

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1979

15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

An Adjourned Special Budget Meeting of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1979, pursuant to a "CALL" from the PRESIDENT, JOHN WAYNE FOX, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut. This was a continuation of the previous night's meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:23 P.M. after a brief caucus by both political parties

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President John Wayne Fox.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Diane Raymond.
There were 35 members present, 4 absent; but by 8:40, two more members came in, with the attendance then becoming 37 present and 2 absent. The absent members were Mildred Ritchie and George Hays. One vacancy due to Michael Morgan being elected to Board of Finance.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The machine was found to be in working order.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The following is the "CALL" of the meeting which was sent to all Board members and which President John Wayne Fox read:

"I, JOHN WAYNE FOX, PRESIDENT of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1979
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1978
at 8:00 P.M. in the
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
Legislative Chambers, Second Floor
429 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1979-1980, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Wednesday, April 18, 1979, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Charter of Stamford

MR. FOX: I would again hope that you would limit the debate, if you have a motion to make you are certainly free to do that. If you would state your reason for it, we can then put that to a vote without any great delay. If you would give your attention to Mrs Goldstein we can begin.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE continued with the Operating Budget.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Page 167 - Code 301.1110 Salaries	REDUCED TO	\$ 289,677.00
1121 7½% Differential	REDUCED TO	\$ 4,700.00
1220 Car Allowance	REDUCED TO	\$ 5,000.00
1230 College Tuition	REDUCED TO	\$ 150.00
2740 Telephone	REDUCED TO	\$ 10,500.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 340,427.00

MR. DeLUCA: Minutes of the Personnel Commission meeting of April 26, 1979, the Personnel Director recommended that the position of Administrative Officer of the Public Works Department be abolished, therefore in view of the fact this position is going to be abolished, I recommend an additional cut of \$17,888 from the salary account, Code 301.1110.

MR. FOX: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 12 yes; 24 no; 1 abstain, 2 absent.

MR. BERNIER: Code 301.2920 Advertising, last year there was \$1,000 in that account and this year it has increased to \$2,000. I do not understand why the logic would be that they double advertising for one year, so therefore I would like to propose a cut of \$1,000 from that account.

MR. FOX: MOVED, SECONDED, the MOTION is LOST, 17 yes votes and 20 no, 2 absent, (1 vacancy)

DPW - WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Page 171 - 302.2930 Stationery & Supplies	REDUCED TO	\$ 200.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 18,820.00

DPW-BUREAU OF HWYS. & MAINT.-DIV. HWY.

Page 173 - Code 310 1140 Seasonal	REDUCED TO	\$ 1,500.00
2630 Supplies-Equipment	REDUCED TO	\$ 5,000.00
2740 Telephone	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 1,001,319.00

MR. DARER: Item # 302.2940 Conferences and Training, it appears there was no expenditure last year or in the year before and we are introducing now an expenditure of \$500. Since every department and city function is being asked to bite the bullet, this one could be easily eliminated. I make a motion to cut \$500.00

MR. FOX: MOVED, SECONDED, The MOTION is LOST. 10 YES; 26 NO; 1 abstain; 2 absent; (1 vacancy)

MR. POLLARD: I wanted to be sure that the Fall Leave Pick-up has survived.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It was cut \$50,000. by the Board of Finance, but it has survived our committee unanimously.

MR. BLUM made a motion to cut the Leave Pick-up account to zero. There was no SECOND.

PUBLIC WORKS CODE 310 (continued)

Mr. Zelinski: I would like to make a motion to cut Code 310.2751, Diesel Fuel. In tonight's paper it said that there is going to be a 20% cutback in the gasoline that the City receives, consequently, its going to be effective starting in June and as we know with the shortage it's going to continue during this summer, I would like to cut that by a percentage. I make a motion to cut \$2,000.

