first Call. Mr. Markiewicz and Mrs. Parker came in shortly. The final attendance was 34 PRESENT and 6 ABSENT. The absent members were: Reps. Darer, Ventura, Baxter, Hays, A. Perillo, M. Perillo. (Mr. Darer, Mr. Hays and Mr. Ventura were out-of-town said Mr. Sherer. The other three were ill.)

The CHAIR declared a QUORUM.

PAGES: GREG PATAKY, 8th grader at Burdick Junior High.
SAM BOCCUZZI, 8th grader at Burdick Junior High.

MR. FOX: I would like to point out that we have on our agenda this evening a resolution to honor GREG PATAKY, who is the thirteen-year-old student at Burdick who was instrumental in saving the life of an elderly woman on Seaside Avenue while he was in the process of delivering his papers. We are very pleased to have him here tonight.

I would also make note of the fact that April 15th marks the 30th anniversary of the first meeting of the Stamford Board of Representatives, and David Blum is working with others to have a formal recognition of that occasion later on in the month.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: Found to be in good working order.

MR. MORGAN said he was pleased to note that there is a new sign board up next to the YES and NO lights on the voting machine, but he notes that his name is misspelled. His middle initial is "G" not "C". He doesn't know if there are any others.

MR. RYBNICK said it is a very pleasant board to read and he thanks the individual responsible for having it made up.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. MORGAN MOVED to WAIVE the reading of the STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT.
 SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The STEERING COMMITTEE met in the Democratic Caucus Room on Monday, March 19, 1979. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Chairman Wayne Fox.

PRESENT AT STEERING COMMITTEE (10):

Wayne Fox, Chairman	David Blum
Diane Raymond	A. Perillo
Handy Dixon	Lathon Wider
Sandra Goldstein	Donald Sherer
John Zelinski	Mildred Ritchie

(2 vacancies)

ABSENT FROM STEERING (6):

Michael Morgan
John Schlechtweg
Michael Feighan
John Boccuzzi
George Hays
Ralph Loomis

OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

Everett Pollard	Media
Fiorenzio Corbo	5 unidentified
James Lobozza	ladies
Judy Chasek	

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were Louis J. Casale for Sewer Commission; Neil Klein and Donald DelMazzio for Commission on Aging; Kim Danziger for Building Board of Appeals; Yvonne Winn for Human Rights Commission; Anne Boden and Louis Levine for Environmental Protection Board; and Leo Belsito for Stamford Golf Authority. ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE for next month were Effie Massie for Commission on Aging; Harriet Sherman and John Wiltrakis for Human Rights Commission; Charles Festo for Southwestern Regional Planning Agency; and Kenneth Sunblad for Stamford Golf Authority.

(2) FISCAL MATTERS:

The 21 Fiscal items appearing on the Tentative Agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

(3) LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were (a) heating facility inspection ordinance; (b) waiver of building permit fee for Ferguson Library; (c) ordinance restricting through truck traffic on certain streets; (d) tax abatement for Nature Conservancy; (e) Martin Luther King birthday as holiday ordinance; (f) Amend Rules of Order of Board re advancement of important items on agenda; (g) tax exemption for Long Ridge Fire Dept., new station on High Ridge Road property; (h) pension request from Registrars of Voters; (i) resolution re town aid for road paving from State DOT, annual application. ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE were (i) matter of gasoline for Board members on Government business; (ii) Rep. Zelinski's suggestion to impose non-resident payroll taxes; homestead property tax reduction for certain homeowners and elderly; restricting heavy equipment of construction companies from use of certain City streets.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)(3) LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (continued)

ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA were (A) proposed ordinance amendment re fall and spring pick-up of leaves, yard debris, household debris, and possible burning; (B) proposed ordinance re weapons-discharge of firearms prohibited; (c) request for civil service status for Aging Commission.

(4) PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Two items were added and ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE (a) re school nurses and supervisor's job and director's job; (b) Housing Authority civil service status.

(5) PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

The first ten items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. The resolution re Winsted St. and Outlook St. was moved to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA was the request for regulations restricting conversion of rental units into condominiums and/or cooperatives to curtail displacement of elderly and long-time residents.

(6) PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA were (a) Widening of West Hill Rd.-Dancy Drive; (b) the matter of Liberty Place.

(7) HEALTH AND PROTECTION MATTERS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the matter of Winsted Street, Hawk Transportation.

(8) PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were (a) Al Koproski's request to hang banner re POLISH HERITAGE WEEK; and (b) Parade, Fair and banner for the annual event of the Springdale Fire Department.

(9) EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT MATTERS:

ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE was the matter of conditions at Burdick School.

