

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 1982 - SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1982

17th Board of Representatives

Stamford, Connecticut

An ADJOURNED SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING (second night) of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1982, pursuant to a "CALL" from the PRESIDENT, JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, 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 7:35 P.M. after a brief caucus by both political parties.

INVOCATION: By Fr. McMann, St. John's Catholic Church, Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call taken by CLERK, ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE. There were 38 members present and 2 absent. The absent members were Mary Lou Rinaldi and James Bonner (excused). (Ms. Rinaldi came in at 11:02 P.M.)

The President declared a QUORUM.

The President read the "CALL" of the Meeting (and which appears on the front page of the Minutes of the first session, May 11, 1982.)

PRESIDENT SANTY: I have asked the Parliamentarian and the Assistant Parliamentarian to give us their comments on the research they have done into the proper manner to proceed. They have met and discussed this matter, and they will give us their opinions; one item being recommendations for direction as far as the time element is concerned and how much we have to accomplish this evening and tomorrow evening in order to complete our obligations.

MRS. GUROIAN: John Hogan and I have been concerned since last night about the slow pace this meeting is going and we have a few facts, comments, and suggestions to share with you. We are only up to page 22, and have up to page 174 to complete yet. We must finish our budget deliberations tomorrow night because the office has to be busy typing up our results in order to get it into the hands of the proper people by Friday evening. We must finish our deliberations tomorrow night.

MRS. GUROIAN: As you know we also have scheduled a Phase-in meeting. A Special Meeting for Phase-in for tomorrow night. In the event, that we do not accomplish as much as we would hope for tonight, which would mean almost completing the whole budget, we can possibly meet tomorrow and then immediately adjourn the Phase-in meeting for Friday, and then meet again Friday. We cannot meet again Friday on the budget. We don't have the time. We've got to complete it tomorrow night. John will give you some of the facts about that and some suggestions we've come up with and you can take them or use them or do as you see fit. O.K. John.

MR. HOGAN: Thank you, Madam Chairman, Grace, Fellow Representatives, just a few facts to place before you before the meeting starts. We have still before us to be covered in the Operating budget 54 groups and departments and contained in six (6) sections, plus the Board of Education and the Capital budget. All of this still to be covered by this Board. Even allowing for five minutes for each of these, it would simply take us four hours to complete the action on the budget. What we have attempted to do was to arrive at a reasonable, what we feel is, a reasonable solution to speeding the meeting-up and that is that we attempt, this evening to complete all the action on the Operating budget, but in the event that the hour becomes very late and we can't complete it, that we at least, complete that section up to that section on Health and Welfare including the section on Health and Welfare. This then would leave for tomorrow night the section on Parks and Recreation, Community Services, and the Board of Education in the Operating budget and then the Capital Projects budget. We feel this is the proper way to go and as Grace has pointed out, it is up to the pleasure of the Members as what they want to do. They can accept our recommendations or change them, or make recommendations of their own. We feel these recommendations, in fact, should be brought to the attention of each Member.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Hogan. Again, I would like to thank Mrs. Guroian and Mr. Hogan for serving in this capacity.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I appreciate the time and the care that went into the presentation by the Parliamentarian and Asst. Parliamentarian and I quite agree that unless we do something here tonight, it is going to be extraordinarily difficult to complete our obligation. It seems to me that the only way to do this, is to limit the extent of debate to some degree which is a perfectly proper motion is this Board wants to take that action. If we are going to debate item for item on everything the way we have been, then despite all of Mr. Hogan's and Mrs. Guroian's excellent ideas, we're still not going to be able to finish. What would be to me a wise decision, would be to either limit the extent of debate or to agree not to question any cut that has been made under "X" number of dollars which is something that can be determined also.

MR. DeLUCA: Through you, Madam President to Mrs. Goldstein, what would she consider a reasonable time for debate.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Goldstein, through the Chair.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would say that it would be reasonable for no single representative to debate on an item more than two (2) minutes. Some people see fit to talk, and it is their right no doubt, to talk for five (5) minutes, sometimes ten (10) minutes on a single cut. Often that cut is no more than \$150.00; so, therefore, if we could get the two-thirds necessary to limit the extent of debate to perhaps two (2) minutes a person at a maximum or three (3) minutes, we might really be able to move along.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, I might have to limit debate on this discussion right now. There is not motion on the Floor.

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to comment on it. Granted we want to limit debate, but just in reply to Mrs. Goldstein, after all, this is an important function that we have before us and I realize the expediency that we are trying to go through to get this here out. Sometimes debate can be fruitful and sometimes meaningless. Last night by a constant debate, we were able to rectify some misinterpretation of certain items we wanted to cut. I would be hesitant to try to say that we will limit people to two (2) minutes to three (3) minutes. After all, we've been here all year long. This is an important item for us and to try to stifle anyone is a little ridiculous.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca. Mrs. Guroian is the next to speak.

MRS. GUROIAN: I think we are wasting precious time debating this point. I would, I really am opposed to limiting debate. I've never liked it and I think it's a tool that only should be used in dire emergencies. I think the Ladies and Gentlemen sitting here can limit themselves if they know that the facts are and what the time limitations are and I would trust that they would do so. Besides which, I think there are rules that we can govern ourselves by without voting on such no person can speak a second time unless everybody has spoken a first time. No person can speak more than twice unless the full Body allows him to speak more than twice. I would urge these measures which are legitimate and which are in the Rules of Order be used before we go to such extremes and I hope we'll move on to the business of the night so that we can get as much done as we can.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There are seven (7) more speakers. I would like to proceed with the budget.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, you have seven (7) speakers there, two (2) minutes apiece; 14 minutes, we are going to be here until 8:30 or 8:45 and we are not going to make one decision. This is the problem. Let's get on with the budget. Let's have the Board Members use their own judgement. They know what the story is; they know how much more we have to go. Cross-off the speakers and let's go.

MRS. PERILLO: May I make a suggestion? Coming down tonight to the Meeting, the only person you hear is John Roman on the radio. You cannot hear anything else on the radio and I think if the Police could ask them to keep it down a little bit outside. You can't hear anything that's going on other than John Roman talking.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Perillo, we take your suggestion but we certainly can't dictate to either the Media or the Police. Mr. Esposito, would you please announce again the cut that was made last evening and continue.

MR. ESPOSITO: Last night in dealing with section 1, we made a total cut of \$95,565.00. The Grand total for the first section; Boards and Commissions was \$1,382,638. We left off last night having completed Group 20 Chief Executive; the final total for Group 20 Chief Executive, page 21 was \$190,994.00.

MRS. CONTI: POINT OF INFORMATION - The figures that Mr. Esposito read are not the figures that we have written down back here.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's what I was going to check with our Staff up here. I don't have the same figures either, Mr. Esposito. Will you double check that total?

MRS. GUROIAN: \$95 is just the Boards and Commissions. Added to that is \$19,941 for Group 20.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is what I said. I said the total for Section 1, Boards and Commissions were cut \$95,565. The total bottom line is \$1,382,638.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That is correct. That is the total I have. Any discussion on this?

MR. ESPOSITO: We are now working on Code 210, page 22, Town & City Clerk. Fiscal did not make any cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$257,177.

Code 220, page 24, Probate Court - Fiscal did not make any cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$7,900.

Code 230, Department of Law - Fiscal did not make any cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$440,388.

Code 240, Commissioner of Finance, page 27, Fiscal cut out of line 240.2650 New Equipment \$1,100. Total for that department, Grand total bottom line \$214,493.

Group 24 - Controller, page 28, Fiscal made no cuts in this department. Bottom line reads \$373,150.

Bureau of Purchases, page 30, Fiscal made no cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$172,799.

Central Services Department Code 244, Fiscal made no cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$140,923.

Code 245, Bureau of Data Processing, Fiscal made no cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$500,237.

Code 248, Finance Department - Grants Account, Fiscal made no cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$44,116.

Code 249, Risk Management, Fiscal made no cuts in this department. The bottom line reads \$50,214.

MR. TARZIA: On the Risk Management section, Code 249.2740 telephone. The \$2,500, when I compare it to some of the other departments, I notice it's quite large. Do you have background on that?

MRS. HAWES: When we talked to the new Risk Manager, Mr. Tarzia, she told us that one problem that she has could involve \$200 or \$300 worth of toll calls.

MR. ESPOSITO: The monthly charges are \$600 for the telephone account plus the toll charges would be \$1,900. By the nature of her job having to call insurance companies and make long distance calls to where these insurance companies might be, rather lengthy phone conversations; that's where the major bulk of the phone is. \$1,900 for toll calls; that reads to a \$2,500 total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski is next.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to Rep. Esposito, am I to understand that the regular monthly service charge would be \$600 a month?



MR. ESPOSITO: No, it's the total. \$600 divided by 12.

MR. ZELINSKI: Most insurance companies in our State have toll-free numbers and I think that also unless it is something of an emergency, that a simple letter would suffice rather than wasting an amount of expense of telephone and I'd like to make a cut of about a \$1,000 from that account; that is account 2740 telephone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski has made a motion to cut \$1,000 from the telephone account being the total, Mr. Zelinski, as I said last night, when you make the cuts, Representatives, give us the total in that line.

MR. ZELINSKI: The new total would be \$1,500 Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mr. Zelinski's motion? There are several Seconds. We are now discussing Mr. Zelinski's motion.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to speak against this Motion. We spoke at lengths to the new Risk Manager and I think it's fair to say that the Committee was quite impressed with her capabilities. This person, this position is saving us hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and I really think to tie her hands by cutting her telephone bill is a little bit ridiculous; so I would urge you not to vote for this Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. DUDLEY: MOVE THE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question. Aye. Opposed. We will Move the Question. We will use the machine. We are voting on Mr. Zelinski's motion to delete \$1,000 from the telephone account, Risk Management bringing that total to \$1,500. Please use your machine.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has passed. 20 yes, 16 no, and 2 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: That would leave that line with \$1,500, a \$1,000 cut and the bottom line would be \$49,214.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MR. DeLUCA: Madam President, through you to Mr. Esposito, why is the Professional Computer Services \$5,000? Is there any reason why they cannot use our services?

MR. ESPOSITO: They are using our services. These are add-ons to the system. As they are progressing and adding on more complicated material, they buy new materials and add on new program systems.

MR. DeLUCA: In other words, Risk Management has added on new requirements and they are paying for it through their budget not that this here may already be in the Data Processing Center.

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct. They are using the City's computer. This is for add-on systems that specifically relate to the Risk Management Department, and this is not added-on into the Date Processing. No.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Your questions answered, Mr. DeLuca?

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line is \$49,214.

Assessor's Office, Fiscal made no cuts. The bottom line, page 35, \$339,670.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MR. DeLUCA: In view of the fact that the Tax Assessor is resigning as of July 1st, has any provisions been made to may be reduce the salary account by "X" amount of dollars; not unless the job has already been posted and we already have a replacement waiting in the wings that can start on July 1st?

MR. ESPOSITO: The answer is no. We talked about that but we did not do anything about it. The Fiscal Committee felt that they would work as expeditiously as possible to replace Mr. Hyland.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca, continue.

MR. DeLUCA: In view of the fact that the Assessor's salary is \$31,895 as of July 1st, and based on our track record of hiring people, especially in a caliber such as this, as many of you will recall, it took us almost a year to hire a director for the Welfare Department, almost a year, little over to get a new Police Chief. Therefore, I would like to recommend a cut in the salary account; reduce it by a half-year salary based that it would take us six months to hire a person such as this; therefore, I would like to make a cut of \$15,947 from the salary account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion has been made and SECONDED. We will now address that Motion.

MR. ESPOSITO: Although Mr. DeLuca's point is well taken and possibly some cut would be appropriate, I would like to point-out that by cutting six months off the salary, we're are creating a self-fulfilling prophecy here that even if they do find someone, they can't hire them. We felt very strongly, and one of the reasons why we didn't make a cut, and admittedly, it's a judgement call that we made. A this particular point-in-time, the Assessor's office is grossly overworked and understaffed. It is not going to get easier. It's going to be a difficult process down the road; even if they don't hire someone who will take his place, they may have to hire some outside help, provide some overtime for existing employes and we want to provide some material in the salary account so that they could either transfer to a part-time account for outsiders or hire someone temporarily or whatever the case may be. Being fully aware and cognizant of the fact that they are in their peak-year of the time right now and it's not going to get easier for them.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. GUROIAN: I thought that as I recall the reason you left the money in was because severence might have to be paid.

MR. ESPOSITO: We have a separate account for that.

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, I would like to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. Opposed. We'll Move the Question. We'll use the machine. We are voting on Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$15,947 from the Assessor's Office salary account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is LOST. 16 yes, 22 no.

MRS. CONTI: I would like to MOVE a \$10,000 cut in the salary account. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now addressing Mrs. Conti's Motion.

MR. BLAIS: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. We will now Move on Mrs. Conti's Motion which is to delete \$10,000 from the salary account. The machine is ready.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is CARRIED. 23 yes, 11 no, and 3 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: That leaves that line at \$267,576 and would reduce the final total to \$329,670.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to Rep. Esposito. Line item 2650 new equipment, \$2,200 increase over last year; what was that for, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: Two new computer reader terminals at \$2,000 apiece for a total of \$4,000, two tables for computer terminals at \$267 apiece for \$534 and two electric typewriters at \$925 apiece for \$1,850.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. Also, through you, Madam President, line 2651, a new item there \$2,400.

MR. ESPOSITO: That's a copier \$2,400. This is a new account that had been approved during 81/82 fiscal year. The estimated cost per month is \$200 times 12 months for \$2,400 for the year. It is imperative that this account be approved as it saves many dollars and earns many dollars. We charge \$ .25 per page, all funds returned to the General Fund.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you Mr. Zelinski and Mr. Esposito.

MR. CONTI: Code 250, line item 2911 Record Books, can you tell me why it is going up almost \$1,200?

MR. ESPOSITO: According to the back-up, I will read it to you as it is printed. \$1,600 there is no change in this account because of re-use of some of the older binders. We have taped the new year over the old and saved the cost of some new binders.

MR. ESPOSITO: Total for that page, \$329,670.

Tax Collector Code 260, Fiscal made no cuts in that department so the total reads \$247,494.

Personnel Department, Page 38, Code 270, Fiscal made a \$10,000 cut in the salary account for possible re-organization. We suggest possible re-organization; the benefits manager and clerical staff so that line 270.1110 would be \$234,981.

We made a \$2,000 cut in line 270.2938 in recruitment and hiring; that would read \$4,000.



MR. ESPOSITO: We made a \$4,000 cut in line 270.2939 City training; that should read \$8,000.

We made a \$7,000 cut in line 270.3620 medical examinations; that should read \$6,200.

We made a \$2,000 cut in line 270.5320 civil service examinations; that should read \$4,500.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Esposito. Our Staff up front here finds it a little difficult. You went a little bit to fast. Could you repeat that just a little slower? Repeat it once more. Thank you.

MR. ESPOSITO: From the very beginning: line 270.1110 salaries minus \$10,000; that should read \$234,981.

Line 270.2938 recruitment and hiring minus \$2,000; should read \$4,000.

Line 270.2939 City training program minus \$4,000; that should read \$8,000.

Line 270.3620 medical examination minus \$7,000; that should read \$6,200.

Line 270.5320 civil service examinations minus \$2,000 that should read \$4,500.

The bottom line on Personnel Department is \$307,414.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I have a question on item 3620 medical examinations. What's the rationale on that?