MR. FOX: MOVED, SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 3 yes; 32 no; 2 abstain; 2 absent; (1 va cancy)

DFW - DIV. OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Page 179 - Code 311.1110 Salaries

REDUCED TO \$ 230,186.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 245,256.00

DFW PUBLIC LIGHTING

Page 181 - Code 313.2720 Gas & Electric

REDUCED TO \$ 625,000.00

DFW - SNOW REMOVAL & FLOOD EMERGENCY

Page 183 - Code 314.

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 401,700.00

DFW - DIV. OF LAND & BUILDINGS

Page 185 - Code 320.2210 Maint. of Buildings

2220 Alterations - Buildings

2650 New Equipment

2720 Gas & Electric

REDUCED TO \$ 25,000.00
REDUCED TO \$ 7,500.00
REDUCED TO \$ 10,000.00
REDUCED TO \$ 225,000.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 844,308.00

MR. DARER made a motion to cut \$1,000 from the water account, Code 310.2730.

MR. FOX: MOVED, SECONDED, the MOTION is LOST. 13 yes; 22 no; 2 abstain; a absent; (1 vacancy).

DFW - GASOLINE

Page 189 - Code 321.2750

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 80,000.00

DFW - LUBRICANT

Page 189 - Code 322.2752

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 14,000.00

SECTION TOTAL - REPAIR ACCOUNT

\$ 170,000.00

DFW - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

Page 191 - Code 330.1220 Car Allowance

2610 Maint. of Equip.

REDUCED TO \$ 16,920.00
REDUCED TO \$ 1,000.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 527,274.00

PUBLIC WORKS CODE 330 (continued)

MR. CORBO: I would like to delete \$35,476 from the salary account. This account has been vacated a long time now and has been operating efficiently without the three positions.

MR. FOX called for a vote. The MOTION is LOST. 35 No; 1 abstain; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

DFW - DIV. OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Page 195 - Code 332.1201 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	250.00
1220 Car Allowance	REDUCED TO	\$	9,000.00
2933 Subscriptions	REDUCED TO	\$	364.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	291,173.00

DFW - BUREAU OF SANITATION

Page 199 - Code 340.1110 Salaries	REDUCED TO	\$	21,061.00
1220 Car Allowance	REDUCED TO	\$	800.00
2923 Photo-Copying	REDUCED TO	\$	150.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	30,606.00

MRS. MAIHOCK made a motion to cut \$600. from the telephone account, but later withdrew her motion.

MR. POLLARD also made a motion to cut \$100. from the photocopying account and withdrew it .

DFW - SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Page 203 - 341.1201 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	45,000.00
1220 Car Allowance	REDUCED TO	\$	780.00
1230 College Tuition	REDUCED TO	\$	200.00
2331 Processing Chemicals	REDUCED TO	\$	155,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	795,826.00

DFW - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWER

Page 209 - Code 342	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	65,250.00
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DFW - SANITARY INCINERATOR

Page 213 - Code 343.1201 Over-Time	REDUCED TO	\$	109,477.00
2740 Telephone	REDUCED TO	\$	3,000.00
2751 Diesel Fuel	REDUCED TO	\$	250.00
2942 Travel Expenses	REDUCED TO	\$	50.00
214 3481 Laundry	REDUCED TO	\$	1,500.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	882,511.00

DFW - SANITARY PUMPING STATION

Page 219 - Code 345	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	119,434.00
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DPW - DIV. OF EQUIPMENT & BUILDING MAINTENANCE.

Page 223 - Code 346.2312 Maint. of Facilities -STP	REDUCED TO	\$ 110,925.00
3460 Education & Training	REDUCED TO	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 454,727.00

DIVISION OF COLLECTION

Page 227 - Code 350.1110 Salaries	REDUCED TO	\$ 882,310.00
2310 Maint. of Facilities	REDUCED TO	\$ 1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$1,199,254.00

MR. BOCCUZZI: I make a motion to re-instate the \$10,000 in the salary account. For the last couple of years we keep talking about attrition. This division keeps getting lower and lower in personnel and yet their work load keeps getting larger, due to increased sewers and what not. How much can you squeeze out of x amount of people?