(10) SEWER MATTERS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were (a) Rippowam Interceptor, Back-fill problem; (b) Crystal and Main St. sanitary sewer problems; (c) report on Sanitary Sewer Project #17-2, Three Lakes Drive; (d) report requested on sewer portion problem on West Ave.-Outlook Drive. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA was progress report on Newfield Ave. Sewer Project.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)(11) URBAN RENEWAL MATTERS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the proposed resolution to sell Parcels 24 and 25 to St. John's Roman Catholic Church -- from Urban Renewal Commission.

(12) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MATTERS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was proposed ordinance re flood encroachment lines along Mianus River between Mianus River Road north to June Road.

(13) RESOLUTIONS:

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were (a) commending Greg Pataky for good deed; (b) commending Rev. DuBois for service to community; (c) commending Rippowam Swim Team winning honors.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon MOTION MADE, SECONDED, and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

JOHN WAYNE FOX, Chairman
Steering Committee

HMM:MS

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON: The Appointments Committee had a meeting scheduled for March 29th. Unfortunately, we did not have a quorum for that meeting, and we, therefore, have no report to make tonight.

The eight prospective appointees were HELD IN COMMITTEE for next month.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to remind everyone here tonight that this Wednesday, April 4th, we will be holding a joint public hearing on the Operating and Capital Projects Budgets for fiscal 1979/1980. This will be a joint public hearing of the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives at 7:00 P.M. at Cloonan School. I hope everyone can attend.

The Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, March 27th. Present were Reps. Rybnick, Ritchie, Livingston, Hawe, Esposito, Hays, Flounders, Zelinski, and Goldstein. Non-committee members present were Reps. Summerville, MacInnis, Parker, Maihock, Markiewicz and Guglielmo.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing)....This evening we have \$502,529.00 in additional operating appropriation requests. \$90,792.00 are grants and will have no effect on the tax rate. Fiscal voted to hold \$6,000.00 and to reject \$8,000.00. If we pass all the items on tonight's agenda, there will be a Contingency Fund Balance of \$392,582.00.

The following items are MOVED to the CONSENT AGENDA: Fiscal Items #1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17. In each case where a secondary committee was involved, that committee concurred in putting the item on the Consent Agenda. Where there was no secondary committee report, the proper Motions were made to Suspend the Rules, and they were Seconded and Carried. (Personnel and Public Works Committees did not have quorums and therefore the proper motions were made to waive.)

- (3) \$ 700.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 551.1220 CAR ALLOWANCE - HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT - per Mayor's request 2/27/79. For two MEA employees per contract. Funding by TITLE II - ANTI-RECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. DeLUCA said he hoped that when we start reviewing budgets this year, we do not make superficial cuts just to make the budget or tax structure look good on July 1st and later on, the departments have to come back for restoration of those cuts.

MR. FOX called for a vote and item #3 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (voice vote)

- (5) \$ 12,142.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 561.1110 SALARIES - HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is funded by a Health and Welfare Services grant. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE had no report.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion made to Waive the secondary committee's report which had been SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX asked the Clerk to Call the Roll for Attendance. He said last count there were 22 people on the floor, and a minimum of 21 is needed to approve additional appropriations. If people are getting up and going out of the room, we have to be sure that when we vote, we have a sufficient number of people voting. So Call the Roll and we can determine if there are 21 on the floor now.

There are 30 present and 10 absent.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL TAKEN AT 9:02 P.M. (30 present; 10 absent):

PRESENT (30)

Audrey Maihock	Jeanne-Lois Santy	David Blum	:	ABSENT (10)
Handy Dixon	Mildred Ritchie	John Zelinski	:	Stanley Darer
Richard Ferrara	Michael Feighan	Sal Fiordelisi	:	Raymond Bernier
Marie Hawe	Diane Raymond	John Boccuzzi	:	Charles Tiani
Sandra Goldstein	Adelaide Schlechtweg	Dom Guglielmo	:	Alfred Perillo
Robert DeLuca	Lathon Wider	Anne Summerville	:	Lorraine Parker
Donald Sherer	Gerald Rybnick	Paul Esposito	:	George Hays
Fiorenzo Corbo	Barbara McInerney	Wm. MacInnis	:	Henry Markiewicz *
Everett Pollard	Michael Morgan	Burtis Flounders	:	Joseph Ventura
Ralph Loomis	Jeremiah Livingston	John Wayne Fox	:	George Baxter
			:	Mildred Perillo

*(Mr. Markiewicz returned shortly after Roll Call completed.)

MR. GUGLIELMO asked what the purpose of that Roll Call was, given the fact that members can say they are present and immediately walk off the floor.

MR. FOX said that creates some very practical difficulties. However, we now have thirty people present for purposes of voting. He called for a vote on Fiscal #5, and the MOTION CARRIED with 1 NO vote (Robert DeLuca), the rest being YES votes (voice vote).