MR. ESPOSITO: The money allocated to this line item for the past two years has been barely adequate. The necessity is to do medical screening for large numbers of both the police and fire departments will come close to exhausting the current budget. The rationale for this item is to give a medical exam all police and firemen before they enter the force so to determine whether or not they have high blood pressure.

The rationale behind the cut was that the Board of Finance had cut the vacancies and that there will be fewer new police and firemen hired. As a result of that, we felt that they didn't need as much money.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Through you, Madam Chairman to Marie Hawe, please; on account 270.1130 part-time, it indicates \$7,800 and 270.1135 permanent part-time \$13,598; now that is over \$21,000. I am just interested to know who fulfills those positions and would it be better to hire one person permanently?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, Mr. Esposito is making the presentation. Could you address your question to him? Thank you.

MR. ESPOSITO: Through you, Madam Chairman. The part-time salaries are services of physicians three hours a week and a registered nurse 18 hours a week. These are medical staff and I don't think we want to hire a full-time physician. The difference between the part-time and permanent part-time has to do with the number of hours they work per week.

MR. BOCCUZZI: On Code 270.5320 civil service examinations, you cut it down to \$4,500; your rationale being that there are less vacancies in and certain departments were eliminated so, therefore, a test does not have to be taken. It is my understanding that the reason why the vacancies that were there, a



MR. BOCCUZZI: (continuing) lot of the tests were given and lists are not available, and I think this is why we lost a big batch of the Police Department. I would hate to see examinations be cut-down and no list are available for department heads to fill their jobs. Probably if a list was available for the Police Department, we could have had the vacancies filled. We never would have lost the cops that we lost. We are suffering a great loss by the loss in the Police Department as it is. Paul, I am just wondering if you are really satisfied that \$4,500 is not going to cause another problem down the road.

MR. ESPOSITO: Through you, Madam Chairman to Mr. Boccuzzi: There are two factors. 1. The fact that there wasn't a list available this year is not because they didn't have any money in the account. There are all kinds of reasons why there wasn't a list available. 2. It's questionable whether they'll need a list in many of these departments since in some cases, attrition cuts have been taken and the vacancies have been cut, many of the departments that we are going to be discussing tonight will try to get by without laying anyone off and it's unlikely that in many cases, they will even be testing for those jobs. That's the logic and rationale that we used.

MRS. SAXE: Through you to Mr. Esposito, I would like to know if there is any surplus left in accounts 270.1130 and 1135, part-time and permanent part-time.

MRS. HAWE: In the part-time, there is \$4,165 left in that account. There was no permanent part-time account. That's a new line item this year. It doesn't show up in this year's budget.

MRS. SAXE: I would like to know again the explanation for the \$13,598.

MR. ESPOSITO: That's in part-time?

MRS. SAXE: That's in permanent part-time.

MR. ESPOSITO: They broke out permanent part-time from the part-time. As we explained last night, that's a whole new line that exists this year that did not exist before. I'll read to you the back-up and hopefully, it will answer your question. Currently we have the services of a physician 3 hours a week and a registered nurse 18 hours per week. For the first time, all pre-employment medicals for Smith House staff are being handled by the nurse and physician including part-time employees. The number of employees being checked regularly for weight and blood pressure and other miscellaneous problems has increased 28%. The nurse also coordinates CPR training programs and handles health counseling. Due to the limited number of hours presently worked by the nurse, pre-employment medicals cannot be scheduled as expeditiously as we would like. On occasion this can cause a delay in the hiring process. We would therefore like to increase her hours to 25 hours per week which would make her permanent part-time; thus making her a permanent part-time employee and moving her to the 1135 account. The figure of \$13,598 reflects her rate of pay per her contract of \$10.46 per hour, 25 hours per week. The physician's salary and hours remain constant at \$50.00 per hour, 3 hours per week.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Does that answer your question, Mrs. Saxe? Do you have a Motion?

MRS. SAXE: Yes, I would like to take \$4,000 out of the permanent part-time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Saxe, bringing that total to \$9,598. **SECONDED.** We are now discussing Mrs. Saxe's Motion to delete \$4,000 from that account number. Mr. Wiederlight, do you want to address that? There is no discussion, we'll move right to a vote.

MR. BOCCUZZI: POINT OF INFORMATION.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have a Motion on the Floor. Are you addressing that Motion of Mrs. Saxe? The \$4,000?

MR. BOCCUZZI: What I am trying to find out when he says permanent part-time, is there a special number of hours they have to work a week or a minimum number of hours.

MR. ESPOSITO: 20 hours or below is part-time; 20 hours or above is permanent part-time plus then they get fringe benefits.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will proceed to a vote. If you are in favor of Mrs. Saxe's Motion to delete \$4,000 from that account, please use your machine yes; if you are against the motion, please use the no vote.

The Motion was APPROVED. 25 Yes, 12 No, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to the Co-Chairperson of Fiscal. In reference to line 3620 Medical Examinations, you cut \$7,000 from that. Your premise was that there was going to be no new vacancies, therefore, we reduce the amount of medical examinations. Is that the only thing that that line item is used for; new positions medical examinations?

MR. ESPOSITO: I will read to you the rest of it. It is anticipated that with the new police officer list scheduled to be promulgated this Spring, there will even be more medical exams required in 82/82. On that basis, we cut for that purpose. In addition, it is becoming increasingly clear that addition tests for heart and hypertension needed raising the line item to \$13,220 will provide the funds to improve the medical screening process. A complete exam for each candidate is approximately \$230. This figure allows for screening 50 to 60 candidates. So the answer is yes, it is for those people. We did anticipate that there will be some people hired. We just didn't know how many and it wouldn't be as many as they had anticipated and that's why we cut it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you, through you, to the Chairperson, please. What is the rationale again, please for cutting \$10,000 in the salary?

MR. ESPOSITO: For possible reorganization within the department and we specifically highlighted the area of the benefit manager. Not necessarily any position but the benefit manager and the clerical staff. Because of our new insurance carrier, the individual employee now fills out the forms for reimbursement for the medical insurance and that should reduce some clerical staff and in light of that, we, therefore, recommended a \$10,000 cut. Our recommendation is that people in the Personnel Department look at that particular area and possible cut back there.

MRS. GERSHMAN: This is one of the problems in the Personnel Committee; that they did not get this benefit and I would MOVE that we replace that \$10,000 in the account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Gershman made a Motion to restore \$10,000 in the Personnel Salary account. SECONDED. We are not addressing that Motion. Any discussion?

MR. ESPOSITO: As clarification, what Mrs. Gershman means by her statement; they didn't get any benefits.

MRS. GERSHMAN: During a discussion with the Union at a Personnel Committee meeting, the Union wanted the Benefits' Manager to continue this filling-out of forms and helping them more. One of the problems was that they felt they were not getting the service and if we cut this account, they will certainly not be getting the service which they want.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I respond? It was my understanding that, first of all, we are self-insured for medical and life; so we pay all the benefits out ourselves. Travelers, who is the Administrator of the fund, had recommended that for a faster turn-over, that the employee themselves fill-out the forms. It is my understanding, of course I am not an employee of the City, it would expedite the turn-around time from the time that the bill is incurred, that the employee fills-out the form and sends it in and receives the payment back for the employee to do it themselves. What had happened in the past, apparently, is the employee would give the forms to the City and it would get "bogged down" in the City bureaucracy, may be sent in a little later and it took longer for them to get their money back and by the employee sending the form in themselves, it supposedly speeded turn-around time and that's the logic behind that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito:

MRS. McINERNEY: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor say aye. AYE. Opposed. We will use the machine. and we are voting on Mrs. Gershman's motion to restore \$10,000 to the Personnel Department's salary account.

The Motion has LOST. 32 no, 3 yes, 0 abstentions.

MR. BLUM: I'm sorry I was off the Floor and I don't even know all the cuts but I'd like to ask about item 270.2939 City Training Program \$12,000. I'd like to hear about that. What this Training Program is about.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, that was cut by the Fiscal Committee \$4,000, bringing that total to \$8,000.

MR. STORK: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to Mr. Esposito, I would like to discuss 270.1201 Over-time. Mr. Esposito, would I be correct in assuming that's to fund week-ends and evening work with regards to Civil Service examinations?

MR. ESPOSITO: I'll read you the back-up on that. The \$2,976 increase in this line items are the direct result of the MAA contract which states that compensation must be paid for over-time for members in Salary Grades 1 through 6. Examination program takes place almost exclusively in the evening and on Saturdays in order to affectively serve applicants. By contract, we must now pay over-time to of the analysts who administer most of those exams.

MR. STORK: Since your Committee recommended \$2,000 being reduced from the Civil Service examinations, what was the rationale, perhaps, of your Committee not recommending a cut in this item?

MR. ESPOSITO: We didn't think about it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Stork, do you have a Motion?

MR. STORK: I would like to make a Motion. This account has increased four times. I think if we reduce it to may be twice what the previous request was, would be satisfactory. I'd like to MOVE that \$1,976 be cut reducing the account line to \$2,000 even. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It has been MOVED and SECONDED to delete \$1,976 from that account number. Is there any discussion on this Motion?

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to speak in favor of this and I think it is really astonishing that the City of Stamford gives examinations for positions on week-ends. I don't know if any other corporation that does that and I would hope that they would change that and start tightening their belt a little bit. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. Opposed? We'll Move the Question. We'll proceed to a machine vote. We are voting on Mr. Stork's deletion on item 270.1201 over-time.

The Motion has PASSED. 35 yes votes, 3 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: So that line now reads \$2,000 and our Grand total for the department is \$301,438.

PRESIDENT SANTY: \$301,438, Mr. Esposito?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm sorry, Mr. Esposito, I see hands raised.

MR. BLUM: Inasmuch as the Fiscal Committee has made cuts in regard to Training and Examinations and so on, I was just wondering, I would like to hear about the account 270.2920 Advertising.

MR. ESPOSITO: I'll read you the back-up. Is that a question?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, are you making a Motion, or are you asking a question with that account?

MR. BLUM: I'm asking a question of the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee. Inasmuch as cuts have been made from items pertaining to hiring, then I'd like to ask about the advertising. This is for recruitment. I'd like to ask the rationale and then based on what the report is, I would make a Motion from that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. ESPOSITO: This is based on the increase in cost for advertising. This year it has already been necessary to transfer \$2,500 additional money into that account over the original \$3,100 appropriated for the current fiscal year. The argument of the department was that they have to maintain the level of funding in order to meet the cost for 82/83; that's assuming that there is no further increase in the advertising rates and our assumption was that that was a rather conservative figure



MR. BLUM: Well I understand or heard that inasmuch as we're going to have probably lay-offs, I don't see why we'll be advertising for new help. We might have to transfer people from job to job and, therefore, I would like to make that this item be cut at least to \$600.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're cutting \$600?

MR. BLUM: Yes, from that account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion to cut \$600 in the advertising account. Is there a Second to that? SECONDED. We are now addressing that Motion.

MR. BLAIS: MOVE THE QUESTION, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the Question? SECONDED. All in favor of Moving the Question, AYE. Opposed. We'll Move the Question and proceed to a machine vote.

The Motion has PASSED. 25 yes, 11 no, and 2 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: That line now reads \$5,000.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, Madam President, to Rep. Esposito: to get back to item 3620 Medical Examinations. I know the Fiscal Committee cut \$7,000; it's commendable, however, is there anything in the back-up material that says what the cost of one examination would be, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: \$230.

MR. ZELINSKI: \$230 and do you know if we have an vacancies based on your expertise as far as going over the budgets of all departments. The vacancies that been cut, no, I mean the new positions that been cut.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I through you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Esposito, I would just ask all the other representatives to please give Mr. Esposito your attention, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would like to point-out that in the budget book bounded on the side, it listed all the vacancies; most of which have been cut but the Board of Finance, but I'd also like to point-out those are only the vacancies that existed at the time that book was printed. That's kind of a snapshot on time to use Mr. Harrison's phrase. We can never be sure what the vacancies are at this very moment. Those were the vacancies of March 30, 1982. There may be more now. Although all the vacancies were cut-out that is of that time, we don't know how many vacancies exist at this moment in time.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. Madam President, I'd like to make a motion to cut \$1,600 out of that account bringing it down to \$4,600 and if I get a Second, I'll tell my rationale.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion. There is a SECOND. Would you repeat your figure again, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, I'd like to reduce it by \$1,600 Code 3620 on Medical examinations. My rationale is based on the \$230, that is enough for 20 examinations. Rather than have excess money in any account in the City, I'd rather see any

MR. ZELINSKI: (Continuing) department head come back and ask for an additional appropriation if needed. If not, then we shouldn't appropriate it and I so MOVE. Thank you.

MR. WIDER: Are these medical examination only for new employees? Or are they for other City employees?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito answered the question. Only new employees; pre-employment examination, Mr. Wider.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: That may be true, but neverthe less you are going to get new employees not as a result of new positions but as a result of attrition. Somebody may leave and somebody may be rehired again. Therefore, you will still have to give a new employee a medical examination and I feel that cutting \$7,000 per Fiscal's original recommendation was drastic enough and take another \$1,600 I feel it's just an indiscriminate cut and we should leave the money in the account at \$6,200.

MR. FLOUNDERS: It is my understanding that all these examinations are not for new employees exclusively. That they do include as it's indicated in here, in addition it's becoming increasingly clear that addition tests for heart and hypertension are needed. This is in connection with the police and fire departments and so these are not all new employees as I understand it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, say aye. AYE. Opposed. We will use the machine. We are voting on Mr. Zelinski's Motion to delete \$1,600 further from that account.

The Motion is LOST. 9 yes, 26 no, 3 not voting.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, through you to Representative Esposito, line 2941 Membership Dues, what is that \$100 for?

MR. ESPOSITO: Membership for our department, the prestigious American Society of Public Administrators.

MR. ZELINSKI: In other words, that's for the Director?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, for the department.

MR. ZELINSKI: But for who in the department?

MR. ESPOSITO: The department of the City of Stamford. Back up says for our department. Publications and contacts with personnel professionals working in the public sectors with this organization are quite valuable.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, do you want to make a Motion?

MR. ZELINSKI: No. Next thing, line item number 3620 Medical supplies. What is the unencumbered balance in that account as of your latest figure, please.

MRS. HAWE: The unencumbered balance is \$100.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski, do you want to make a motion at this time?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, I would MOVE that we cut that by \$200.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mr. Zelinski's Motion? I'm sorry there is no Second, so there is no Motion before this Assembly.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line is \$300,838.

Code 271 Labor Negotiator, page 40, Fiscal made no cuts. Bottom line is \$58,717.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have several hands.

MR. DeLUCA: Madam, President, through you to Representative Esposito, is this a contract position, the labor negotiator?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, would you answer Mr. DeLuca's question.

MR. ESPOSITO: No, according to Mr. Stork. Thank you.

MR. DeLUCA: It's not a contract?

MR. ESPOSITO: No.

MR. DeLUCA: Is it MAA, Civil Service.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It seems that Mr. Stork is answering that question. Mr. Stork, would you like to answer that?

MR. STORK: As I understand it, he's a non-union administrator.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, that's quite right. The labor negotiator belongs to no union; not part of MAA or any union related organization.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca, the Floor is yours.

MR. DeLUCA: This increase that he's getting is for the next current fiscal year, the \$6,000 increase?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's as per the increases we approved at this Board. That's correct.

MR. DeLUCA: He's a non-union person.

MR. ESPOSITO: This is included in those figures for the merit increases and the retros on those merit increases.

MR. DeLUCA: I'd like to make a Motion to cut this by \$4,000. My rationale being that looking at the increase on what he was previously getting, it's like a 16.9% increase.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several SECONDS. Do you want to speak to the Motion now?