MR. FOX called for a vote on the salary account. MOVED, SECONDED, the MOTION IS LOST 12 yes; 22 no; 3 abstain; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

DPW- LAND FILL & REFUSE REMOVAL

Page 235 - Code 351	TOTAL APPROVED	\$1,148,741.00
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DPW - HURRICANE BARRIER MAINTENANCE

Page 239 - Code 360.1221 Clothing Allowance	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
2173 Cleaning Rivers & Streams	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
2210 Maint. of Bldgs.	REDUCED TO	\$ 500.00
2352 Protective Clothing	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 8,212.00

PUBLIC WORKS	SECTION	TOTAL	\$9,263,838.00
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Page 241 - Code 410.1110 Salaries	REDUCED TO	\$4,498,147.00
2510 Maint. of Vehicles	REDUCED TO	\$ 105,000.00
2650 New Equipment	REDUCED TO	\$ 10,000.00
242 2750 Gasoline	REDUCED TO	\$ 105,481.00
3430 Emergency Equipment	REDUCED TO	\$ 10,000.00
3451 Scuba Diving Team	REDUCED TO	\$ 3,586.00
3452 Harbor Patrol	REDUCED TO	\$ 6,500.00
243 3483 Communications - Misc.	REDUCED TO	\$ 19,840.00
3484 Communications - Maint.	REDUCED TO	\$ 17,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$5,988,288.00

MR. FERRARA made a motion to cut the over-time account Code 410.1201 by \$50,000. He said the two squad divisions have been fully implemented and does not see the need for this, as all the re-organization is complete.

MR. FOX: MOVED, SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 12 yes; 22 no; 3 abstain; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

MR. FERRARA made another motion to cut Code 410.2510 by \$15,000. He said the Board of Finance has taken the money for new cars and has put it into contingency. This year we will have new cars, plus one more civilian in the Police Department mechanic pool.

MR. FOX: MOVED and SECONDED. The motion is to cut an additional \$15,000 under item 410.2510. The MOTION is LOST, 12 yes; 21 no; 4 abstain; 2 absent; (1 vacancy).

MR. WIDER: I would like to move that \$2,000 be re-instated in the Harbor Patrol Budget. We are short of people out on the water and I feel the cuts would only defeat the purpose of the Harbor itself.

MR. FOX called for a vote. The MOTION is LOST, 4 yes; 31 no; 2 abstain; 2 absent; (1 vacancy).

MR. BOCCUZZI made a motion to restore \$4,000 under Code 410.2650, New Equipment.

MR. BAXTER asked for a POINT of ORDER. Number 1, except for a brief altercation, which I have to tell you I enjoyed and supported you and Mr. Blum, throughout the meeting people have been permitted to ask questions. Number 2, in any motion it is permissible, and has been permissible in all our meetings, regular and special that since we have a continuing motion on the floor, to ask a question, not make a statement necessarily, which is what Mr. Blum was doing, or make an argument for a motion he wasn't making, but a question. I don't think it is proper at this time to stop us from asking questions of the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. FOX: Neither do I. I don't believe that I had stopped any questions, the only thing I would ask is that if a given individual intends to make a motion, that they would make that motion. We can then determine whether we are going anywhere with that by seeing that there is a second. If there is no second, we can cut it off right there. If you simply have a question, don't intend to make a motion, you certainly are free to ask any question you wish.

MR. BOCCUZZI: The only reason I wanted to ask a question was I wanted to know under new equipment, what did the fiscal committee eliminate?

MRS. HAWK: Among the new equipment they were requesting were several space organizers, desks and chairs and we felt that with the possibility of the new police headquarters being included in the capital budget and all new furniture, that perhaps it was not wise to buy new desks and space organizers.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he wishes to withdraw his motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I agree with Mr. Baxter. There are times when there are legitimate questions to be asked before you move to cut.