- (6) \$ 24,570.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - W.I.C. PROGRAM - Code 572. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79. Fully-reimbursable grant.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is an additional appropriation to cover an amended budget for the W.I.C. Program. It will have no effect on the mill rate as it is a State grant. Fiscal voted 7 in favor, with one abstention, and she MOVES for its approval. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said Health & Protection had a quorum on Wednesday and voted 3-0 in favor.

MRS. HAWE said while this is a grant, she thinks it is unnecessarily building more bureaucracy where it's not needed and she is voting against it.

MR. FOX said MR. MARKIEWICZ is now present, and his vote is changed on the machine from NO to YES. The MOTION is APPROVED with 23 YES, 8 No votes, and 2 Abstentions.

- (7) \$ 6,000.00 - SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER - Code 742.2720 - For lighting, fuel and other expenses generated by expansion of services. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Item #7 is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (8) \$ 20,000.00 - YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU - Code 792.7555 YSB State - Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is an additional appropriation to cover the State-funded portion of the Youth Service Bureau Budget. It will not affect the mill rate. Fiscal voted 7 in favor and 1 against, and she moved for APPROVAL. SECONDED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLUM said Health and Protection concurred.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Fiscal #8. The MOTION was APPROVED with 28 YES, 4 NO, 1 Abstention.

(14) \$360,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - LANDFILL AND REFUSE REMOVAL - CONTRACT HAULAWAY - Code 351.5520. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to cover cost of haulaway for the remainder of the fiscal year. A total of \$1,434,034.00 has been appropriated to date. With expenses running at an average of \$130,000.00 per month, this money should cover the remainder of the year unless we have some additional catastrophe. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and she MOVES for approval. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said Public Works did not have a report, so he called for a vote on the MOTION to waive the report of the secondary committee, which was SECONDED, and CARRIED by a machine vote of 26 YES, 6 NO, and 1 Abstention.

MR. WIDER said he would like to offer an amendment to discontinue the charges for dumping at the landfill site on Magee Avenue, as he has had so very many complaints about those charges.

MR. FOX said this would not be an appropriate amendment with respect to the item under consideration now, which is fiscal. He would have to rule that that particular motion really calls for an amendment to an existing ordinance and would be a Legislative and Rules matter.

MR. WIDER MOVED to RETURN TO COMMITTEE Fiscal #14 for \$360,000.00 for haulaway. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion to Return to Committee. DENIED by a vote of 24 NO, 7 YES, 2 Abstentions. (Mr. Corbo had reversed his vote)

MR. BLUM said \$1,434,034.00 has already gone down the drain, and now this additional \$360,000.00 on top of that, which is close to \$2 Million. And this is not the last time Public Works will be coming for money. There is no end to this particular line. There is still money left in the Contingency Fund and the Public Works Department is a great place to wipe out that \$392,582.00 Contingency Fund balance. We talk about saving money for the taxpayers. Let us knock this request down, put it back into committee, and get the Public Works Department to give us an IN-HOUSE PROGRAM.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he serves on Fiscal Committee and voted yes on this item. He pointed out to the Committee that they spent approximately 4 minutes discussing a \$75.00 item, and it was an almost automatic thing to spend this \$360,000.00. He has no doubt that the Public Works Department is not giving them a fair shake. He will not continue to support this sludge removal haulaway program month after month. He will abstain. He would like this returned to committee. There have to be some different answers, more positive answers than they have been getting.

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX called for a vote on Fiscal #14, \$360,000.00 for Public Works haulaway. MOTION CARRIED with 27 YES; 6 NO; 1 Abstention.

- (15) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF VARIOUS PARCELS OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

HELD IN COMMITTEE 4/2/79.

- (16) \$ 7,318.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - M.A.A. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS MERIT INCREASES. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.
For six Public Works administrators.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is for M.A.A. merit increases in the Public Works Department for six individuals who were left out of the original plan that was submitted to the Board several months ago. These evaluations were misplaced within the Public Works Department and that's why they are being included as a separate item tonight. Fiscal voted 8 -0 in favor and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel has no report but he MOVED to waive it. Seconded.

MR. FOX called for vote on Waiving secondary committee report. CARRIED.

MR. BERNIER said he voted against this last time. He believes the concept of a merit increase is warranted; however, as he pointed out last time, it is interesting to note that it is always the top men in the department that get the 8% and 9% increases. It is the same thing here, excepting Mr. Black who is not the highest man in the department, is also rated at 9%. The concept is good but he does not believe we still have a clean "hands off" merit review system and on that basis he will vote NO.