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I want to make a Motion to reduce this by \$4,000 bringing him down to \$42,542.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have a Second. We are addressing Mr. DeLuca's Motion at this point.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. We did approve this just a couple of months ago on the non-union contract and apart from that that we already have approved this salary level, I would suggest that we are going to be asking our union negotiator to work hard for us next year and we really should not cut his salary and I'm opposed to this cut.

MR. DONAHUE: Through the Chair, I would like to know if Mr. DeLuca knows if this is legal or not since it has already been approved by this Board?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca, would you like to answer that question?

MR. DeLUCA: I don't know what the legal ramifications would be. I'm not an attorney and I didn't pursue this phase of it. I feel that \$46,000 is a little too high and, therefore, that's why I'm recommending \$4,000 cut at this time.

MR. DONAHUE: I would then suggest, Madam President, that the cut is inappropriate since it might expose us to litigation.

MR. DeLUCA: Is Representative Donhue sure, certain that this is illegal or just making presumptions. May be I'm looking for him to reorganize the department like we've been doing right along. We seem to have a knack for doing that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I will allow Mr. Donahue to speak, and then we go on to the next speaker, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. DONAHUE: The only way we could reorganize his department would be to move his desk around. There is only one person in there, but I didn't make the Motion so I don't think that I should have to justify the legality.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor please say aye. AYE. Opposed? We will Move the Question. We are voting on the deletion of \$4,000 from the salary account of Labor Negotiations' Department.

The Motion is LOST. 4 yes, 21 no, 6 abstaining and 7 not voting.

MR. DeLUCA: Madam President, through you to Representative Esposito. The contract administration \$5,000, what is this for?

MR. ESPOSITO: That I would assume is to work out the contracts. When the contracts are completed and negotiated, to prepare them and so on.

MRS. HAWES: Madam Chairman, through you can I answer?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mrs. Hawes, you may speak to that.



MRS. HAWE: That account is used to pay the mediators.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, one other question. The part-time account \$4,300.

MR. ESPOSITO: It's for a part-time secretary.

MR. DeLUCA: May be we could reorganize that.

MRS. SAXE: I pass, that was my question what is the \$4,300 for.

MR. GAIPA: I didn't know we left the contract administration. I had my hand up. I'd like to speak to that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You may speak to that, Mr. Gaipa.

MR. GAIPA: A question to Mr. Esposito, through the Chair. Is this certain that we will have a mediator this year; in the forthcoming year? The services of a mediator.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, I would think so because I think we have one contract currently that's going into mediation and all the contracts are up this year and unless we are going to approve all those contracts, many of them are going to go to mediation and arbitration.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Gaipa, does that answer your question?

MR. GAIPA: Yes, it sounds like Mr. Esposito answer was probably.

MR. ESPOSITO: For fact, I know the MEA is now pursuing arbitration.

MR. GAIPA: In binding arbitration?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct.

MR. GAIPA: This is money that the City contributes to the cost of binding artibration

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct.

MR. BLUM: On contract 271-5350, I'd like to make a Motion that we cut this account by \$1,000, and I'll give my rationale.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to the Motion? SECONDED.  
You may speak to that Motion, Mr. Blum.

MR. BLUM: Inasmuch as he only one contract for mediation now and which is the MEA contract, the other contracts are before the negotiator. They are no place near mediation so, therefore, I think that account right now for next year and it takes so long to negotiate a contract. We haven't got a track record. It goes 3 years, 1800 months for MEA. The only ones that have a good yard record are the police and the firemen. Other than that, the other unions have to go a long long time before they come up with a contract. So, I, therefore, ask that this line be cut by \$1,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total, Mr. Blum, to \$4,000?

MR. BLUM: That's correct.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further discussion on this on this?

MR. ESPOSITO: I would like to point-out that although Mr. Blum is correct in our history of resolving contract disputes, it is my interpretation of what I've heard from this Board and what I've heard in other places, that the City is going to take a rather hard-line in the contract negotiations and the harder-the-line the City takes, the greater likely-hood that it will go to arbitration. I would hate to see us tie the hands of our administrator in this process, the Labor Negotiator, who won't have the funds to be able to go through that arbitration process and if we go to take a stand, a strong stand, on the contracts to get the best deal we can, we have to be able to give him the flexibility to work through that system.

MRS. McINERNEY: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question that's been made and Seconded, please say aye. AYE. Opposed? We'll Move the Question. We'll use the machine to vote on Mr. Blum's <sup>of</sup> deletion \$1,000 on Contract Administration line.

The Motion has LOST. 16 yes, 18 no, 3 not voting.

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line is \$58,717.

Code 280, page 41, Department of Traffic, we took out of line 2750 Gasoline \$1,000 to leave that line at \$10,628. We took out of line 3532 Emergency signal repair \$2,000 to leave that line at \$18,000. That gives us a bottom line figure of \$617,696

PRESIDENT SANTY: What is your question, Mrs. Conti?

MRS. CONTI: It is not a question, I'd like to made a Motion. I would like to MOVE out of account 280.1110 \$15,000. That's out of the salary account in keeping with the other departments where we have asked them to reorganize. I think we should do the same here. There are a number of employees in this department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion is made to delete \$10,000 from the salary account. SECONDED. We are now addressing that Motion. Any discussion?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I'm very surprised Mrs. Conti is doing that. I don't know her rationale because I sat-in on Fiscal when this deliberated. As you know, the Traffic Department has already made adjustments. There is one person on the clerical basis that is no longer there and I don't think that they can stand any-more cuts on their Staff just like the Board of Representatives. Thank you.

MR. DONAHUE: I agree with Ms. Summerville. The Traffic & Parking Department came in with a budget and suggested areas where they could withstand cut. They did it honestly and openly and they have suggested the reorganization of their own department and this line should not be cut.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is right. I would just like to call everyone's attention page 42, the total appropriation for 1981/82 is \$649,486. That is the fiscal year we are currently in. The Traffic Department had indicated where the cuts could be made and they were down to \$620,000 with the Board of Finance and our cuts they are down to \$617,000. In a City whose traffic problem are increasing day by day and will continue to increase, the Traffic Department has voluntarily taken a cut of almost \$30,000 over this past year.

MR. ESPOSITO (Continuing) There aren't many departments in this City that have done that percentage-wise and I think to do further damage to that would be to do damage to the programs that have currently been instated by Mr. Ford and his department.

MRS. MCINERNEY: MOVE THE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Moving the Question? SECONDED.

MRS. CONTI: Madam President, I'd like to withdraw the Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been withdrawn. There's no Motion on the Floor. Mr. Dziezyc, will you withdraw your Second?

MR. DZIEZYC: No.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then we have a Motion on the Floor. We are now going to address this. Mr. Blum, are you speaking to this Motion?

MR. BLUM: No.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will Move right to a vote since there doesn't seem to be any other discussion. We'll use the machine.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, Mrs. McInerney Moved the Question. I didn't hear any vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Boccuzzi, there is no further discussion on the Motion because the Seconder did not withdraw, so we are voting on the Motion as presented. We have a Motion before this Assembly.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Nobody wants to speak on the Motion?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No. Anyone want to speak? The Question is not Moved. I asked for further discussion on this Motion. There is no further discussion.

MRS. PERILLO: Mr. Esposito, on these vacancies, have they already been filled?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, they have.

MRS. PERILLO: Before we approved the money?

MR. ESPOSITO: They have been filled from this past year, this past year's budget. They were on the budget line for this year. They had so much money for staff and they filled them out of that money. There are not new positions.

MRS. PERILLO: When were they filled?

MR. ESPOSITO: I don't have a date on that. I know the traffic engineer has been hired and is scheduled to start June 1. As far as the Control repair technician, I don't know the date.

MRS. PERILLO: Well, with this empire he's building, I hope the traffic gets better.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Perillo. Any further discussion on this Motion?

MR. PERILLO: Getting back to that same the same issue. If he was hired or is coming on board June 1, what happened to that salary account for last year's budget for that position?

MR. ESPOSITO: As in the case of any department, for example this past year, this department had a salary account approved of \$322,320. If a number of people, resign, retire or whatever the case may be and no longer on the payroll for a number of weeks, however long it takes to fill that position; that money goes back into the General Fund or just not spent. I would think, if Mrs. Hawe has the read-out, that they would probably be in-surplus in the salary account for this year because they had some period of time when they had vacancies that weren't filled.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, I want to remind the Representatives that the question before this Assembly now is the deletion of \$15,000 from the salary account and that is what we should be limiting our discussion to. Anyone want to speak to that Motion?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I don't want to belabor the point, but I don't want the listening audience and the people in the gallery to be mislead. Everybody knows Mr. Ford just took-over this empire that he inherited and I think that should be clear. I want to reiterate that this is very important that we keep this staff intact for the City to go on with the progress that you would like to see done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Summerville.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, through you, Madam President to Representative Esposito, he just made a...

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF ORDER, Madam Chairperson. I recall a Motion made to Move the Question and it was Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Move the Question was defeated.

MR. ESPOSITO: When did we vote on it?

MRS. McINERNEY: No, we never took a vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then the Chair will take a vote at this time since it was Moved and Seconded to Move the Question. The time you Moved the Question, Mrs. Conti removed her Motion at that time. We'll proceed now to Move the Question on Mrs. Conti's Motion which she withdrew, but the Secunder did not. All in favor of Moving the Question AYE. Opposed NO. We'll proceed to a machine vote on this Motion.

MR. WIDER: I would like to get the legality on acting on a Seconded Motion, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'll ask the Parliamentarian for a ruling. The Motion is before the Floor, as the Chair determined the Secunder would not withdraw the Seconding motion.

MRS. GUROIAN: The Second does not withdraw the Motion, the Motion stays on the Floor.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Asst. Parliamentarian agree? Both Parliamentarians agree. The Motion has LOST. 13 yes, 21 no and no abstentions.



MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, Madam President to Representative Esposito a couple of questions. First a point of clarification, he did mention a few moments ago, the fact that with the salary account when Representative Perillo asked a question as far as the position being unfilled, and, I believe, if I'm not mistaken, Representative Esposito did say that the money would go back into the General Fund. I don't believe that to be correct. Isn't it true and again, Madam President, through you to Representative Esposito, that in any account whether it be salaries or anything else, if the department head so desires, can request a transfer out of that account through the Board of Finance which if approved, would stand.

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. thank you. The point is that I think we have to scrutinize very carefully so if there is a situation where there is money, that I'd rather see the line item cut now rather than have the transfer come to the Board of Finance and not even come to this Board and know exactly what's going on. So, I think we have to be very careful but I would like to ask another question, Madam President through you.

Representative Esposito, is there any particular account in the Traffic Department that you can tell me specifically that deals with the building of barricades, not barricades but cement islands in the streets specifically like Atlantic Street. Does that come out of the Traffic Department budget?

MR. ESPOSITO: Some of that comes from Capital; street improvements come from the Capital budget and if you look through your Capital budget, you will see a number of street improvements that are in progress; for example, East Main Street, widening of streets, putting center dividers in; all of that comes out of Capital.

MR. ZELINSKI: In other words, the cement island on Atlantic Street would come out of Capital.

MR. ESPOSITO: I believe, although I don't have the Capital in front of me, if you will look through there, you will see something related to Atlantic Street widening.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, we'll cover that when we get to this item in the budget.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make a Motion to cut Code 3510 Street painting supplies by \$3,000 which would bring it down to \$28,325 which would be very close to the level of last year and if there's a Second, I'll explain my rationale.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to this Motion? SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI: My rationale again is I think it's incumbent upon my colleagues to only give appropriations that are necessary to the bare bones, if you will, and in the event that any department needs additional funds, I would rather have them come back rather than have excess money in there which may be good but I remind them that if there any money left over, I have never with rare exception seen a department head bring the money back to the General Fund. The money is transferred out and spent elsewhere through transfers of the Board of Finance and we do not know that they are transferred or what's going on and I think, it is incumbent upon us to have more physical control and financial control over all these departments. Thank you.

MRS. HAWE: I would just like to point-out that in this line, the department has not transferred out anything and as of the end of April, they have \$148 left in this account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I wanted to point-out to Mr. Zelinski, that I think it is very essential we have sufficient funds in this particular account. Really bare-bones don't stripe streets and we do need a lot of striping in certain areas of this City to prevent accidents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock.

MR. BLAIS: MOVE THE QUESTION, Madam Chairman. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. Opposed? We are now going to Move the Question which is a Motion to delete \$3,000 from the street painting supplies as made by Mr. Zelinski. Please use your machine.

The Motion has LOST. 12 yes, 20 no and 6 not voting.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Through you, Madam Chairman to Mr. Esposito, please. Regarding account 280.2921 Printing, I noticed it doubled. I would like to know some information on that. Also, 280.1201 Over-time. It's \$11,149; who gets this over-time, please. Thank you.

MR. ESPOSITO: Let me deal with 2921 printing. This accounts pays for the printing of all our stationary, traffic signal maintenance signs and lines, maintenance works, order forms and any printing done for the Stamford Traffic Commission. We have also requested \$200 additional for printing of maps as we have eliminated a separate line item from our request. If you look at that, you will note that under maps and prints, the \$600 is no longer in there and that's why the printing is up somewhat. I might point-out for all the representatives and I don't know many have the back-up, we did request that every department send back-up; that the Traffic and Parking Department sent excellent back-up. He has everything detailed here. We know exactly how much he paid for each gallon of paint, how many gallons of paint, how many paint brushes he's bought and I can give you a complete break-down of what the printing is for if you so desire.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, your second question?

MRS. MAIHOCK: The second one was account 280.1201 over-time. It/s \$11,149. I'm interested to know who gets the over-time, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: This reflects the current usage of over-time account by the traffic maintenance crew and signal division crew. It includes not only emergency call-outs for repairs and maintenance but also special City functions where traffic personnel are required such as parades, tree-lightings, block parties and other public events. He again, has all the computations, the number of people, the hourly wage. If you would like that, I'll read it for you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MR. BLUM: I would like to inform Mr. Esposito that we are no longer going to have a block party, but that is not my question.

MR. BLUM: On line item 280.2720 Gas and electric, this is the largest item on this page \$100,875. I see numerous times when I go through this building, they got a big slogan BEAT, save the heat, save on the electricity and so on. I'd like to know what Mr. Ford is doing to save on electricity and gas. Why he needs this high a budgetary item?

MR. ESPOSITO: Unfortunately, this is to the power usage to operate traffic signals and you can't cut back the power there. The signals are un-needed and, therefore, subject to a flat monthly charge. This requested appropriation is based on the current monthly charge which is \$7,005 times 12 months which is \$84,000 plus a projected 20% increase which would come to \$16,812 adding up to their request of \$100,875. There is no gas. There's no line electric. It's a gas and electric line.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito, will you continue.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total, therefore, for the department is \$617,696.

Code 281, Department of Traffic and Parking, page 43, Fiscal made no cuts in this department and the bottom line on page 44 is \$644,301.

Code 283, Stamford Transit District, page 45, Fiscal cut \$12,000 from their account so that line 283.3507 Transit District would read \$1,820.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, would you speak to that deletion?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, this is an anticipation of hiring a staff person and we just felt that the Board of Finance in their previous cut had felt that it's a little premature for this at this point, and we wanted to give them some money to send-out notices for their meetings, etc., but we didn't think, at this point, that they should begin to fill the department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Code 284, Railroad Station Operation and Management, page 46, \$138,700, Fiscal made no cuts in that department.

Department Group 29 - Indirect Expenses, Code 1330 Medical and Life, Fiscal recommended \$368,420 cut to leave that at \$3 million.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, I did not see Mr. Donahue's hand. Mr. Donahue, to which item do you wish to speak.