MR. FOX: The only thing I'm trying to avoid is people stating their philosophies on given issues when they have no intention of making their motion.

MR. FERRARA made a motion to reduce account 410.3460 another \$10,000. He said this account was a new account as of last year to train all the new recruits in Stamford in the Police Department, but they are now required to go to the State Police Academy, and the money is now being used for staff evaluation and consultants and not for in-house training.

MR. POLLARD: I would like to amend that to reduce that account to zero, on the basis of what Mr. Ferrara said. In addition, in the past the account has been used to import consultants from California.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE 410 (continued)

MR. FOX called for a vote on Item 410.3460 which is to cut it to zero. The MOTION is LOST, 6 yes; 27 no; 4 abstentions; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

MR. FERRARA made another motion to cut \$2,000 from account 410.3452. He said according to the Police Chief, there are four boats but only one man and what I want to do is to cut the account to represent that loss in patrol.

MR. FOX: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 13 yes; 21 no; 3 abstain; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to make a motion to cut out completely Item 410.3445. In 1976/77 - 1977/78 budget books there is no show of money allocated and now they are requesting funds to record their minutes. I think this is a waste of money.

MRS. HAWE: The Police Commission acts as an appeal body, on action by the Police Chief under Section 430. I think that with the new type of Freedom of Information Law these recordings are now required.

MR. WIDER: POINT OF INFORMATION. Does the Freedom of Information demand that minutes be read within a certain time frame?

MR. FOX: I believe under certain circumstances. There are certain requirements for filing minutes under the Freedom of Information Act.

MR. WIDER: Then I could understand why the request for this money because those minutes have to be in the Town Clerk's office within three days.

MR. FOX: The Motion is to cut an additional \$1,000 under the Police Commission. MOVED, SECONDED, the MOTION is LOST, 7 yes; 25 no; 5 abstain; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

DOG WARDEN

Page 259 - Code 421.

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 42,650.00

PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS-POLICE DEPARTMENT

Page 263 - Code 440

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 2,327,325.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 265 - Code 450.1110 Salaries

1202 Holidays

2930 Stationery & Supplies

2940 Conferences & Training

REDUCED TO \$ 3,681.100.00

REDUCED TO \$ 298.000.00

REDUCED TO \$ 6,000.00

REDUCED TO \$ 6,250.00

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 4,776,240.00

MR. BAXTER: In the Committee's deliberation to cut \$10,000 from the Holiday, did you take into account the Holiday that we just passed?

MRS GOLDSTEIN: No, we did not, it was before we created it.

MR. BAXTER moved to restore the \$10,000 in account 410.1202.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CODE 450 (continued)

MR. FOX: MOVED, SECONDED, the MOTION TO RESTORE \$10,000, code 450.1220 is LOST, 16 yes; 18 no; 3 abstentions; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 279 - Code 460

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 2,076,083.00

BELLTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 281 - Code 471

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 106,939.00

NEW HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 283 - Code 472

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 154,237.00

LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 285 - Code 473

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 140,600.00

TURN-OF-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 287 - Code 474

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 280,294.00

SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 289 - Code 475

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 116,555.00

STAMFORD EMERGENCY SERVICE

Page 291 - Code 480

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 47,056.00

STAMFORD AMBULANCE CORPS

Page 295 - Code 481

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 47,478.00

HARBORMASTER

Page 297 - Code 482

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,900.00

POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION SECTION TOTAL \$16,105,645.00

MR. FOX said he would entertain a MOTION to RECESS. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

RECESS lasted from 11:00 to 11:15 P.M.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Page 299 - Code 510

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 410,742.00

SMITH HOUSE FACILITY

Page 303 - Code 520

TOTAL APPROVED \$1,891,415.00

SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE

Page 313 - Code 530

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 319,107.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Page 317 - Code 550.1110 Salaries
1230 College Tuition
2922 Postage
2942 Travel Expenses