MR. DeLUCA said they keep telling us politics doesn't enter into the merit regulations, but once again it is strange that the top man gets 9% and his proteges also get 9%. You look in-between, at the hardworkers, they only get 6% which is below the guidelines set by the President. A more equitable way would have been just to have averaged it out at 7%. It's hard to believe politics doesn't enter into the picture, especially when the man at the bottom is his protege that he's been building up. Like Mr. Bernier, Mr. DeLuca will vote against this.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion. APPROVED with 26 YES, 8 No votes.

- (18) \$15,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 341.2730 - WATER - WASTE TREATMENT COMPLEX. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to cover cost of water needed for flushing and cooling of the main pumps. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE does not have a report. It was MOVED and SECONDED to waive this report. MOTION CARRIED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLUM said he'd like to speak to #18 and #19 together because they are one and the same thing. When the whole Waste Treatment Plant Complex was being "sold" to the Board originally, they assured us water would be re-cycled and would be pure enough to drink. Instead of paying for water to clean and flush the drain, could not some extra plumbing have been installed to re-cycle the water and use that instead to flush the Incinerator tanks.

MR. POLLARD said Mr. Blum's point is totally valid and he asks if Fiscal took it upon themselves to determine what might or might not have prevented that waste water from being recycled.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said cuts were made at budget-time anticipating re-cycling but now restoration of these cuts is requested because they are not yet near installing the kind of equipment needed to make this recycling feasible.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Item #18, and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote).

(19) \$15,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 343.2730 - WATER - INCINERATOR.
Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is identical to item #18 except that this money is used for the same purposes in the Sanitary Sewer. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote to Waive report from secondary committee, Public Works. Seconded. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion, \$15,000, Fiscal #19, and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote).

(20) \$ 8,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 320.2220 - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - BUILDING ALTERATIONS. Board of Finance approved 3/8/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to cover alterations still pending in some of the municipal buildings. Fiscal voted 4 against approving this appropriation, 3 in favor, and 1 Abstention, and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote to Waive report of secondary committee. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she understood the other evening that this particular item was to do work on the shooting ranges that had been dismantled due to OSHA violation. This is very important in the training of our police officers and Mrs. Maihock cannot see how we could possibly deny this.

MR. WIDER said he feels this is not only for Police Headquarters alterations but includes other City buildings that need repairs and alterations.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked if there were figures submitted as to what the alterations at the Police Department would total.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said they don't have figures specifically on what projects this appropriation would cover, which is part of the reason that Fiscal opposed it. Another reason was that Fiscal felt the Department could live on what it has until the end of June and anything else it needs can be gotten through a transfer. They really try to deal with true emergencies and there is money for the Police Department under the Capital Project funds we passed about two months ago.

MR. FOX called for a vote, reminding the members the Committee report was a negative one. MOTION DENIED, with 26 NO, 5 YES, and 3 Abstentions.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she would like it to go back to committee to find out more exact figures.

(21) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. #363: (a) GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT RE SHIPPAN ELDERLY HOUSING SITE; (b) APPROVING NEW AGREEMENT.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 7 in favor of WAIVING PUBLICATION and 1 OPPOSED. She so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FERRARA asked how many votes are needed to waive publication of an ordinance.

MR. FOX said 27 YES votes, or two-thirds of the entire membership to waive publication.

MR. GUGLIELMO requested a Roll Call vote.

MR. FOX said he does not see a sufficient show of hands for a Roll Call vote. They will use the machine. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with 34 YES votes (machine votes to WAIVE PUBLICATION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the amendments are that the new agreement gives a definition of the site to be used for the housing project which is the only portion to be abated; that the project must start paying partial taxes as soon as it has been certified as eligible for occupancy by the Building Inspector, not when it actually receives the Certificate of Occupancy, which will put more money in our coffers; the project must be completed within 18 months of construction contract; reasons for termination of tax abatement are spelled out. She said 148 units of rental will be for elderly or handicapped, who will pay no more than 25% of their annual income as rent; the remainder being supplemented by Section 8 Housing Funds. Developer will pay 10% of gross rent to City in lieu of property taxes. Tax on the building is estimated at about \$127,700 annually if no abatement is given, so what is really being abated is \$49,378, and even this may be changed if the landlord gets more money per unit. Fiscal voted 6 in favor, 2 opposed, and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FEIGHAN said Legislative and Rules voted 3 in favor, and 2 opposed to recommend approval.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX said there is a request for a Roll Call Vote and there is a sufficient show of hands, and he requested the Clerk to Call the Roll. The MOTION CARRIED with 28 YES, 6 NO votes. (The Roll Call is on page 2 of the Voting Tally Sheet at the end of these Minutes.) FINAL ADOPTION APPROVED of Item #21.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she has 3 items she would like to take up under SUSPENSION OF RULES.