MR. DONAHUE: 284 Railroad Station Operation and Maintenance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Certainly, we'll go back there. Back to page 46.

MR. DONAHUE: I'd just like some information on the back-up to this account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please give Mr. Donahue your attention.

MR. DONAHUE: We know that in the past, one of the old railroad station buildings was given some alterations to facilitate operations down there. There is a \$25,000 figure in here for alterations this year again. I'm aware that one of the buildings is going to be torn down in October and I think the Federal Government is picking-up money to alter the other building so that there's an operations down there.

MR. DONAHUE: (Continuing) I'd just like to know if there is any back-up to justify this expenditure.

MR. ESPOSITO: We share in that. Anything the Federal Government does and the contractor does, we share with them. The City shares 13%. So anything you see there, is a 13% share with the Federal and State.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your question, Mr. Donahue?

MR. DONAHUE: What about the service contract account?

MR. ESPOSITO: We did not get any back-up on that, Mr. Donahue.

MR. DONAHUE: I don't want to hamper the operation of the Railroad Station but it seems like a lot of money for something we are tearing-down. I don't know what the service contracts are.

MRS. CONTI: I'm not sure but I imagine that it would be for security guards and so forth down there. I think they do have to maintain some security.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is correct and I want to also point-out that although the plans are for the Stamford Railroad Station to be torn-down, we do not have a firm date on that, therefore, this is a projected budget for the entire year. One might also note that it's down \$112,000 from last year.

MR. DONAHUE: In the interest of assuring the operation, we'll let that go. I will.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, you raised a question on this item?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, two points. One Representative Betty Conti had mentioned about security. I do not believe that this account would be security because the railroad has their own security plus the Stamford Special Police officers patrol there. I would like, Madam President, through you though, ask a question of Representative Esposito. Line item 2230 General Maintenance and Supplies Building, I see there was again a large increase in that expenditure over last year and I know that there was some alterations down on the building already. What was the back-up material as far as the rationale for that large increase, Representative Esposito?

MR. ESPOSITO: This is due to the supplies for toilet facilities and all the other supplies that are used for the maintenance of the building. I would also point-out I have an answer for the service contract. That's for maintenance of the building.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Since there is no Motion on the Floor and there are no further questions, please proceed, Mr. Esposito. We are now on page 47.

MR. ESPOSITO: We were talking about Group 29 - Indirect Expenses, Code 1330 Medical and Life. Fiscal cut \$368,420 so that that total is \$3 million. The reason for that is that the City is self-insured on its medical and life and we had gotten an estimate from the Travelers, which is the new company which is going to be administering our program, and that estimate was for \$3,368,420. We noted that that was quite high. It was much higher than the previous year. Travelers felt that increase was justified. We didn't; not only because there are going to be fewer employees but also because we feel that there is no reason to believe that there is going to be that much of an increase. So that the logic



MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) behind that cut is that we think that Travelers was being too liberal in their interpretation and judgement. The bottom line, therefore, on page 47 was \$9,725,257.

MR. DeLUCA: Madam President, through you to Representative Esposito. On account 1310 Social Security, was this total based on the vacancies being filled?

MR. ESPOSITO: It's based on the total live bodies you have at any one time. It's difficult to say that you are going to base it on any number of employees because it's a very flexible number of employees. It's based on the total number of live bodies.

MR. BLAIS : Thank you, Madam Chairman. Through you, Madam Chairman, to either the Co-Chairmen. I would like to ask a series of questions about the Workmens' Compensation lines in the budget. From the way I'm reading, line 1150 Workmens' Compensation is \$75,000; line 1340 Workmens' Compensation is now \$3 million, if I'm not mistaken; Workmens' Compensation legal is \$140,000; that means we intend to spend three and a quarter million dollars on Workmens' Compensation funding for the coming year?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct. Would you go through those again, please.

MR. BLAIS: Excuse me, I was mistaken. I read the wrong line. We're spending approximately three-quarters of a million dollars on Workmens' Compensation?

MR. ESPOSITO: That is correct.

MR. BLAIS: The Workmens' Compensation legal, that's not taken care of by the legal department?

MR. ESPOSITO: They have to pay. The legal department can't pay any claims. The legal department can represent the City but this is to pay the claims.

MR. BLAIS: O.K. line 1350 is to pay the claims. Line 1340 is to pay medical claims under Workmens' Compensation and 1150 is to pay what, Mr. Esposito, through you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Either Mr. Esposito or Mrs. Hawe, if you can answer that question? Do you have an answer yet, Mr. Esposito? If not, do you have another question, Mr. Blais, while they are researching that question?

MR. BLAIS: Yes, I would like to ask Mr. Esposito if there is any possibility that if we cut \$100,000 from Workmens' Compensation legal during the coming year to defer to the following year, would that be possible under this budget?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Mr. Esposito, do you have an answer to that question?

MR. ESPOSITO: You can cut \$100,000 from that hoping that we don't have to pay a claim of more than \$40,000. If we have to pay a claim, we're going to have to appropriate that money. We can't defer it till next year. I would just like to make a general statement not only about that, but about a number of other points that have been made by other representatives that people can come back; that we make cuts and if they need them, come back and I'd like to re-emphasize what has been mentioned before that the Board of Finance is not going to provide for a very large contingency this time. That they, I think they took us seriously last year in our outrage at the large contingency that affected the tax rate and it's going

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) to be a very small contingency so, keep in mind that every time we make a cut with the possibility that someone's going to come back, they are going to come back and we are going to have to possibly make an extra assessment on the taxpayers during the year because there will be no money to come back from. So that the \$140,000 is an estimate; it's a guess-timate. We don't know what kind of legal claims there are going to be this year. You cut a \$100,000 I hope and pray we don't have more than \$40,000 in claims.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Mr. Blais, are you making a Motion?

MR. BLAIS: Yes, Madam Chairman. In view of the contingency nature of the Workmens' Compensation under this budget which is line 1350, I would make an amendment that we cut \$40,000 out of this budget for now.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total to \$100,000?

MR. BLAIS: Yes, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been MOVED and SECONDED to delete \$40,000 from line item 1350. Discussion on this Motion.

MRS. SAXE: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Mrs. Hawe, could you please tell me if there is a surplus in that account at this date?

MR. ESPOSITO: May I just say something to that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Esposito, you certainly may.

MR. ESPOSITO: While Mrs. Hawe is looking that up, I just like to point-out that this is not the kind of account that you can track. There may be the whole amount this year; you just don't know what kind of claims you are going to get and it's not like gas and electric that you can look at last year's usage, increase 10% and this year's usage. We have no idea what's pending, what's settled. No matter what the answer is to that question, it is not a good indicator of what's happening in this account.

MR. BLAIS: Yes, Madam Chairman. I don't think that Mr. Esposito had the Floor for that type of statement at this time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blais, he was the next speaker.

MR. FLOUNDERS: POINT OF INFORMATION: This particular account 1350 Workmens' Comp legal is a new account for this fiscal year 82/83. It is not?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, your question is directed to Mrs. Hawe or Mr. Esposito? Mrs. Guroian, can you answer that question?

MRS. GUROIAN: It is not a new account because the expenditure for 80/81 was \$394,433.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your question, Mr. Flounders?

MR. FLOUNDERS: No, not completely because there is nothing, unless my book is wrong, there was nothing in the account for 81/82. She is correct. 80/81 does show \$394,433. There is nothing in the account for 1981/82 and the account 1150 Workmens' Compensation was a \$148,000, has been reduced to \$75,000. It appears

MR. FLOUNDERS: (Continuing) as if from 81/82 to 82/83 the account have been separated out.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, are you answering this question?

MRS. CONTI: Yes, some of these accounts use to be in the Law Department. If you look in the Law budget, you'll see \$375,000 came out of there.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MR. BLUM: Thank you, Madam Chairman. First question is are we self-insured?

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF ORDER: Do we have a Motion on the Floor?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, we're speaking to that Motion and I hope we are addressing the Motion.

MR. BLUM: I'm asking a question. Through you, to the Fiscal Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Regarding this Motion, Mr. Blum?

MR. BLUM: Is this self-insured Workmens' Comp.?

MR. ESPOSITO: This particular legal account? Yes.

MR. BLUM: Is the medical self-insured?

MR. ESPOSITO: Workmens' Compensation medical, yes.

MR. BLUM: Why do we have on the top Workmens' Compensation \$75,000. Is that for an insurance?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe can answer that question.

MRS. HAWE: That's for payment of job related injuries.

MR. BLUM: I think we have too many accounts on Workmens' Compensation. Should all be in one.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are speaking to the Motion of Mr. Blais to reduce account 1350 \$40,000.

MRS. HAWE: Thank you. I'd just like to clarify a few points regarding this page. First of all, many of these accounts were broken-out and separated when we got the new Risk Management Department and that's why they show nothing last year and they have something in them now. It was all part of the consolidation of the insurance programs under the Risk Manager. Regarding all of these accounts, if there are people due to the budget cuts this year, people who are laid-off, we're probably going to be under-funded in a lot of these accounts. We'll have to pay unemployment and if there is anything extra in any of these accounts, it will have to be transferred to pay unemployment compensation; so I really would urge that you leave the accounts alone because the whole complexion of this page will change depending on what lay-offs we might have during the year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you. May be I could clarify some of this business on the Workmens' Compensation and the Co-Chairpeople of Fiscal might correct me if I am not right. First of all, when you have a loss in Workmens' Compensation, they also have to set-up a reserve. The Workmens' Compensation claim is not always settled right on the spot and they do have to set-up a reserve. So no doubt in Code 1150 \$75,000, you most probably have a reserve set-up for accidents that occurred that are open; that's #1.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight, I just want to remind you, and I know you haven't spoken too much this evening, but we are now speaking to Mr. Blais' Motion to delete \$40,000 from account 1350. Can you get down to that account number?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'm sorry, I got confused.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Everyone is a little confused. Let's stick to the Motion.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you like to speak to that Motion? No?

MR. DeLUCA: I'd like to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: MOVED and SECONDED to Move the Question. All in favor, please say aye. AYE. Opposed? We are going to Move the Question. We are not going to vote by the use of the machine on Mr. Blais' Motion to delete \$40,000 from account 1350.

The Motion is LOST. 8 yes, 25 no, 1 abstention and 4 no voting.

MR. BLAIS: Yes, Madam Chairman, I would like to ask a question about my number 1320 Unemployment compensation. I would like to know the rationale for Fiscal Committee not recommending either a decrease or increase since the Co-Chairman has stated that they don't even know what the potential liability would be for next year. You think with all the salary cuts that they would try to affix the liability and properly project the amount of funds needed in this account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Mr. Esposito, would you address that question, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: 1. We can increase it. 2. If there are any lay-offs and there is no guarantee that that will take place; that's up to the department heads to decide, it will go up. We felt it not prudent to make any cuts there. We know that there is a possibility for people being laid-off and that the expense of terminating employees is going to be very high and for that reason we felt we just couldn't make any adjustments to that. If we could make an adjustment, we would have liked to increase it, but we can't do that by Charter.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Mr. Co-Chairman. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you to Representative Esposito. Line item 5140 Professional Actuarial service, I see that the last two years there has been a figure of \$18,000 and this year they are asking, the request is \$23,000. What is the rationale for the additional \$5,000, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: They want more money.



MR. ZELINSKI: I MOVE we cut \$5,000 to bring it down to the \$18,000 level of last year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, please give the line.

MR. ZELINSKI: Line 5140 Professional Actuarial services, I would MOVE that we cut \$5,000 bringing it down to \$18,000 level of the last two years. Thank you. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to Mr. Zelinski's Motion.

MR. ESPOSITO: We have an actuarial firm, Martin Segal, specifically, that comes in and has come in every year and projected what we have to put into our pension fund. They have worked for a number of years and if you go back in your budget books, you'll see it was quite a number of years for \$18,000. Fact of the matter is they now have increased their price and it's worthwhile for the City to stick with this firm because they have the expertise, the experience, they have worked with us for a number of years; to bring in someone new or attempt to find someone new, would probably be more costly to the City. If the firm that has done this work for us says they want \$23,000, if we want them to do it for us, we have to give them \$23,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. GUROIAN: I MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. Opposed? We will use the machine. We are voting on Mr. Zelinski's Motion to delete \$5,000 from account 5140.

The Motion has LOST. 3 yes, 27 no, 1 abstention and 7 not voting.

MR. BLUM: Line 1392 Self-insurance Management fund. Can you explain what this is.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Blum, I don't want to interrupt but Mr. Rybnick brought it to our attention that his light did not register. I want to make sure he's registered on the computer sheet. Check the yes button. Mr. Rybnick, what was your vote on that last vote? No. Just check the computer sheet and see if it registered no. Fine, thank you, Mr. Rybnick. The next vote we will check very, very carefully and bring it to our attention right away. I'm sorry, Mr. Blum, to interrupt you.

MR. BLUM: Through you to Dr. Esposito, line 1392 Self-insurance Management fund, can you give me the back-up on this particular item?

MRS. HAWE: If I might answer, through the Chair?

PRESIDENT SANTY: He's asking a question. Fine.

MRS. HAWE: We are self-insured for liability and this is what that account is for. Over and above this amount, we have an umbrella policy which covers us for any catastrophic liability that the City might incur but we are self-insured up to this amount.

MR. BLUM: What do we have the Risk Management. I mean we gave them, we funded them, it's a new department. They're suppose to be looking for insurance for Workmens' Compensation. I thought they were suppose to be looking for liability insurance and here we keep saying we're self-insured. I really don't understand it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I just want to remind the Assembly that there is no Motion on the Floor and we are just addressing questions on this line item, so if you have any further questions since there's no Motion on the Floor. Was your question answered, Mr. Blum? Mr. Esposito, would you answer his question?

MR. ESPOSITO: I'm not sure I know what the question was.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, repeat your question.

MR. BLUM: We have a Risk Management that is suppose to go out and get insurance for us for different departments pertaining to Workmens' Compensation, to liability insurance and here we are looking at line items that talk about self-insurance. Now, which are we; self-insured or we're going now to insurance?

MR. ESPOSITO: At this point for the particular lines you just mentioned were self-insured, I want to remind you that the Risk Manager only been on-board for a couple of months and she is pursuing a number of different angles. I don't think you can make a judgement in six months that we should go from self-insured to some outside insurance. She's investigating all kinds of programs and, at this point, remember this budget was made-up in December and the requests had to come in in December. At this point, we are still self-insured in these areas. That's not to say that we'll remain that way in the future.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Pass.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No further discussion.

MRS. CONTI: Yes, Madam President. I would like a clarification from the Co-Chairman of Fiscal. This self-insurance management fund, is this the deductible on our liability or is this, what is it? I understood that the deductible was a million yet this line item is \$1,235,000.

MR. ESPOSITO: We pay the first million.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We pay the first million; Mrs. Conti, did you hear that reply?

MRS. CONTI: Yes, but the line item is \$1,235,000.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Madam President, can I help with this one?

PRESIDENT SANTY: You surely may, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: We may pay the first million, but you may have more than one loss where you have to pay the first million.

MRS. CONTI: Per incident?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Per occurrence.

MRS. CONTI: No, I understood that it was a \$1 million that this is what they wanted the computer for; just to keep track.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, do you have some information on that item?

MRS. HAWE: Through the Chair, this is the actual amount of the deductible, \$1.2, \$3 million.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe, that clarifies it. Mr. Esposito, would you continue with your report?