REDUCED TO \$ 424,911.00
REDUCED TO \$ 3,000.00
REDUCED TO \$ 900.00
REDUCED TO \$ 600.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 487,761.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Page 323 - Code 551.1201 Over-Time
2740 Telephone
2923 Photo-Copying
2930 Stationery & Supplies

REDUCED TO 100.00
REDUCED TO 1,650.00
REDUCED TO 250.00
REDUCED TO 400.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 96,718.00

FORENSIC LABORATORY

Page 327 - Code 552

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 13,489.00

COST-SHARING GRANT FROM STATE

Page 329 - Code 553

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 21,481.00

V D CLINIC GRANT STATE

Page 333 - Code 554

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 10,000.00

PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Page 335 - Code 560.1220 Car allowance
2650 New Equipment
2921 Printing

REDUCED TO \$ 4,020.00
REDUCED TO \$ 2,500.00
REDUCED TO \$ 900.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 497,086.00

HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PAROCHIAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Page 339 - Code 561

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 771,681.00

SHAPE PROGRAM

Page 343 - Code 571

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 30,627.00

DRUG LIBERATION

Page 349 - Code 580

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 150,000.00

SOUTHWEST CONNECTICUT HEALTH SYSTEM

Page 351 - Code 586

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 5,000.00

WELFARE & HEALTH SECTION TOTAL \$ 4,645,143.00

PARKS AND RECREATION

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Due to information given to us this evening by Mr. Sherer and Mr. Rybnick two cuts that we made we adjusted. I just wanted that in the record.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Page 353 - Code 610.1110 Salaries

REDUCED TO \$ 316,000.00

2130 Supplies - Land

REDUCED TO \$ 9,000.00

2740 Telephone

REDUCED TO \$ 3,700.00

2921 Printing

REDUCED TO \$ 1,300.00

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 599,065.00

TERRY CONNERS RINK

Page 359 - Code 620

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 215,485.00

BOARD OF RECREATION

Page 363 - Code 650.1130 Part-Time

REDUCED TO \$ 80,600.00

1140 Sesonal

REDUCED TO \$ 123,400.00

2510 Maint. of Vehicles

REDUCED TO \$ 3,000.00

364

2740 Telephone

REDUCED TO \$ 3,300.00

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 470,272.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to say the Board of Recreation presentation this year was a great improvement over previous years and we were very pleased.

MR. WIDER asked Mrs. Goldstein for her rationale on the cut in Part-Time employees.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the committee did not feel that part-time and sesonal accounts should go up by 24%. It didn't go up by that amount in any other department that uses seasonal help.

MR. VENTURA: I don't quite agree with that. I think the Board of Recreation in this town is a very active department, particularly seasonal in the summer. The department is very understaffed and has an insurmountable amount of problems of getting the necessary things done to keep the seasonal activities intact. I would like to make a motion to restore that \$5,000 back into that account.

MR. FOX: MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 10 yes; 22 no; 5 abstentions; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

PROJECT MUSIC - BOARD OF RECREATION

Page 369 - Code 651

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 29,235.00

CUBETA STADIUM & TRANSF BALL FLDS

Page 371 - Code 652

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 8,525.00

SELF SUSTAINING PROGRAMS

Page 373 - Code 655

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 62,400.00

DOROTHY HEROY RECREATION AREA

Page 375 - Code 660

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 13,560.00

ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE

Page 377 - Code 661.1130 Part-time

REDUCED TO \$ 17,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 39,105.00

MR. PERILLO: Can you tell me Mrs. Goldstein, under whose jurisdiction will this theatre be run?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: This will be run under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation Mr. Perillo as far as I know.

RECREATION YOUTH CENTER

Page 379 - Code 662

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 5,972.00

STERLING FARMS CULTURAL ARTS

Page 381 - Code 663

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 10,458.00

BELLTOWN FIELD RECREATION BLDG.