MR. FOX said these items will be taken one at a time, each one preceded by a Motion to Suspend the Rules to take up an item not on the Agenda. That there are 34 persons present and it will require two-thirds to Suspend the Rules. It does not appear there are 21 people on the floor at the moment.

The CHAIR declared a five-minute RECESS. RECESS was from 10:08 to 10:20 P.M.

(22) \$24,590.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 410.2510 - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE.
Board of Finance approved March 26, 1979.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN moved to SUSPEND THE RULES. SECONDED. CARRIED by voice vote with 2 NO (Bernier, Boccuzzi) votes, and rest YES.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said her Committee agreed with Police Department on 3 of 8 items which the department categorized as crucial. This was one of them and she MOVED for its approval. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a Motion to Waive report of secondary committee. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FERRARA spoke of reports of an immediate threat to the safety of the citizens of Stamford because of an anticipated lay-off of 24 police officers and 95 crossing guards, and he received many calls from his constituents about these reports. However, before this Board tonight are only 3 of the 8 appropriations which the Board of Finance approved. The new police officers morale and that of the entire Police corps were shattered with the threat of a massive lay-off. He strongly urged the passage of these appropriations tonight and requested the Steering Committee to direct the Health & Protection Committee to inquire, not investigate, the circumstances surrounding this incident, so the people will know the truth and recurrence can be eliminated.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he would have to vote NO on this. There is no back-up material for these appropriations. And he does not like being threatened every month with either cars off the road, people being fired, and what-not. He said it behooves the Police administration to keep close reins on their expenditures.

MR. FOX called for a vote on \$24,590.00 for the Police Department. CARRIED by voice vote with NO votes (4) by Messrs. Tiani, Morgan, Wider, Boccuzzi; and the rest YES.

(23) \$ 9,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 410.1110 SALARIES. Board of Finance approved 3/26/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to take an item not on Agenda. SECONDED. CARRIED, with Mr. Bernier voting NO.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is for salary for four new officers for period April 30th through June. The two-year-old eligibility list expired April 1st. If these positions are not filled now and funded, those who remain on the list will be ineligible to become officers until they take and pass another examination. Because the positions are vacant, because some people who are on the eligibility list because of age would not be able to re-take the examination, Fiscal felt this warranted consideration tonight. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and she so MOVES. SECONDED.

MOTION was made to Waive report of secondary committee. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FERRARA would like to make an editorial comment, that he liked the arrogance of the Police Department in announcing last week who the four new officers are before this Board appropriates the money; and that this Board is viewed as a rubber stamp and he finds that appalling.

MR. DeLUCA asked if these people would be covered on the present contract or the new contract. His reason for asking is that under the anticipated new contract, new hires would not retire unless they have been on the force 25 years or are age 60, if that provision goes through.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the current contract.

MR. POLLARD said he has, fundamentally, the same two questions. But for ultimate clarity in view of the controversy experienced over the last several weeks, he'd like to know the department request, the original request before cuts by various boards, the transfers and additions into the account which he thinks may bring it to more than the original request. He emphasizes the account appears to be very well-funded. And does granting this \$9,000.00 have anything whatsoever to do with the laying off of 24 policemen and 95 school crossing guards.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said at the risk of sounding redundant, she would have to answer the same way.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked the expiration date of the list of hiring police officers.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said it expired April 1st.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if it expired April 1st, what are we doing April 2nd appropriating money?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said that's a very good question. She is not able to read the minds of the Police Commission who did make the four appointments. The Board of Finance passed the appropriation Tuesday night to protect the four people who were on the list. She cannot speak for why the Commission acted last week. All she can say is that if they hadn't acted last week, the list would have expired.

MR. BERNIER asked what would happen if this Board did not pass this tonight, Do they turn around and tell these four whom they have approved ahead of time, sorry, you're through for this year.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the answer appears to be Yes.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the \$9,000.00 for POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES. There were 2 NO votes (Morgan and Bernier); 1 Abstention (Raymond), and the rest yes votes (voice votes). CARRIED.

(24) \$41,023.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 410.1201 - OVER-TIME. Board of Finance approved 3/26/79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to take up item not on agenda. SECONDED. CARRIED with 1 NO vote (Mr. Bernier).

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to cover cost of over-time for the rest of the year. Over-time runs an average of \$3,220.00 per week. As of March 26th, there was \$2,897.00 in this account. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor, and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MOTION was made to Waive the report of the secondary committee. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. DeLUCA asked how much money was spent for over-time on the Open House Tour of the police facilities held on the holiday, which, if they had better planning, could have been done a day other than on a holiday, whereby we would not have to pay double time and a half, or call any additional police in.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she did not have the answer to that.

MR. DeLUCA asked if we weren't even going to go into a little detail to try to get a little breakdown. Didn't we hire a researcher to do something like this.