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line is \$9,725,257. I believe we should be ready for a Section Total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask Mrs. Guroian, Mr. Esposito, Mrs. Hawe and our Staff to come up with a figure.

MRS. GUROIAN: \$14,455,884 is what we passed.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Let's double check that figure, Mrs. Hawe, you and the Staff and Mrs. Guroian, if you come forward with your figure for Mrs. Huffman and Miss Walker.

MRS. GUROIAN: You want to know what we cut? \$447,037 is what we cut.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'd like to ask Mr. Hogan at this time, how <sup>are</sup> we doing on your projection of what we should be covering at this point; you and Mrs. Guroian. Let's listen to what Mr. Hogan states how we are doing so far.

MR. HOGAN: Our projection will be close to 3 O'clock before we are through.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I hope you all heard that. If we're going by Mr. Hogan's and Mrs. Guroian's projection, we'll be here to 3:00 a.m. just covering what they had anticipated we would cover this evening. We are waiting for a Section Total.

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, while we are waiting for the total, could we possibly have a five-minute recess?

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're making a Motion for a five-minute recess?

MR. ZELINSKI: So be it, five-minutes. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of a five-minute recess. AYE. Five-minute recess. (9:45 to 10:05)

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask at this time, the audience to please take their seats and you have been very good. Please, no emotional display, no private conversations. All the representatives in their seats. Please give Mr. Esposito your attention for a Section Total. Give the page, Mr. Esposito, first.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 48, we made a total of \$447,037 so that the total for that page is \$14,455,884.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you repeat that, Mr. Esposito?

MR. ESPOSITO: \$14,455,884.

PRESIDENT SANTY: At this time, before you continue, Mr. Esposito, with your report, I will call on Mr. Roos.

MR. ROOS: Thank you, Madam President. As a Board member voting on the prevailing side, I would like the Board to entertain a Motion to reconsider SEAC budget. It's on page 8, Section 106.4392. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's been a Motion made to reconsider this item. We are speaking to reconsidering this item, page 8 SEAC deletion. Mr. Roos, would you like to go on to explain?

MR. ROOS: I would MOVE that we restore the \$30,000 cut we gave them.

MRS. CONTI: Don't we have to vote to reconsider first?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are discussing the fact. To reconsider is debatable, is there any debate on the Motion to reconsider?

MR. DeLUCA: MOVE THE QUESTION, please. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the Question which is to reconsider the SEAC deletion. All in favor of Moving the Question, say aye. AYE. Opposed? We are going to Move the Question.

MR. STORK: POINT OF INFORMATION: How many votes are needed to pass this?

PRESIDENT SANTY: A majority. Simple majority to reconsider. The Question has been MOVED. We are now speaking to the Motion. We have a Motion as made by Mr. Roos to restore the \$30,000 to the SEAC account. Mr. Roos, would you like to speak to this?

MR. ROOS: I have second thoughts on this. It has been quite an effective...

PRESIDENT SANTY: We voted to Move the Question to reconsider. Now we are going to vote to reconsider.

MR. ROOS: Now I have to make a Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is already made to reconsider. All in favor; we better use the machine to reconsider an item; Motion made by Mr. Roos, please vote up for yes or down for no.

MRS. SAXE: Madam President, my button is not working.

PRESIDENT SANTY: How are you voting, Mrs. Saxe.

MRS. SAXE: Yes, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Saxe would like to vote yes.

The Motion to reconsider has PASSED by a vote 19 yes, 18 no and 1 not voting. We now have a Motion on the Floor and the Motion, Mr. Roos, you want to make a Motion



MR. ROOS: I MOVE that we restore the \$30,000 cut on page 8, account 106.4392.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total to line item \$65,000, Mr. Roos?

MR. ROOS: \$65,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and SECONDED. We will now discuss the Motion.

MR. DZIEZYC: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion has been made to Move the Question and Seconded. All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. Opposed? 1 no vote. We have sufficient to Move the Question. We will proceed with a machine vote. We are voting on Mr. Roos' Motion to restore \$30,000 to the SEAC account.

The Motion has LOST. 19 no, 18 yes and 2 not voting. Mr. Esposito, will you continue with your report.

MR. ESPOSITO: We are now ready to move into a new Section. Page 49 Department Group 30 - Public Works Administration - The Fiscal Committee looked over the entire budget, not only when we met with Commissioner Spaulding last Saturday, As many people here probably know, the Board of Finance took some rather significant cuts in the Public Works Department. On the basis of the fact that the Board of Finance took significant cuts, we decided not to take any cuts in Public Works.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Esposito. I would ask all the representatives to please give Mr. Esposito your attention. The private conversations are very distracting to other members and could be heard up here, so it must be distracting to you down there.

MR. ESPOSITO: On the basis of the significant cuts that the Board of Finance did take, we elected not to take any cuts from the Public Works Department; not from Group 30 or any other part of the Public Works budget. As a matter of fact, we also recommended that the Commissioner look to reallocate rather than to change the services that has been projected as a possibility on July 1. We'd like the fact, that the Fiscal Committee did not make any cuts and if this Board does not make any cuts, that would be a show of good-will in response to his managerial skills in keeping the budget down and re-organizing his department and we would hope that there wouldn't be a significant cut-back in services; so I will now proceed to read the totals.

Page 50, the total for Group 30 Public Works Administration is \$523,843.

MR. BOCCUZZI: POINT OF INFORMATION to Mr. Esposito. If I recall correctly that Saturday morning, did Commissioner Spaulding say that the budget was cut 8% lower than last year? What was his statement as far as the total cut for his whole department as to the amount of money that he has this year referring to last year?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe can answer that question?

MRS. HAWE: Last year, the amount appropriated for this Department 81/82 was \$13,915,000. As it stands right now after the Board of Finance has made their cuts and they cut \$1,000,100 out of the whole Public Works Department; it now stands at \$14,000,279; which is a very small increase over last year.

MRS. HAWE: (Continuing) They have been cut by over \$1 million already and we really felt that we did not want the residents of the City to have to bring their garbage out to the curb. We wanted to send this as a strong message to the Commissioner that we wanted it in some way retained by transfer or whatever he had to do to retain the backyard pick-up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Madam President. I can't emphasize enough the sentiment of Fiscal in relation to the Public Works Commissioner reinstating backyard pick-up as of July 1, when he said he was going to have curbside pick-up. There was unanimous concern in Fiscal. As a representative, I had enumerable calls from my constituents regarding this problem. Probably more calls than on any other single issue and I absolutely hope that through our action tonight, the Commissioner understands how strongly we are in favor of the reinstatement of this service, and the confidence we are placing in his managerial abilities to allocate his work force in some other manner so that this curbside pick-up can die a very very quiet death and we can go back to what we have had and what the Charter mandates.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Goldstein.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Through you to Mr. Esposito or Mrs. Hawe, did you get a commitment from Mr. Spaulding that he would change his program come the first of July?

MR. ESPOSITO: When you say commitment that he would change, meaning that he would definitely go to curbside service; that he wouldn't go to curb service?

MR. WIDER: That he wouldn't go to curbside service.

MR. ESPOSITO: No.

MR. WIDER: I'm a little bit concerned on voting on a budget like this when I've had so many calls that were really concerned whether he's going to change his program come the first of July. I am a little upset that we are going to give him all he wants and still get something that we don't want. I hope we think about that.

MR. CONTI: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I, too, respect his managerial capabilities but I seem to feel that if someone threatens long enough, hard enough and strong enough, we are going to give into them. This I disagree with. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MRS. SAXE: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would like to ask is it possible for us to put additional monies in this so that we can go into...

PRESIDENT SANTY: As I said in the <sup>beginning</sup> of the meeting yesterday, we cannot restore funds that have been deleted by the Board of Finance.

MRS. PERILLO: Thank you. Through you to Mr. Esposito. If we do not cut this budget, does this mean that the condominiums and the small business places will get their garbage picked-up again by the City?

MR. ESPOSITO: I cannot answer that. Mr. Spaulding did not make any commitments as such. We did not say what will you do for us if we don't cut your budget. We did indicate how we felt about things and of course, we only decided on Saturday

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) that we wouldn't make any further cuts and as a good faith gesture on our part so that he would use his managerial skills to their fullest to make sure that the cuts that have already been made by the Board of Finance would not deplete services even further; but there wasn't a negotiation session where we would say, we won't cut your budget any further if you don't do this or do that. We don't really have any answers to those questions. I am not even sure at this point that Commissioner Spaulding has answers to those questions because he hasn't fully decided how he's going to handle all the cuts, whether there are additional cuts tonight or not.

MRS. PERILLO: May be we should hold voting on the budget.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Perillo.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I, too, attended the hearing of the budget, the presentation of Mr. Spaulding and I was at the all day session of Fiscal Committee last Saturday. I think it is a misconception we have that Mr. Spaulding is putting us hostages, let's say to the curbside. I, too, have gotten many many calls on the curbside pick-up. Springdale residents do not want it even though I do not get the condominium garbage pick-up as many of you know. I still support the budget as it stands because of the sizable cut \$1.2 million, I believe, made by the Board of Finance. I think it is up to us as a Board, to say to Mr. Spaulding, we do have faith in you as a manager of that Department, show us what you can do. We do feel that curbside is not the answer; it's not the best of all possible worlds but you prove to us that you are going to do what you can to prevent this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'd like to remind the representatives there is no Motion on the Floor. We are speaking to Fiscal Committee's general report.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I, too, have received more calls on set-back service than I have on budget cuts. Simply, the 8th District does not want curbside service. There's a lot of older people there and they feel they they have been paying an exorbitant tax bill in Stamford for many years and this is one little amenity that it is a right to have. They do not want anybody to even suggest taking it away. I would think that tonight, and I am going to ask my peers on the Board of Representatives not to cut the Public Works budget under the thinking that if we cut the budget, we are forcing this man to take an unpopular position and institute curbside service. However, as Mr. Esposito said, if you show good faith and don't make any cuts, we may enable him to finagle the funds to provide the set-back services that the citizens of Stamford definitely want. Thank you.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam President. Just a couple points that might help to clarify the issue. First of all, in response to Mrs. Perillo's question about the condominiums, Commissioner Spaulding has said that were we to go to curbside pick-up, the condominiums and anybody else could put the garbage out and it would be picked-up by the City; if it were put out on the curbside. But I think it is most important to put this into perspective how this budget cut came about. Commissioner Spaulding at the Mayor's request, submitted a reduction budget in addition to a continuation budget. The basis of his reduction budget was a curbside pick-up rather than a backyard pick-up which would effect a significant savings but which would also provide a debris pick-up nine times a year for all of the City and it was the Board of Finance that seized upon that proposal; that reduction budget proposal and decided that they wanted to accept that reduction budget, but unfortunately, also at the same time, eliminated all of the vacancies which happen to show in the book, in the budget book, at the time; so, in doing that and because

MR. FLOUNDERS: (Continuing) Commissioner Spaulding had provided for attrition in the salary account and because the Board of Finance eliminated all of the vacancies which appeared in the salary account, they took away the flexibility with which he could have provided the curbside and the debris pick-up and in affect, reduce his budget and by his estimate made it necessary to reduce the personnel in his Department by 35 people. So that, actually he has ended up with a much much larger cut than he had anticipated and we don't know and he has not said, as yet, just whether or not he can indeed, go back to backyard pick-up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MR. ESPOSITO: I just wanted to continue reading the totals, if I may?

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's several speakers for the first time. We should go back.

MR. STORK: Thank you, Madam President. I share many of the concerns of some of the representatives spoke out about the backyard pick-up, especially those expressed by Mrs. Goldstein. Not only have I had my usual share of calls on this matter. I've had senior citizens, people in their eighties crying on the phone; they are very upset about this and it's very important. I would also like to point-out that the citizens of this City and the majority have spoken out on issues recently such as they didn't want an out-of-town Police Chief and per recent hearings, they wanted us to cut the budget; the most recent one, they do not support phase-in. The citizens want to keep backyard pick-up and I would tell Commissioner Spaulding that this Board should support his budget as left to us by the Board of Finance and that we expect it stay. Per Mr. Conti's comment, it's not a threat. Mr. Spaulding's own words were that it's a fact. Well, we think that fact should not stay.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Stork.

MR. BLUM: I sorta of got those similar calls, but today, going through my papers, I happen to come across a letter from Mr. Spaulding, June 1, 1981; that's after the Board of Finance cut his budget last time and we all remember how he eliminated services to the commercials, to the housing project, to the condominium. I do hope that Mr. Spaulding will listen to our Fiscal Committee and our Board of Representatives; I do hop so.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I have listened to comments about what we would like to have done in the Public Works Department. I, over the past year, have had one or two differences with Mr. Spaulding and it is my recollection that for better or for worst, Mr. Spaulding has stated that he shall run his Department as he sees fit and do as he sees for the best of the City. You want to recommend continuation of backyard pick-up for the next fiscal year, we could try it but I wouldn't hang my hat on it because I just feel that the Saturday presentation Mr. Spaulding gave to this Board, what he said was, theoretically, what the Board of Finance has done is force the Board of Representatives to legislate pick-up from the curb-side due to their cuts. I believe, that's just about his words. He's had a big cut and if you want to leave the budget intact, fine, but don't think that because you are leaving the budget intact, you're going to get curbside pick-up. I just don't think it's in the books. There are many other things along with Mr. Spaulding's presentation as far as fees were concerned, street opening fees are going to be



MR. BOCCUZZI: (Continuing) increased. Problems with the water company right now that could go into court. Projects have stopped because of the increase fees in the street openings. People who work at that are complaining because of the street opening fee. I think you are going to have to make your decision tonight whether you think that Mr. Spaulding's method of operating is one that you want to support but I don't think you should think that you are going to tell him how to operate his budget. I, personally at this point, see no place else to cut but don't use the fact that you may get backyard pick-up as a bargaining point for leaving his budget alone. I don't think it will happen.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MRS. McINERNEY: To Mr. Esposito, what is the present figure that we are discussing on the Public Works Administration budget, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: \$523,843.

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. I attended that Saturday meeting and if I understood Mr. Spaulding correctly, he said to the group that was there that if we were to leave his budget intact and not to nit-pick that somehow or another and if the possibility existed, he would try to restore backyard pick-up. I honestly and sincerely think that we should take him at his word and I also think that we should even get use to the idea and the big possibility that he may be coming back to us and we have to remember that out of all of our Boards and Commissions and especially, a department like he has to run, which consumes million upon millions of dollars, he was one of the few people we had to interview on that Fiscal Committee during the past current fiscal year. I'm hoping that we support his position and perhaps not look so keenly at the personality. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MRS. GUROIAN: I think that most of what I wanted to say has been said. I would like add that for \$14 million we get most of the basic services that everyone in the City relies on and frankly, I think the cut that the Board of Finance made was ample and sufficient and I think Mr. Spaulding is an honorable man and if he can eliminate curb side picking, I am hoping that he will but that judgement ultimately, of course, lies with him. But, I am sure our strong recommendation will have an affect. I'd also like to add that I publicly acknowledge all the phone calls I've gotten about curbside picking from my district and I will also support no cuts for this budget.

MR. OWENS: Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to ask a question, through you, Madam President, to the Co-Chairman of Fiscal. What is the total cost for backyard pick-up?

MR. ESPOSITO: It is estimated that with curbside pick-up, the first year you would save \$200,000. The second and subsequent years it would increase to about \$400,000.

MR. OWENS: What is the total cost for condominium pick-up? Or the total savings?

MR. ESPOSITO: I don't think we have that figure. You're talking about all condominiums total?

MR. OWENS: Yes, he knocked it out of the budget so I am quite sure that it was a savings to the City of Stamford. I'd just like to know the cost.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blais, could you answer that question?