Page 383 - Code 664

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,270.00

SCOFIELDTOWN RECREATIONAL AREA

Page 385 - Code 665

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,210.00

BRENNAN GOLF COURSE

Page 387 - Code 670

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 146,875.00

PARK & RECREATION SECTION TOTAL \$ 1,603,432.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN requested a brief recess so that she could arrive at a Grand Total figure for the Operating Budget.

MR. FOX: Just so that we don't create any problems, we will declare that to be a five-minute recess.

Page 459 - GRAND BUDGET TOTALSTOTAL APPROVED \$99,264,945.00
(The cuts totalled \$854,564.00)

MR. FOX said we would now move on to the CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN asked for SUSPENSION of the RULES to take the Board of Education Capital Project Budget out of sequence and do it first.

MR. FOX: MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET 1978-1979 APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Page 42 - Code 810

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 297,569.00

MR. POLLARD made a motion to reduce Code 810.0797 Rippowam Auto Shop to zero. He feels there are many jobs available at service stations around town if any boy or girl wants to learn how to work on cars.

MR. FOX called for a vote. MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 7 Yes; 23 No; 7 abstentions; 2 absent; 1 vacancy.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Page 2 - Code 110

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 105,000.00

SEWER COMMISSION

Page 3 - Code 112

TOTAL APPROVED \$1,010,330.00

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 5 - Code 114

TOTAL APPROVED \$1,115,330.00

TOWN & CITY CLERK

Page 6 - Code 210

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 32,475.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Page 8 - Code 250

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 600,000.00

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC

Page 9 - Code 280

TOTAL APPROVED \$1,546,061.00

SECTION TOTAL

\$2,178,536.00

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Page 10 is the beginning of the Public Works Account. I hope everyone had the opportunity to read the rationale behind what we did in Public Works. Mrs. Howe did an excellent job in writing that summary and describing why we did what we did.

In Public Works according to the Commissioner, there was \$20,000,000. worth of unexpended funds, however, there are \$7,000,000. not \$20,000,000. in appropriated funds that are unexpended and if you go through the list of projects that have been left undone for periods over four and five years it really gets to you. The Planning Board tried to deal with it, and I don't believe anyone tried to deal with it thereafter. I think the time has come for us to say realistically look at what is left and come back to us with capital project amendments so that this old money which is going nowhere and sitting there year after year can be spent on needed things.

Now we didn't cut everything out, there were some things that we were not willing to jeopardize for any time at all or for the time it would take for Public Works to sit down with the Department of Finance and make this determination. But two million dollars, an attempt was made in making up this budget to do this. I don't want that attempt and nor does Fiscal want the attempt to die. We asked the Commissioner what the status of these accounts that have been unencumbered over the years are. He could not tell us.

I asked him to send us the information, it was not forthcoming, so we cut many of the requests. As you go along, you will see the requests that were made last year, that we passed one after another after another. Virtually all remain intact and unspent this year. Let's go to page 10.

BUREAU OF HIWAYS & MAINT. DIV. HIWAY

Page 10 - Code 310.0422 Vehicle Replacement

REDUCED TO \$ 54,130.00
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 568,080.00

MR. POLLARD: I commend the Fiscal Committee on this. I would like to help and recommend an additional \$200,000. cut in the Vehicle Replacement Account. with the thought being that the \$200,000. can come from an industrial service road previously granted appropriation which is line .0262. I would like to recommend Public Works re-assign that money to Vehicle Replacement.

MR. FOX: The motion is certainly appropriate. I don't know if you can direct the department as to where to get the money to replace the money that has been cut. MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION IS CARRIED, 18 yes; 13 no; 2 abstain; 6 absent; 1 vacancy.

DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Page 11 - Code 311

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,800.00

DIVISION OF HWYS-SNOW REMOVAL - ROAD SALT SILOS

Page 12 - Code 314

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 128,000.00

MR. POLLARD: I would like to make a motion to reduce Road Salt Silo by \$50,000, but recommend that it be held in reserve. I would like to explain that if I may.