MR. POLLARD said he voted for the first two Police items and will vote for this one, too. However hopelessly redundant it may be, he would like to know the foundation of the threat that the welfare and safety of the public would be threatened by non-passage of this. And he would like to funding requests explained in detail, from the start of the fiscal year to this point.

MR. BLUM said at \$3,220.00 the overtime doesn't come out right to the end of this year.

MRS. McINERNEY said perhaps a good portion is spent on the Annual Block Party and if Mrs. Goldstein could find out how much that is, perhaps we might get a good cross-section; and if we are going to enjoy one thing and urge the City to continue in that vein, we really can't complain when we find the over-time account has been expended.

MR. FLOUNDERS said the over-time funding requested contains not only 13 weeks ahead, but a matter of two or three weeks behind that hasnot been paid.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion. CARRIED, with 4 NO votes (Blum, Bernier, Morgan, and DeLuca), rest YES votes (voice vote).

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED to the CONSENT AGENDA, FOR APPROVAL, Fiscal Items #1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17. SECONDED. CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - Michael P. Feighan

MR. FEIGHAN said #9 is the only item on the CONSENT AGENDA from L&R, which was approved by his Committee by a vote of 5-0.

(1) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 10-26 (e) re HEATING FACILITY ANNUAL INSPECTIONS FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS, ETC.

MR. FEIGHAN said the L&R Committee met Thursday, March 29th. Present were Representatives Parker, Raymond, Markiewicz, McInerney, Sherer and Feighan. Item #1 was re-submitted and approved for publication at the March 5th meeting, and the Committee voted 4 in favor, 2 opposed and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. RAYMOND said this is a very serious problem in her district, and the Health Department has records of no heat and no hot water complaints from many, many tenants. These are essential services and the deprivation of them poses a serious health problem to City residents. The present procedures to be followed by local and State regulations are time-consuming and ineffectual, and in the meantime, people are without heat and hot water.

MR. FOX called for a vote on L&R #1, and the MOTION CARRIED with 24 YES and 10 NO votes.

MR. FEIGHAN said Items 2, 3, 4, and 5 are being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(6) PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RULES OF ORDER OF THE 15th BOARD (See Agenda for detail).

MR. FEIGHAN said Item #6 will be taken as two individual items, as was done by L&R Committee. Section A, the Committee voted 6 opposed, none in favor, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said a positive Motion will be voted upon, keeping in mind the negative recommendation of L&R. The MOTION was DENIED with 7 Yes, 25 NO votes, and 1 Abstention. This was re the advancement of important items to an earlier time on the agenda.

MR. FEIGHAN said there have been some very good and pertinent amendments proposed to the Rules of Order. Part of the philosophy to vote NO on these, or to recommend denial, is because of the time limit, the short length of time left in the term of the 15th Board. What the L&R Committee would like to do is gather several of these recommendations that have been submitted and put them together in a package and submit them to the 16th Board for their recommendation and consideration, so he wanted to emphasize the fact that is not necessarily the merits of these particular amendments that are being denied.

MR. FEIGHAN said Item #6, Section B, objects to the position of the standing of Committees, that L&R and Fiscal should be transposed. The Committee again voted unanimously 6-0 to deny, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said the positive Motion to approve will be voted upon. MOTION DENIED with 8 Yes, 23 NO, 2 Abstentions.

(7) TAX EXEMPTION FOR LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HIGH RIDGE ROAD.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES (continued)

MR. FEIGHAN said the Committee voted 5 in favor and 1 opposed to WAIVE PUBLICATION and he so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Motion to Waive Publication. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FEIGHAN then MOVED for FINAL ADOPTION, stating the Committee voted 6-0 in favor. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Motion of FINAL ADOPTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(8) REQUEST FROM REGISTRARS OF VOTERS FOR PENSION.

MR. FEIGHAN said the Committee decided, for a variety of reasons, not to consider this at this time. They also found that the State is considering legislation in this regard at this time, so L&R voted to recommend denial 1 in favor and 5 opposed and he so MOVED.

MR. POLLARD said he would like a Roll Call Vote.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN requested that this be held in committee for another month as the Registrars were not present at the Committee meeting. She so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. LOOMIS said he endorsed Mrs. Goldstein's motion, which he thinks is an excellent one.

MR. LIVINGSTON also recommended return to committee.

MR. SHERER said this was only for publication which means that actually it would be back in committee for another month, so there could be either a public hearing or further interviews.

MR. FOX said he believed this was in the form of a resolution.

MR. FEIGHAN said it was. It is dated Oct. 27, 1978. It went to Charter Revision Committee at one time. Then to Legislative and Rules. The only paperwork L&R has is in the form of a resolution.