MR. BLAIS: There are certain studies out there that would show that the savings are approximately \$130,000 a year for not picking-up condominiums.

MR. ESPOSITO: That's not Mr. Spaulding's figure; I'd just like to point that out.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, that's Mr. Blais' figure. That is a figure. Mr. Owens, are you finished with your questioning?

MR. OWENS: Yes, thank you, Madam President.

MR. DIXON: Thank you. While I haven't had the opportunity to sit-in on any of the hearings or to question Mr. Spaulding in anyway with regards to curb-side pick-up, but I take a strong position on the fact that Mr. Spaulding has a responsibility to the citizens of Stamford, so do we. Tonight, it is our job and responsibility to act on the budget. I think we should do that and I don't think we should consider any deals made with Mr. Spaulding whatever in order to get him to do his job. I don't think we should withdraw from cutting the budget contingent on anything that he might promise to do. Mr. Spaulding has a responsibility as the Public Works Commissioner to the City of Stamford and if we have to make deals with him to get him to do his job, then this Board is coming to an all-time low. I'm not saying that we should or should not cut the budget, but it just seems to me like some people are talking in terms of deals, contingencies and whatever else you might want to think. I just disapprove of that kind of procedure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dixon.

PRESIDENT SANTY: May I remind the representatives. We have about five speakers for the first time, several for the second time, there is no Motion on the Floor. We are just addressing Mr. Esposito's report. We're discussing his budget.

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF ORDER: How do we get out of this if people keep adding their names on, do we go on all night? At what point do we stop discussion?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're speaking to the Motion.

MR. ESPOSITO: What Motion?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have a Motion; but it's a continuing Motion. We can't vote on this Motion.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would just like information about the Parliamentary procedure for stopping this. There is no Moving a Question cause there is no Question. If the list goes to 400 people, do we finish that list.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I agree with you, Mr. Esposito. It is now 10:30 and I would ask the Parliamentarians to come-up with a decision. I would imagine a Motion to end debate would be in order. Am I right in that?

MRS. GUROIAN: I just finished looking-up whether somehow I could finagle Move the previous Question but I couldn't finesse it; so my suggestion is that somebody make a Move to move on to the next order of business which would require a two-thirds vote because I think it will cut any discussion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: In essence cutting debate, so we will need a two-thirds vote. If anyone would like to Move...

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, I believe, I was called upon.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Zelinski, I'm going to get right to you. There was a Parliamentary question and I'm addressing that. If anyone would like to Move to end debate, you can do so. Mr. Zelinski, you are next to speak.

MR. BLAIS: POINT OF ORDER, MADAM.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Blais.

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, I would make a Motion at this time to MOVE debate.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, Mr. Zelinski has the Floor. When it comes to you, you can do that.

MR. ZELINSKI: In all due respect to my colleagues, I sat here and listened for the past 20 minutes to what some of them had to say and I think in all respect to the rest of the colleagues, if anyone has something to say, they should be allowed to say it and if anybody had any thoughts of this getting on and on and on, they should have thought about that before they spoke themselves. Everybody should be allowed the opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Continue with your summation, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, thank you. Regarding some comments that were made, I think that Commissioner Spaulding, as all department heads, is accountable to the people as we are also and even though we cannot legally make him do anything, we do have something in writing that we did get from the Public Works Department pertaining to an over-view of the budget and, unfortunately, in there it has immediate impact of the Board of Finance reductions and it mentions #1 the Spring clean-up eliminated and #2 the curbside collection will be in effect, not yet calculated but most likely that we will have a one week pick-up curbside and no debris removal. It also mentions further about 1,000 to 1,500 street lights to be discontinued and with that in mind, I don't see how anything that has been discussed can be corrected. If he has in his mind, this is what is going to be done, that's going to be done. However, being the sentiments are that all the representatives including myself, have received phone calls, I would like to now make a Motion that you, Madam President send a very strongly worded letter to Commissioner Spaulding telling him that it is the wishes of this Board, if the Motion does pass, because of the strong outcries of our citizens, that we do not want a curbside collection and that I would so MOVE, Madam President. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made that the Chair address a letter to the Commissioner of Public Works for the sentiments expressed here this evening. It has been Seconded. Is there any discussion?

MRS. McINERNEY: I MOVE it, please. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. Opposed, NO. We had better use the machine.

MR. BOCCUZZI: May I ask Mrs. McInerney to withdraw until Mrs. Perillo makes her statement?

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, I'll withdraw until Mrs. Perillo makes her statement.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Will the Seconder withdraw? The Seconder is withdrawn.

MRS. PERILLO: Yes, I would like to make an amendment to Mr. Zelinski and say all garbage pick-up in the sewer districts be restored; to condominiums and business places. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are not going to discuss the amendment. Would you repeat that again, Mrs. Perillo?

MRS. PERILLO: That all pick-ups be restored to the residents. I would like that amendment to read that condominiums as well as the business places have their garbage picked-up also.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We speaking to that amendment. It's been Seconded.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would accept that as a friendly amendment to my Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski. We are going to discuss the amendment first.

MR. WIDER: I just want to add that a copy of this letter should be sent to the Mayor of the City of Stamford to let him know about the strong feelings.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider. Automatically it would as the Commissioner's superior.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE THE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving...excuse me, Mrs. Guroian?

MRS. GUROIAN: I have an amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please explain.

MRS. GUROIAN: I'd like to insert the word residential garbage.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Residential garbage...please excuse me, one moment, Mr. Blais. Would you repeat the amendment to the amendment.

MRS. GUROIAN: I'd like to insert the word in the amendment to include, designate only residential garbage; not commercial garbage.

MR. BLAIS: POINT OF ORDER, Madam Chairman.



PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Blais, you POINT OF ORDER.

MR. BLAIS: (inaudible)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blais, there wasn't a vote on that.

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF ORDER had it before.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, I think the correct procedure since I MOVE THE QUESTION, it was SECONDED. If the members of the Board do not wish to Move the Question and insert, attach on or change the amendment according to Mrs. Guroian, now that they know it, should vote no; then let her make the change then. Actually, we should vote on Moving the Question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We did vote on Moving the Question. I wasn't clear so we are going to use the machine. We had a voice vote on it but we we going to use the machine.

MRS. SAXE: POINT OF ORDER, please. Madam President, we have been called here to work on the budget; not to tell somebody how to execute the use of their funds and I think it is highly out-of-order that this is even taking place.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Well, I 'll take your comments but we are going to Move the Question at this point. We are voting whether to Move the Question. We'll use the machine.

The vote HAS NOT PASSED TO MOVE THE QUESTION. We need two-thirds. 18 yes, 15 no and 5 no votes. It's been tabulated and if you weren't here to vote, I'm sorry. You should be here when taking these votes. We are not Moving the Question. We are going back now to open discussion. We have a Motion by Mr. Zelinski with an amendment by Mrs. Guroian.

MRS. GUROIAN: I'd like to insert the word in the amendment residential garbage; to the exclusion of commercial, indicating that no commercial garbage should be picked-up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that amendment? There is a SECOND to that amendment. We are discussing Mrs. Guroian's amendment.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would accept also that as a friendly amendment and I would hope it would pass.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I am going to vote against that Motion because I simply think that it's going to affect the small businessman. We have an awful lot of small store owners and shop keepers who should be enjoying this service.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before we go any further, we are voting on a letter that is going to be sent from the Chair. Just so that you know what we are debating at this point. We are voting on Mrs. Guroian's amendment.

MRS. SAXE: As a POINT OF ORDER, again. I call before this group this is not the reason for this meeting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's not the reason for this meeting but it is the business before this Assembly and we can take action on this, Mrs. Saxe.

MRS. SAXE: I'm sorry, you are incorrect.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask for a Parliamentary ruling on that.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Madam President, if you refer to the Call of the Meeting, that's what the Parliamentary should rule upon.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, I am asking for a ruling from the Parliamentarians.

MRS. GUROIAN: I don't know. I think Ann Saxe has a point; that it doesn't directly relate to the budget, but indirectly it does relate to the budget. I'm going to leave it up to the Chair, or may be Mr. Hogan has a decision.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Hogan, do you have a decision, before I make a decision.

MR. HOGAN: Yes, Madam President. In order for a Motion of this nature to be entertained, it must be germane to the Call of the Meeting and the Call of the Meeting is for the voting on the budget and I would say that it is not in order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Hogan. Mr. Rybnick, I would recognize you. You haven't spoken all evening and I certainly recognize you as our senior member.

MR. RYBNICK: We are working on the Public Works Department budget. This is pertaining to the Public Works Department. It isn't going outside of what we're doing here and even if we were working on the figures, we could send a letter to Mr. Spaulding. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think we can end debate right now. I will rule that this is out-of-order at this time, but I would be very willing to send a letter to Mr. Spaulding if we can end debate right now and I certainly know your sentiments. I send letters to many other people and I know how you feel about it and I will direct a letter to Mr. Spaulding, but we will not discuss what is going further. I would rule that the amendments are out-of-order. At this Assembly's wishes, I will direct a letter with your...We will now go on, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Madam President, would you just clarify what you said? You will send a letter to the Commissioner stating our concerns regarding curb-side pick-up or...

PRESIDENT SANTY: The input I received from you tonight and from the tape, I will direct a letter to the Commissioner with a copy to the Mayor.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: And it will be a very firm letter.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm a firm person, Mrs. Goldstein.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Good, I'll buy that.

MR. BOCCUZZI: POINT OF INFORMATION. Where are we now? Am I to understand now that Paul Esposito made a Motion to accept the entire Public Works budget. What did he do?

PRESIDENT SANTY: What Mr. Esposito started, it's still a continuous Motion. He is on page 50 and he was going to give totals when this got into the debate. He ended off with page 50, \$523,843. Mr. Esposito, continue with your report.

MR. ESPOSITO: And I will just continue to give totals rather quickly if we can flip the pages quickly unless someone has a question or problem, I'll keep going.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is the Staff going to be able to handle it quickly without any deletions? And Mrs. Guroian's working with an adding machine. Thank you. Excuse me, we have one hand, Mr. Dziezyc?

MR. DZIEZYC: In code 5550 Contract building maintenance on 50, calls for coffee service \$2,000. You have an explanation for \$2,000 for coffee service? Code #5550.320.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Ladies and gentlemen, we are on page 50. Mr. Dziezyc is referring to the item.

MR. DZIEZYC: I am looking at the back-up material that the Commissioner of Public Works gave us.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc is correct. It's on page 50. It is on 5550 Contract building maintenance \$41,600, Mr. Dziezyc?

MR. DZIEZYC: Yes.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is for abandoned building security contract service 80 man hours per week times 10 men hours times 52 weeks is \$41,600.

MR. DZIEZYC: Where's this coffee? There's \$2,000.

MR. ESPOSITO: What coffee?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, if you bring that forward to the Co-Chairpersons of Fiscal. Mr. Esposito, can you proceed as quickly as possible? Mr. Flounders, as Co-Chairperson of Public Works, could you work with Mr. Esposito possibly.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, it's there and we don't have an answer and explanation for why it's there. I assume it's for coffee for the staff or personnel.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Mr. Dziezyc, do you have any action to take on that?

MR. ESPOSITO: We haven't gotten to that account. We are on Group 30 Public Works Administration. You have to wait until we get to Division of Buildings and Grounds.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, will you wait until we get to that code number? Continue, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 51 starts Department Group 31, Bureau of Highways and Maintenance Division and the total is on page 54, this is, \$4,411,562.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, do you have a question or a Motion?

MRS. MAIHOCK: Yes, I do have a few questions. Under account 2130, it says Supplies - land; that doesn't give a very good idea about what that is about. Would you be able to tell us, please? Through you, Madam Chairman to Mr. Esposito.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, would you please give the code number and page number.

MRS. MAIHOCK: The page number is 51, the account number is 2130 and it says Supplies - land for \$80,389.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, or Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: This is the Dept. of Highways. This is mainly for asphalt to fill-in the potholes and maintain the roads. Some money for private work to clean catch basins, but mainly, it's for the asphalt.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I'm puzzled why that asphalt would be land but the next one I had was 2170 Fall leaf pick-up. That's \$95,577. Under this system that Mr. Spaulding has been thinking about, he was going to have this pick-up combined with the regular pick-up. Should that be a separate item under those circumstances?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, I don't know if you can answer that question, or Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: I think that what he was going to combine, he was going to have nine times a year, the debris pick-up. Not the fall leaf pick-up. That has to be a separate thing because it's concentrated period of time in November that they have to pick-up the leaves. That really had nothing to do with his other proposals.

MRS. MAIHOCK: On 2942, page 53, please, there is a \$4,000 travel expenses; who is going someplace and where are they going?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, Mr. Esposito? Mrs. Maihock, there doesn't seem to be any back-up to that.

MR. ESPOSITO: It doesn't have any back-up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyk, do you have a question?

MR. DZIEZYK: I have a back-up here. It says here 340-2942.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is a different account.

MR. DZIEZYK: \$640 they're traveling from Houston, Texas.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I just point out the problem is that back-up we have goes by the old code numbers, for example, I believe we're working on code 310 now. The books go by Group numbers, therefore, it is very difficult keeping up with us. However, for Bureau of Highways, Maintenance and Divisions 310.2942, there is no back-up for that. There's no explanation.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm sorry, Mrs. Maihock, we just don't have an answer to that question.

MRS. MAIHOCK: That seems very strange to me in this particular department; that's why I wanted an explanation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, will you continue?



MR. ESPOSITO: The total, therefore, is \$4,411,562.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dudley has a question.

MR. DUDLEY: I hate to be repetitive but going back to the travel expenses, if we don't what it's for, I don't understand how we could leave it in there and I make a MOTION to take out the total amount. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: To delete that amount from the travel expenses. We are now speaking to the Motion.

MRS. SAXE: Thank you. This past week we have been honored by having the lady that runs the sewer situation downtown, I don't recall her name, deliver a paper before the National Organization of one of the Engineering Societies, and I am sure that we had to pick-up her costs for going to this. This is a very prestigious situation. She has been very fortunate enough to have her paper accepted and I'm sure that that's probably what some of this travel expense is for.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We aren't sure of that, Mrs. Saxe.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would say that that is not the case here because this again is Bureau of Highways and Maintenance and Mrs. Semon is in the Sewage Treatment Plant. That would be a different account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, do you have an answer to that question on the travel expenses?

MRS. HAWE: I do believe I found it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're acting on the Motion made and Seconded to delete that, but may be you can answer some questions.

MRS. HAWE: I think that problem is that the back-up goes by the old code not the new grouping. It appears to be here; travel expenses \$4,000. Travel expenses to and from training schools for two mechanics to include meals and lodging; 40 days times \$100 per day, \$4,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. We still have a Motion on the Floor.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'm going to speak against the Motion. I will call your attention to that Saturday morning meeting and Mr. Spaulding definitely said that if we did not nit-pick over his budget, that he would make an attempt to reinstitute backyard pick-up and perhaps, it would be items likes this that he can scrounge a few dollars from. I'm hoping that we stick with the Fiscal Committee's recommendations. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MRS. GUROLAN: Passed.

MR. DeLUCA: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's been MOVED and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor, say aye. Opposed? We will use the machine, and we are voting on Mr. Dudley's Motion to delete \$4,000 travel expenses.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is LOST. 30 no, 4 yes and 4 not voting. Mr. Esposito, will you continue with your report?

MR. ESPOSITO: The total is again \$4,411,562.

Page 55, Group 33 - Bureau of Engineering, on page 56, the total is \$1,971,520.