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET (continued)

MR. POLLARD: (continuing) For the last year I have been talking to Commissioner Mordach and Mr. Canavan about a problem at the Haig Avenue Yard. They have a salt pile there and the salt during the rain and winter leaching out on to the road. We have discussed several ways to take care of the problem, we discussed whether or not a salt silo on that site would be feasible. We discussed other things like a concrete platform and an on-site retention system, but I get the feeling with them that I've talked 360 degree circle about 360 times I just would like to cut it, hold it and discuss it in a concrete fashion at a later date.

MR. FOX called for a vote. MOVED. SECONDED. MOTION LOST, 6 yes; 21 no; 2 absent; 6 abstentions; 1 va cancy.

DIVISION OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Page 13 - Code 320

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 137,300.00

MR. BERNIER: On line item 320.0404 Town Hall Rehab in the Interior, I would like to reduce that to zero. I think this is obvious that this is a rehabilitation that can be put off for one more year. I want it on the record that I am not against the aged in this community. I do feel that regardless of the fact that inflation is with us and obviously the deferral for another year would mean it would cost more in another year, perhaps our tax base would be higher and we could afford it more properly at that time.

MR. FOX: MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 3 yes; 26 no; 4 abstain; 6 absent; 1 vacancy.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

Page 15 - Code 330

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 130,000.00

MR. POLLARD: I move that we reduce that appropriation on page 15, Code 330 to zero. I don't think anyone here seriously thinks that I want to knock out storm drains, all that I am saying is that there is sufficient funds. All these people really have to do is transfer from projects they are never going to do.

MR. FOX called for a vote on this item. MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 5 yes; 23 no; 4 abstentions; 7 absent; 1 vacancy.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Page 17 - Code 341.0689 In-line Macerators

REDUCED TO \$ - 0 -

0690 Connect Pump B

REDUCED TO \$ - 0 -

0691 Primary Sludge Bldg. Add

REDUCED TO \$ - 0 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ - 0 -

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET (continued)SANITARY INCINERATOR

Page 19 - Code 343.0609 Refuse Containers	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0692 Air Pollution Controls	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0693 73 Pit Door SEals	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0694 North Roll up Doors	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0695 41 - 58 Roof Repair	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0696 Pit Light	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0697 Crane Spotlight	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0698 Tipping Floor Ceiling Repair	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
0699 DINO ASH Containers	REDUCED TO	\$ - 0 -
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$ 321,500.00

PUBLIC WORKS SECTION TOTAL \$1,286,680.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Page 23 - Code 410.0750 Radio Units	REDUCED TO	\$ 7,000.00
24 0756 Handie Talkies - Police	REDUCED TO	\$ 13,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$3,370,024.00

MR. DARER: POINT OF INFORMATION. The funds that are unencumbered, where are those funds now, where do they sit, what is happening to them, and are they earning interest for the City or what?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Parts are earning interest, some of the appropriated projects have gone out to be bonded. That money that has gone out for bonding, until that money is used, sits in the bank, but where money has already been bonded, we earn interest.

MR. BOCCUZZI made a motion to reduce Code 410.0750 Radio Units to \$7,000. for the simple reason that we don't have an accurate account of how many tube radios are still in use against how many solid state.

MR. FOX: MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED, 16 yes; 13 no; 2 abstain; 8 absent; 1 vacancy.

MR. CORBO: I would like to make a motion to reduce the addition to the Police Department building to \$50,000., to be postponed to next year's budget.

MR. FOX: MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 3 yes; 25 no; 3 abstentions; 8 absent; 1 vacancy. Before we get to the total let me make two comments. First, we still have a substantial number of capital project appropriations to deal with and the hour is getting late, so I hope we can move along fairly quickly. The other point is I know that sometimes after a meeting people will point out to me the fact that people may be listening to a meeting on the radio and it seems there is frequently a lot of background noise, a lot of people talking, a lot of laughter, I think in all fairness to everyone here, after you have sat here for ten hours going over numerous figures, I think it is only understandable that people would feel a need for some levity, so I would hope that those people who do listen understand that.