MR. BLUM said he agrees it should go back to committee because it would have to be an ordinance as opposed to a resolution.

MR. ZELINSKI agrees it should go back to committee. He also wishes L&R would give the remaining members of the Board any information they have, no matter how far back it goes, so they can vote intelligently.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Returning to Committee. CARRIED with 22 YES, 11 NO votes. (Mrs. Ritchie voted YES).

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she requests that when L&R meet on this item again, that members of the Finance Department, the Actuary Department, and the Pension Plan groups, all be invited so that an overall view of the request can be taken, as to what it will do to the City pensions as they are now and as they could be in the future.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FEIGHAN MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF Item #9 to the CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED. CARRIED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John Zelinski

MR. ZELINSKI: No report this month.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - William MacInnis

MR. MacINNIS said Planning and Zoning held a meeting on March 27th. They voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, and 4; also to HOLD IN COMMITTEE items 7, 8, and 9.

- (5) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLANNING BOARD TO DEPOSIT FEES FROM THEIR "RECREATION OR OPEN SPACE LAND FUND ACCOUNT" INTO THE CITY'S CAPITAL NON-RECURRING ACCOUNT FOR REALLOCATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PARK OR OPEN SPACE LAND.

MR. MacINNIS said the Resolution is:

"BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with the City Charter that the Controller is authorized to accept for deposit, fees collected by the Planning Board under the terms of Section 4.2(c) "Open Space Preservation" of the Stamford Subdivision Regulations, into the "Capital Non-Recurring Account".

"This Resolution shall take effect upon enactment."

He said the Committee voted affirmatively and he so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and it CARRIED with Mr. Corbo voting NO; rest YES; (voice vote)

- (6) RESOLUTION COVERING AMENDMENT CONCERNING HARTCROFT ROAD/HARDESTY ROAD - per Finance Commissioner O. A. Hoffman's letter 2/16/79.

MR. MacINNIS said the Committee voted affirmatively and he so MOVES. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote).

- (10) REQUEST THAT YORFINO LANE REMAIN A PRIVATE ROAD RATHER THAN PUBLIC STREET.

MR. MacINNIS said the Committee voted affirmatively and he so MOVES. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY said she would like to know the reasons for requesting that it remain a private road. It is in her district and she has never received any correspondence on it.

MR. MacINNIS said Mr. Hays, Mrs. McInerney's co-representative, informed Mr. MacInnis the reason was because if it were public, there would be some drainage problems. Mr. Hays said the people residing on the street were in full accord with this item.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. McINERNEY said if there are existing drainage problems there, she would like to know about it, as it would affect abutting property owners. She does not want to create problems for her constituents. She wanted to know if the Planning Board is in agreement with this request.

MR. MacINNIS said NO to both questions.

MRS. McINERNEY said that since Mr. MacInnis does not have a recommendation from the Planning Board and does not know if there are existing drainage problems, she would MOVE that this be RETURNED TO COMMITTEE to make further determinations. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote. NO votes were Reps. Loomis, Morgan, Esposito, Guglielmo, MacInnis, Summerville, Tiani. The rest were YES votes (voice). MOTION to RETURN TO COMMITTEE APPROVED.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MRS. SUMMERVILLE said she attended the Public Works meeting held jointly with Fiscal. However, Public Works did not have a quorum of itself, but she would like the record to show she did attend the meeting.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - David Blum

MR. BLUM said he has a final report on Winsted Street in regard to Hawk Transportation. They met on March 2, 1979, as well as on Feb. 26, 1979. Present were Reps. Ferrara, DeLuca and Blum. Excused were Reps. Raymond and Summerville. Also present were Comm. Mordach, Deputy Comm. Canavan, Asst. Corp. Counsel Smyth. They discussed the matter exhaustively. Based on recommendations of the Law Department, Health & Protection are recommending the adoption of a resolution to bring Winsted Street and a part of Outlook Place up to acceptable City standards as a new street under Chapter 64 of the Charter, Sections 640 and 641. The Committee voted unanimously, 3-0 and he so MOVES. The Finance commissioner will hold a public hearing. MOTION SECONDED.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he would ask the Administrative Secretary get this up to the Mayor, the Public Works Department, the Engineering Department, and Corporation Counsel tomorrow morning at 9:15 a.m. We've waited too long.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (voice vote)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick

- (1) BANNER REQUEST APRIL 22nd THROUGH MAY 20, 1979 OVER SUMMER ST. NEAR RIDGEWAY CENTER PROCLAIMING "POLISH HERITAGE WEEK" from Al Koproski.