Group 34 - Bureau of Sanitation, the total is on page 60, the total is \$7,372,268. I believe we are ready for a Section total, \$14,279,193.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you repeat that slower, Mr. Esposito, to make sure that everybody agrees?

MR. ESPOSITO: There were no changes so it is \$14,279,193.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, do you have a Motion?

MR. DZIEZYC: No, I never had my \$2,000 answered yet.

MR. ESPOSITO: The coffee?

MR. DZIEZYC: Where does it appear in the budget?

MR. ESPOSITO: What's the top heading of that.

MR. DZIEZYC: Department of Public Works, Division of Buildings and Grounds Code 320-5550 Contract building maintenance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, you don't have a Motion, you just want to clarify it? He is referring to the first page of which you said it was on further, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Let me explain the problem. He has a figure from the Department of Buildings and Grounds. Last year, when they reorganized these budgets, much to Mr. Boccuzzi's displeasure, they put a lot of these departments into these Groups. It's difficult to figure-out where they put Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Spaulding's back-up is organized according to the old account numbers. The book is organized according to the new Groups and if Mr. Harrison is around, may be he can help us with that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, since it's a pertinent question and before there is a Motion on the Floor, perhaps...

MR. ESPOSITO: If you would entertain a five-minute recess and I would try to get the information.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: I will not entertain a recess. I will give you two-minutes to figure out the answer. I'm afraid if we go into a five-minute recess, we will go into a much longer one.

MS. DeGAETANI: The item Mr. Dziezyc is referring to is part of a total of \$132,354 and that's the bottom line on page 53. I think, perhaps, that is it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, it is page 53. It's on page 51 too, but it's caught up there, fine. Thank you, Ms. DeGaetani, I appreciate that. Mr. Esposito is trying to clarify the \$2,000, and you all have your Section total at this time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The next item we will be taking will be Police Protection, page 61.

MRS. GUROIAN: Madam Chairman, would they like accumulative totals?

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think that's an excellent idea.

MRS. GUROIAN: The total we passed so far is \$30,117,715. The total in cuts is \$542,602.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you very much. Mr. Dziezyc; and for the Members, the Co-Chairpersons of Fiscal are unable to come to an agreement.

MR. ESPOSITO: We believe it shows up on page 53.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 5550, Ms. DeGaetani brought it to our attention.

MR. ESPOSITO: \$132,354 and that appears to be where the \$2,000 is contained. Group 31, page 53, 5550 Contract Building Maintenance.

MR. DZIEZYC: Seeing that we didn't get a good explanation, I make a Motion that we remove the \$2,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're making a Motion to delete \$2,000 from that account on page 53.

MR. DZIEZYC: The new figure would be \$130,354.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are waiting for some information on that. Mr. Esposito was just bringing us the totals. Is there a Second to that Motion? SECONDED. There is a Second to that Motion to delete \$2,000 in that account. Is there any discussion? There is no discussion. We'll proceed right to a vote. We are voting by the use of the machine to delete \$2,000 from account 5550 Contract and Building Maintenance.

The Motion is DEFEATED: 26 no, 5 yes, and 7 not voting. We are ready for the final Section total; then we'll proceed, Mr. Esposito. While you were finding some information, Mrs. Guroian did give us the total of cuts to date; running total.

MR. ESPOSITO: The Section total for Public Works is \$14,279,193.

Group 41 - Police Protection; The Board of Finance made some significant cuts in the Police Department, however, Chief Considine has not threatened curbside patrols at this point.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We need that humor at 11 O'clock.

MR. ESPOSITO: In light of the cuts that were made by the Board of Finance, you might note in your book with the binder on the side that has all of the vacancies; all the vacancies were cut plus the administration has taken an attrition cut. So if you look at the salary line, the Department requests for account 1110 was \$6,490,102. The administration took \$140,000 of that and the Board of Finance took another \$150,000 of that so that there was significant cuts in the salary account. So that the Board of Finance figured that we are presented with that of \$6,111,363 is less than the 81/82 appropriation. In light of that and in light of the fact that right now, the Police Commission may be required to lay-off some police officer although that hasn't been decided yet.

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) We decided not to take anymore cuts in the Police Department so that they could make every attempt through better management, through conservation in other areas, to re-allocate money, transfer it or do whatever they felt necessary to keep a full compliment of police officers to not only protect us but all the citizens.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. At this time, I would like to announce that Ms. Mary Lou Rinaldi has joined the meeting and we now have 39 Members present. Mr. Esposito, do you have anything further to say on this account? Is there any discussion?

MRS. McINERNEY: I'm sorry, Mr. Esposito does have a cut.

MR. ESPOSITO: We do have one cut on code 1130, part-time \$20,000, that's on page 61, that would bring that line to \$360,000 and the bottom line is \$12,870,479.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MRS. McINERNEY: I would like to make a Motion to restore that \$20,000 cut.  
SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion is made and Seconded to restore that \$20,000 cut. Mrs. McInerney, you may address that Motion.

MRS. McINERNEY: As I understand from Mr. Esposito's original remarks, the Police Department has been cut drastically by previous Boards and the Mayor's office. At this point, I'd like to read two letters into the Record and I would like the Board to let me do this since we had such a great discussion about garbage pick-up; I think these are significant records and will indicate why I feel strongly that this money should be restored and the Board should continue to support the Police budget as it was originally given to this Board.

"Dear Members of the Board of Representatives:

In the past few weeks, the citizens of Stamford have been shocked on two fronts. First by the size of the 1982/83 proposed City budget and its tax implications due to the recent reassessment. Second by the rash of brutal and senseless violence. The mutilation of a young man in a machete attack, the sickle slashing of another and the shotgun murder of a young man washing his car that occurred in our City. As the father of one of these victims, I wondered what could the Police Department, especially, since the only thing known about the attackers was that they were white males in a dark pick-up truck. In the next few days, I learned first hand that our local Police Department was every bit as professional as the surgeons and hospital staff who reattached my son's hand and finger and cared for him. The Stamford police quietly and skillfully applied their talents around the clock until the attackers were apprehended. Our family and the Stamford community were pleased and greatly relieved at their apprehension.

As you consider trimming the City budget, I urge you not to reduce the Police Department's budget any further. It has already been reduced by the Mayor and the Board of Finance to a point where it will affect the Police Department's ability to provide the quality and quantity of service this coming year. We all want the upcoming budget reduced in certain department, but I am sure none of your constituent i.e., parents, apartment, homeowners, and elderly who are concerned about drug pushers, burglars and muggers want the Police Department's budget reduced any further. This is not an emotional appeal, but rather an appeal to reason.  
Sincerely, William R. Joyce, Jr."



MRS. McINERNEY: (Continuing) The other letter I'd like to read is dated today, May 12.

"Dear Members of the Board of Representatives

As I sat home last night listening to your meeting on the radio, I begin to realize that you don't have an easy job. Tonight or tomorrow you will consider the Police budget and I urge you, please, do not cut it anymore.

I understand you don't want to put anymore people on the City payroll but please put back the money to pay the police they have now. We all need them. The machete and bad attack that happened to me and my girl friend could have happened to your son or daughter or neighbor. We did nothing to them. They just wanted to hurt someone.

The police probably couldn't have prevented what happened to us, but the police did catch these people so they weren't free to go around the City cutting-up someone else. The police are the only ones who stand between us and people like that. The police know their job very well. Please give them the money to do their job for us.

Thank you. Michael B. Joyce"

There is a P.S. on this and it says, "Both my arms and hands are in casts so I ask my father to write-down what I've said to you. I've also ask Mrs. McInerney to read this letter to you."

I think that these letters certainly say what we all feel. We owe our Police Department a debt of gratitude for not only apprehending the people who cause these attacks, apprehended the murderer, protected us here last night; they do a very fine job for the City of Stamford. I feel that by reducing, even the part-time account, would take more police power away from an already understaffed as initially cut by other departments and I would like to thank the Police Department for last night, tonight, for tomorrow and for all that they've done to help the citizens in Stamford. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney. I think you echo the sentiments of 39 people sitting at this Assembly.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, thank you, Madam President. I would like to speak in favor of this Motion to put the funds back into the account. I sincerely believe that it was a mistake for the Mayor and the Board of Finance to make the cuts. I really wonder sometimes where they put priorities when they make cuts in a department such as this and yet leave funds for cultural activities and it's just amazing where the priorities are and I sincerely hope that this money does go back because every dollar, every penny does count and certainly with Stamford increasing and growing and the problems that have been mentioned as Representative McInerney said, we need a lot more money not less and even though it's only a small amount of \$20,000; it's \$20,000 worth of money well spent to protect our citizens. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski.

MRS. PERILLO: I would also urge my fellow Board members not to make any further cuts and I'm shocked at the Board of Finance and the cuts that they made.

MRS. CONTI: POINT OF INFORMATION: Madam President, before this goes on too far, I would like the Board to know that this account covers the school crossing guards. It's not a direct cost of the Police Department. This covers the school crossing guards and the rationale for taken it out was the fact that we're going to need less crossing guards because of school closing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. We do have a list of speakers.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion is made to Move the Question. All in favor of Moving the Question, AYE.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Madam President, next time we Move the Question, would you please asked for the Nay votes?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, I certainly will, but this Chair determined at least two-thirds, Mr. Wiederlight; but I certainly will.

MRS. SAXE: As a POINT OF ORDER, would you please explain what that account is for?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has MOVED and PASSED; we haven't given the totals yet, we are going to give the total right now but it has PASSED. The Motion has PASSED 34 yes, 4 no and 1 not voting. Now, I'm giving the Floor to Mrs. McInerney for a clarification.

MRS. MCINERNEY: For clarification, I should have used a legal term, "the people that were apprended were "allegedly" guilty and I would like that to be put into the Record. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney. Mr. Esposito, would you continue?

MR. ESPOSITO: If I may just clarify the question for Mrs. Saxe.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, you certainly may.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is for the school crossing guards and it may not appear to directly impact on police coverage but it does simple because everytime there's a school crossing guard that is absent or sick or ill or away, frequently, a uniformed officer has to stand at that corner and patrol for an hour, not patrol actually, stand there and be a crossing guard for an hour and that takes not only the officer but the car off the streets so that the money in the account is important and the more crossing guards you have, the more back-ups you have, the more patrols you have.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. ESPOSITO: That brings us down to a total of \$12,107,479.

MRS. SAXE: As a POINT OF ORDER, I have further questions to ask. On over-time 1201, I'd like to have that clarified as well as 1204 and 1210.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do one at a time. 1201 on page 61.

MR. ESPOSITO: This is the \$399,100 Contract item City of Stamford and Stamford Police Association, refer to page 5, paragraph 4 of the Contract, 1201. The Police Department continues to make every effort to minimize the amount expended from the over-time account, however, the Department has little control over the types of events that generate over-time on the part of both responding officers and investigators.

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) Over-time becomes necessary in the event of a serious crime such as a murder or an arson where there must be continuity of investigation by those who are called in at the outset. In such cases, it is impossible to turn the on-going investigation over to the next shift in order to avoid over-time. By interrupting the investigation, you risk losing or overlooking vital evidence, duplicate efforts or jeopardize your case. Over-time is also generated as a result of natural disaster such as blizzards, hurricanes, major accidents, fatal accidents, etc.; protecting the Board of Reps and so on. All of these are unpredictable including the Board of Reps and must be handled as they occur. Past history has proven that the addition of sworn personnel will not have an immediate or significant impact on this account. This request includes a minimum of 30 hours training for all officers in handling firearms and State mandated retraining annually in crash injury management for first responders.

What was the other accounts numbers?

MRS. SAXE: 1204.

MR. ESPOSITO: Minimum manpower: This account has historically been underfunded using a \$50,000 arbitrary figure. The result of this procedure has been a multitude of transfers from other related accounts. In many cases, this has resulted in a transfer from over-time early in the fiscal year, only leading to a request for additional monies in the over-time account to cover the transfer to minimum manpower. Since the implementation of the new shift schedule, the Department has experienced a 28.4% decrease in expenditures from this account. Minimum manpower, Mrs. Saxe, is relatively new on the Board and I might explain that minimum manpower is a contractual obligation the Department has; I believe having 18 police officers on the street through every shift. I'm not sure if that changed during the last contract, but that's what it was. In other words, if for illness, vacation time or whatever other reason there might be, if only 16 officers show-up for a shift, they have to go out and get two additional ones. That comes out of minimum manpower to fulfill the contract obligations.

MRS. SAXE: And, at that time, are they docked the people that don't show?

MR. ESPOSITO: If they are entitled...they may be on vacation or sick leave; if they are entitled to holiday, sick leave or vacation time, they're not docked, no.

MRS. SAXE: And what about this day-off slip stuff?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Saxe, what number are you referring to?

MRS. SAXE: The very next one; 1210.

MR. ESPOSITO: This is a contractual item as well. These are given each sworn police officer as mandated by the collective bargaining agreement whereby each officer is given a day off slip for each paid holiday granted to other City employees. In other words, if a police officer works on a holiday, let's say Washington's Birthday, unlike other City employees, he can't be given a day off; he is given a day off slip which is somewhat like credit that he can use at any time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your questions, Mrs. Saxe?

MRS. SAXE: It just enforces me to think that there must be a lot of changes necessary in the contractual problems with the Department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, I think you can continue.

MR. ESPOSITO: Is that the full list of questions?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Saxe, are you finish<sup>ed</sup> questioning?

MRS. SAXE: Yes, I guess you can't take any money out if you're caught with a contractual problem.

MR. ESPOSITO: I will repeat the bottom line again is \$12,107,479.

Page 65, Code 445.3488 Housing Authority Security Guards: Fiscal cut \$181,345 from that account which now reads 0.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would like to note at this time, Ms. Summerville has left the Floor and will not participate in this voting. We are now on page 65, Housing Authority Security Service and that amount has been cut to 0.

MR. DIXON: Madam President, I would like to MOVE to restore the \$181,345. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? There is a Second to that Motion Mr. Dixon, would you like to speak to that Motion?

MR. DIXON. Yes, Madam President. I guess you would have to live either in the Housing Authority complex or close enough to it, to see and feel impact of the insecurity of the place. Southfield Village is in my district and I received calls all the time with complaints about various problems that they have. Now, some people may think that the Police Department should provide protection for that area or those areas but the Board of Finance just cut some \$500,000 from the Police Department's proposed budget and even before that, according to the various times that I have sat and talked with the Police Department, the Chief of Police and many others regarding the problems that exist in Southfield Village in particular; they have not been able to take on that full responsibility. This \$181,000 would provide security for the Housing Authority and its many many citizens including the senior citizens which I am always in deep sympathy with, because they seem to suffer more from the lack of security in those areas than anyone else. I just hope that this is something that the other members of the Board can see in the same light as I do see it and have experienced and I hope that they will support the restoration of the \$181,000. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dixon. Next to speaker to this restoration is Mr. Livingston.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. It's not that often that I take a position that is a little different from Mr. Dixon, but on this particular issue, I believe there is a great disagreement. My feelings are that it is the job of government to protect its citizens. I am not in favor of delivering second-class protection to first-class citizens. The Police Department has a responsibility of protecting all of our citizens. If the Police Department is understaffed or incapable of giving the same protection to all of its citizens, then the Police Department should be the authority that's requesting assistance. To create a mini-police force within the combines of the Housing Authority without the professionalism that a city such as New York and other cities who provide that kind of a service, would be doing just that. It would be hiring people who have primary jobs and this would, perhaps, be their secondary job, retired people;



MR. LIVINGSTON: (Continuing) they are not the people who can give the people in these high-crime areas the needed protection. If there is a crime crisis in any area in this City, then it is the responsibility of the Police Commission and the Chief of Police to curb those criminal activities. I feel that this Board owes first-class protection to all of its citizens. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MR. DeLUCA: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. Opposed? 1 opposed, is sufficient. We will Move the Question. We are now voting to restore 181,345 to account code 445, which was deleted by the Fiscal Committee. If you approve of restoring the funds, vote up for yes; if you agree with the Fiscal Committee, vote down for no.