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET (continued)FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 25 - Code 450

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 168,925.00

LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Page 27 - Code 473

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 173,100.00

POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION

SECTION TOTAL \$3,712,049.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Page 31 - Code 510

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 42,100.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Page 34 - Code 550

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 62,125.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

Page 36 - Code 610

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 278,567.00

MR. FERRARA moved to reduce Code 610.0458 by \$1,000 to force the Park Department to use compact cars to save gas.

MR. FOX: MOVED. SECONDED. The MOTION is LOST, 10 yes; 15 no; 5 abstentions; 9 absent; 1 vacancy.

BOARD OF RECREATION

Page 650

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 16,130.00

BRENNAN GOLF COURSE

Page 38 - Code 670

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 43,270.00

PARKS & RECREATION SECTION TOTAL

\$ 337,967.00

FERGUSON LIBRARY

Page 39 - Code 710

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 600,000.00

STAMFORD MUSEUM

Page 40- Code 720

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 73,957.00

FORT STAMFORD

Page 41 - Code 730

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 10,000.00

COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION TOTAL

\$ 683,957.00

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET (continued)URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Page 45 - Code 980

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 2,108,000.00

Page 45 - GRAND BUDGET TOTAL.....TOTAL APPROVED \$11,782,213.00

(The cuts totalled \$727,830)

MR. FOX asked the Clerk to call the Roll so as to confirm the fact that 21 Board Members were still present. There were 27 members present and 12 absent, the absent members being: Mr. Tiani, Mr. Dixon, Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Loomis, Mrs. Santy, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Hays, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Zelinski, Mr. Fiordelisi and Mr. Sherer.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said on the Operating Budget the total figure is \$99,264,945.00, and on the Capital Projects Budget the total figure is \$11,782,213.00.

MR. BOCCUZZI thanked his fellow Democrats for staying through the meeting.

MR. POLLARD asked Mrs. Goldstein for a statement as to whether or not passing these budgets will result in any form of tax increase?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: That question is one that I cannot answer because a great deal of what that mill rate increase will be depends upon the contingency fund that will be set by the Board of Finance, that is their prerogative and anything we did these last two nights can be, I doubt if it will be, but can be if they so choose undone by the Board of Finance by just putting everything we cut into the Contingency Fund. I trust that won't happen, I hope that won't happen, I hope that won't happen because I think they were good and decent cuts. But it is our Fiscal indication based on the numbers, based on revenues, based on projected taxes that any mill rate increase would be in the area of one, but I cannot say for sure, based on this budget, it should be lower, we cannot say it all, and I wouldn't.

MR. FOX: The resolution that we will now vote on is subject to final confirmation of those figures. That is how we've done it in the past. MOVED FOR ACCEPTANCE, SECONDED AND CARRIED. 3 NO VOTES (Mr. Pollard, Mr. Corbo, Mrs. Perillo) Mrs. Perillo also wanted to go on record as voting against the Board of Education Operating Budget, she agrees on the rest.

There being 27 members present, the RESOLUTION is ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 1234ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETSFROM JULY 1, 1979 to JUNE 30, 1980

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended Budgets for the ensuing year, commencing July 1, 1979 and ending June 30, 1980, for final action by the Board of Representatives,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1979-1980 in the Budgets as submitted by the Mayor and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of:

\$ 11,782,213.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS

\$ 99,264,945.00 OPERATING BUDGETS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY accepted, adopted and approved, and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action, of said Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on MOTION, duly SECONDED, and CARRIED, the Meeting was ADJOURNED at 1:25 A. M.

JGB:CMT

By: Helen M. McEvoy

Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Asst.
and Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

John Wayne Fox
John Wayne Fox, President
15th Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio WSTC and WYRS in its entirety.