MR. RYBNICK said he MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (voice vote)

PARKS AND RECREATION (continued)

- (2) REQUEST FROM SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPT. TO HOLD PARADE AND CARNIVAL (FAIR) FROM MAY 30th thru JUNE 2, 1979. Banner to be strung across Hope St. in front of fire house at 987 Hope St. Carnival behind Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 977 Hope St.

MR. RYBNICK MOVED for APPROVAL. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider an item not on the Agenda. SECONDED. CARRIED.

- (3) BANNER REQUEST FOR SUMMER STREET FOR EXCHANGE CLUB TO ADVERTISE THEIR ANNUAL BICYCLE AND TRICYCLE SALE. SALE TO BE SATURDAY, MAY 5th at Rippowam High School. Banner to be hung April 19th to May 7, 1979.

MRS. McINERNEY said it doesn't have to be in the same place as Summer Street is a long street, but it needs to be voted on tonight. MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the request of the Exchange Club in letter dated March 22, 1979, which indicates preferably at Summer and Seventh.

MR. SHERER felt this should be voted down, as we just gave the spot to another civic group. We are going to run into problems and where do we stop.

MR. FOX called for a vote. NO votes were cast by Mr. Sherer and Mr. Markiewicz. The rest voted YES (voice vote). MOTION CARRIED.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - NO REPORTSEWER COMMITTEE - John J. Boccuzzi

Brief reports were made on the 4 items listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Lathon Wider

NO REPORT.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. LOOMIS said NO REPORT.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ralph Loomis

MR. LOOMIS said NO REPORT.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock -- NO REPORT.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston -- NO REPORT.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Paul Esposito

MR. ESPOSITO said Thom Serrani told him tonight that the Transportation Committee of the State approved bill to take over Stamford Railroad Station, and has passed it on to the General Assembly's Finance Committee, after which it goes to the full Assembly, and the Governor. He wishes the members to be aware of this.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Ralph Loomis

MR. LOOMIS said the Commission will be rendering its final report on the 13th of this month. This Board is meeting on the 18th in Special session to deal with the Commission's report.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

RE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, ETC. - Michael P. Feighan

MR. FEIGHAN said an interim report was submitted two months ago. This has been an involved process. A meeting was called last week and for two major reasons, there was not much that could be done. A procedural question as to the committee membership due to the recent resignation of two members of this Board both of whom were members of this Special committee, which has since been resolved. The Public Works Department was appearing before the Board of Finance on their upcoming budget the same night, so the meeting had to be postponed until this coming Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30 p.m. A new question has now arisen, being magnum pressure drum filters for the Sewage Treatment Plant.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

RE STERLING FARMS GOLF AUTHORITY -

MR. FOX said Mr. Baxter is not here this evening, but he does have a draft report which needs to be voted on by his Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - NONE.

PETITIONS - NONE.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

MR. FOX said there are no minutes to approve this month. The March minutes we have but there is a change that has to be made to the first page of that, to include the CALL of the meeting.

MRS. MAIHOCK said if there is any extensive review of them being done, she had hoped we could have a verbatim account of such important charter revision.

MR. FOX said it is pretty much a verbatim account but if Mrs. Maihock wanted additions made to it, she could make that Motion when we get to approve it.

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) PROPOSED RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREG PATAKY FOR SAVING AN ELDERLY LADY'S LIFE.

MR. FOX called for a vote on this resolution which was MOVED, SECONDED. CARRIED with one NO vote (Rep. Diane Raymond), rest YES votes.

- (2) PROPOSED RESOLUTION COMMENDING REV. DuBOIS FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY.

MR. FOX called for a vote on this resolution. MOVED, SECONDED. CARRIED with one NO vote (Rep. Diane Raymond), rest YES votes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. DeLUCA wanted to know about the price paid for hauling sludge during September of 1978, that by mid-September it was supposed to be lowered from \$28.00 to \$20.00 per ton. He said he would appreciate a little memo from Mrs. Goldstein when she had an opportunity to get the information.

NEW BUSINESS

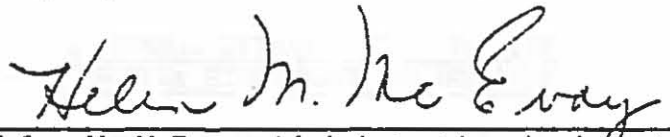
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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon MOTION duly MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

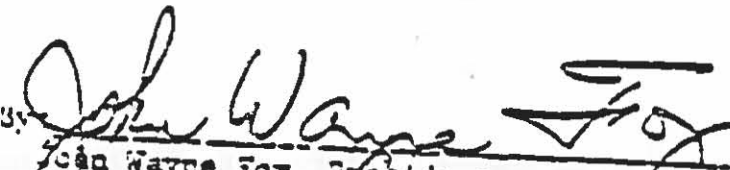
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By:


Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
(and Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

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John Wayne Fox, President
15th Board of Representatives