The Motion has been DEFEATED; 21 no, 14 yes, and 4 not voting.

MR. DUDLEY: Through the Chair, we have a letter in front of us that was received tonight and I would like to ask Mr. Franchina, if indeed, a revised budget reflecting possible defeat of this Motion tonight, if it was presented and if it was acceptable?

PRESIDENT SANTY: I don't know what letter you're referring to, Mr. Dudley. Do we all have it on our desks?

MR. DUDLEY: I'm referring to a letter from the Housing Authority from the City of Stamford.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does anyone have this letter? Who doesn't have the letter, raise your hand. Mr. Dudley, you're referring to a letter that none of us have privilege to.

MR. DUDLEY: I'm sorry, I was under the impression that everybody else had the letter

PRESIDENT SANTY: What are you speaking to? The Motion has been defeated. The account number is 0. I just want to know what are you addressing at this point, Mr. Dudley?

MR. DUDLEY: I'll hand to Mr. Franchina off the Floor.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dudley.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'd like to agree with you people but I can't see for the love of me, how anyone can say that our Police Department has the total responsibility of protecting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wider, we have finished the vote. It is completed. Your remarks are probably out-of-order at this time.

MR. WIDER: Let me make a Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You can make a Motion.

MR. WIDER: I make a Motion that we will restore a \$120,000 to serve the 9 summer months for the Housing Authority.

PRESIDENT SANTY: He's making a different Motion. It's another Motion. We defeated \$181,345. Your Motion is to restore what amount?

MR. WIDER: \$120,000 for 9 months; 9 summer months.

PRESIDENT SANTY: At this point, the first Motion has been defeated. You are now Moving to restore an additional amount of money. I'm going to ask for Parliamentary ruling on this because I'm not really sure, clear in my mind. Mr. Hogan, Mrs. Guroian I would rule that that was a proper Motion because he is just asking for a certain amount of money and not the entire. Mr. Hogan, would you agree with me? Mrs. Guroian does.

It has been MOVED and SECONDED to restore \$120,000 to this account number. Would you like to speak to that since you're the maker of the Motion?

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman, I sure would. Frankly, as all of you know, during the summer months, we have people running rampant and I feel that our citizens living in public housing, are a captive audience and they should have additional protection at least for the 9 summer months. So, it is my feeling that we should afford them security for the 9 months.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wider, may I ask you a question? You are saying for the 9 remaining months or 3 summer months? I am not clear and I don't think the Assembly is at this time.

MR. WIDER: Spring, summer and fall; it would last over the summer months, hot months.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Spring, summer and fall, \$120,000. We have a list of speakers; speaking to this Motion.

MRS. McINERNEY: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor, please say aye. Opposed? No opposed. We are going to Move the Question. I would like to remind the Representatives off the floor at this point, that we are going to be Moving a Motion made by Mr. Wider to restore \$120,000 to account Housing Authority Security Services 445.3488. If you agree with Mr. Wider's Motion, you vote yes. Has everyone voted?

The Motion has been DEFEATED 21 no, 10 yes and 7 not voting. Mr. Esposito, would you continue with your report?

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 65 is 0 (Housing Security Services)

Department Group 45 - City Fire Protection: Page 66, Fiscal cut \$100,000 from the salary account to reflect an attrition cut which was not taken by the Administration so that would leave code 1110 salaries at \$4,714,040.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Why don't you give the deletions and then we'll go back to that. Give your total report on that.

MR. ESPOSITO: Line 2710 Fuel Oil, Fiscal cut \$3,000 to reflect the decreasing costs of fuel oil and that would leave that line at \$14,600. Line 2750 Gasoline, Fiscal cut \$2,000 to reflect the decreasing price of gasoline. That line is at \$15,038. The total, therefore, is \$107,042. I'm sorry, 3441 Alarm Systems Maintenance

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) minus \$2,442 to leave that line at \$20,000. The bottom line would be \$9,086,197.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to MOVE to put the \$100,000 back into the salary account. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to restore a \$100,000 to the salary account. We are now addressing that Motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd like to give my reason for that. I feel that this would be a bad mistake for our Board to cut the salary account of the Fire Department. As the Police Department, this is a service to our citizens and with the rate of Stamford's growth at this point in time, we need more firemen; not less and I would really caution my colleagues to think very seriously before they vote on this. I can't recall how long ago, the Fire Department has asked for an increase in personnel and has received it. And we know that there have been some tragic fires; one in our area at Stouffers and I think that we cannot undermine the department nor the safety of our citizens and I strongly urge this \$100,000 to be placed back in the salary account where it is money well-spent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to one of the Co-Chair-people of Fiscal; Am I correct in assuming that you wish to decrease the size then of the Fire Department by virtue of attrition with this \$100,000?

MR. ESPOSITO: No, that was not our intention. Our intention as we have done in the past with the large departments, such as Public Works, Police and Fire, is to assume that during the year, in the course of the year, with the large department such as this, that many people will retire, resign, whatever the case might be and let's say a person retires at a salary \$24,000, there's some period of time before the replacement is hired and they are hired at a lower salary of \$17,000. I'm just using those as possible figures. Therefore, you have a savings there. All you need is a couple of retirements; four or five, six or ten in a department of this size and that would add up to a possible \$100,000 cut. It was not our intention to request a cut in the number of uniformed firemen but to simply reflect an attrition cut which we have taken every year that I can remember since I have been on Fiscal. That was not taken this year by the Administration nor was it taken by the Board of Finance.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you. Unfortunately, I must disagree with your Committee's vote on this issue and I haven't disagreed too much in the last two nights but I feel that at this point in time, the potential for disaster in this Community grows every day as we put up another high-rise office building. A prime example of the efficiency and ability of our Fire Department was illustrated very recently at the Eagle Tower fire, whereby, there was no fatality although some serious injuries. There was? I stand corrected on that. Thank you. In any event, if anything, as more high-rise office buildings and apartment building go up in this Community, we have a need for more firemen and more efficient means to combat the fires. This service along with the police service are vital to the interest of our Community and I feel that this \$100,000 must be restored to the Fire Department budget. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I actually wanted to make two related cuts but I will speak to the \$100,000 also. Actually, I concur with the cut we made in Fiscal because this is an attrition cut based on the history of people who leave the department in an average year. It is not to cut positions. It is to fill the gap inbetween the time a person leaves and the position is refilled. It isn't necessarily to cut the position out. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. CONTI: I'd like to repeat what Mrs. Conti just said and the way Mr. Esposito put it, it is just attrition and I don't think it would hurt the department at all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I live in an area where we have had over the average of fires and I'm a little afraid that taking a \$100,000 out may cut out on our firemen even at replacement them. I don't think we should wait to replace firemen. I would like to support the reinstatement of this \$100,000 so we can keep our firemen in place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MRS. GUROIAN: Only because I hear repetitions of arguments against the cut, will I repeat the argument for the cut. This is less than a 2% cut. It is normally absorbed in the time between one person leaves and a new person is hired. It does not reflect in anyway intentions to cut staff and it should not be necessary to cut staff in order to effectuate a \$100,000 saving. I can't see why restoring \$100,000 to the account is going to give you more firemen. That's an argument I don't understand. It's still going to take the same number of months or weeks to hire a new person. It doesn't mean that somebody is going to be deliberately let-go in order to make this savings. I think the cut is in order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian.

MR. DONAHUE: Through you, Madam Chairman, to the Co-Chairmen of Fiscal, does the cut made by the Board of Finance reflect the vacancies that are currently listed?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

MR. DONAHUE: Isn't it the reflection of vacancies plus an attrition cut what got the Police Department in a bind with some confusion, I guess, on the Board of Finance when they took both vacancies and an attrition cut at the same time.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, but we are talking about different amounts of positions and we looked at all the numbers and we felt that not only the vacancies being cut but also an addition to that. Since the vacancies are at this particular point in time, and there will be additional vacancies throughout the year, we felt that that could be the attrition cut.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Mr. Donahue, you have further questions?

MR. DONAHUE: No, that answers my question.



MR. BLUM: I'd just would like to ask, through you to Mr. Esposito, if through attrition and if the Board of Finance cut the vacancies, you're just hoping that tomorrow there will be maybe three people that will retire. Like you say, it can be a long time, true, but if it happened tomorrow that three firemen retired, how would you replace the three firemen? That's in impossibility because you're cutting vacancies and you're cutting the attrition fund. I'm definitely for restoring the \$100,000. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

MR. DeLUCA: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Moved and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor, please say aye. AYE. Opposed. We are going to Move the Question. The question is on restoring a \$100,000 to the salary account #1110 City Fire Protection. We'll use the machine.

MR. ESPOSITO: My vote didn't tally?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Just one moment. We'll check. The machine is calculating.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Madam President, before you call the vote, I would like it to be indicated that I voted yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Goldstein, you were not in your seat at the time it was tabulated but we'll check here, and the machine is going.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You haven't called the vote yet and I can still declare my vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will check with the first no votes. Mr. Esposito, yours did not register?

MR. ESPOSITO: Should be a yes vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito is a yes vote. Did Mr. Esposito's tabulate yet? No, it did not? Mr. Esposito is a yes vote. He was at his desk. Mrs. Perillo, yours did not register?

MRS. PERILLO: Did not register a yes vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do you all hit your switch at the time we call to vote? Our mechanic here at the machine says that if you did it, it should have registered. I know a couple of you were not in your seat and that's why I ask you to remain in your seat during these deliberations so we can have these votes.

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, wouldn't it be a lot easier just to take the vote over again.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, I'm going to see how many corrections there are. How many did not register, Mrs. Perillo, beside yours and Mr. Esposito? Mr. White, yours did not either? Alright. We will take another vote. You're voting on to restore \$100,000 to the salary account of the City Fire Department. Before we put that machine on, let me know if it does not tally-up there. Be sure all you lights are on.

Ladies and gentlemen, that changed the whole complex<sup>ion</sup> of the vote. I please ask you to remain in your seat or raise your hand right-away before the machine is put on.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The vote has PASSED. The motion has Passed by a vote of 21 yes, 17 no and 1 not voting.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Through you, I would like to address either the Co-Chairmen of the Committee on account #2710 and 2750. I would like to ask the rationale for the \$3,000 cut and the \$2,000. I would like to ask the rationale for cuts in gasoline and fuel oil.

MR. TARZIA: Madam Chairman, are we finished with the salary account?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Yes, we are finished. Do you have another question on the salary account? No, we are not jumping anywhere. The Fiscal Committee gave their recommendations. We had a Motion to restore funds that the Fiscal Committee deleted. Mr. Blais was the first to speak, the first hand and he is raising a question on another item but you can raise your question on another item, also. You're down here, Mr. Tarzia. You're third to speak after Mr. Blais. Mr. Blais, your question, please. I'm sorry.

MR. BLAIS: Yes, I would like to ask the rationale for cutting fuel oil and gasoline amounts recommended by the Board of Finance.

MR. ESPOSITO: The rationale is that the prices of fuel oil have gone down. To remind you again that the budget were made-up in December. If we look at our books, we will note that the requests in 1982/83 are the same as requested in 81/82. We felt that with the price of fuel having gone down, that they should sustain some small cut there. Now, obviously we are facing that on a projection that the low price of fuel will remain low for a period of time and that's guess work but we decided to make that judgement.

MR. BLAIS: In all due respect Mr. & Mrs. Co-Chairmen,...

MR. ESPOSITO: Did something happen that we missed?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

MR. BLAIS: I respect that judgement but five months later down the road, I'm reading this week that home heating oil has went up 8¢ since February and gasoline is going to go up 10¢ a month over the next three months so, therefore, I would ask the Board to reconsider these specific cuts so that we don't immobilize our fire trucks.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you making a Motion to restore the funds?

MR. BLAIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you take one item at a time; one Motion. What is your first Motion?

MR. BLAIS: First Motion is I MOVE to restore the \$3,000 to account 2710 Fuel Oil.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? SECONDED. Any discussion on that Motion?

MR. ZELINSKI: MOVE THE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question. AYE. All opposed? We are going to Move the Question. We are voting to restore \$3,000 to the fuel oil account 2710. Please use your machine. No discussion, we are Moving the Question.

The Motion is DEFEATED 21 no, 6 yes and 12 not voting.

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, in view of Sense-of-the Board, I withhold my second Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Mr. Gaipa, did you want to speak on this? I have your name here. Mrs. Saxe, I have your name also. Do you want to speak to this issue?

MRS. SAXE: It was defeated. You just ask me if I'm going to speak to the defeated Motion, I'm not.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, I didn't say that; just speak to the whole item.

MRS. SAXE: Alright, I would like to go back to the salary account and I would like to ask as question. In the book, it shows for back-up material, six public safety dispatchers and four dispatchers; will somebody, please, tell me the difference between them?

MR. ESPOSITO: Where are you?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are on page 66. Your question is on salaries 1110, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. SAXE: In the book I am using, it is page 228.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I defer to Mr. Hogan on that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Certainly. Mr. Hogan.

MR. HOGAN: The department is changing over eventually to civilian dispatchers and right now, there are four uniformed fire personnel who have been dispatchers and there are four civilian dispatchers.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that an answer your question, Mrs. Saxe?

MRS. SAXE: No, there's six public safety dispatchers and four regular dispatchers.

MR. HOGAN: I'm sorry, there are six, Mrs. Saxe; that's right. There are six civilians and four firefighters.

MRS. SAXE: If that's the case, are we not duplicating services?

MR. HOGAN: No, they work two on a shift and they work around the clock.

MRS. SAXE: How many shifts do you have?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Hogan, can you answer those questions?

MR. HOGAN: Sure, I can, if you want to go into it?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please answer Mrs. Saxe's question. Certainly, Mr. Hogan.

MR. HOGAN: They work eight-hour shifts and they work a 42 hour work-week. This accounts for the 10 dispatchers.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your question, Mrs. Saxe?

MRS. SAXE: Yes, then I have another question. Do all firemen work 42 hours a week?

MR. HOGAN: Yes, they do, Mrs. Saxe.

MRS. SAXE: They do. May I please ask to put in a \$200,000 request to have that deleted from the salaries of the Fire Department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Saxe, restate your Motion.

MRS. SAXE: I MOVE to have \$200,000 removed from line item 1110 salaries.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're talking about \$200,000.

MRS. SAXE: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? SECONDED. There's a Second to delete \$200,000 from the salary account. Mrs. Saxe, as the maker of the Motion, you may speak first. If not, we have quite a few people that want to speak to that.

MRS. SAXE: I really feel that this Department should be reorganized.

MR. DONAHUE: Unless, I missed something, we just voted to reinstate \$100,000 to this account and why would we now be voting on at all, the removal of \$200,000 from this account is beyond me.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That is another Motion, Mr. Donahue.

MR. DONAHUE: Especially, when the hiring and employment of civilian dispatchers is done at a cost savings to the City and puts more men on the line to fight fires which is what we want them to do. So, I would strongly suggest that we very quickly vote against this Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. ZELINSKI: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor to Move the Question, please say aye. Opposed? We are going to vote by the use of the machine on Mrs. Saxe's Motion. Ms. Rinaldi, make sure your machine works this time. We not sure it is. Please do it correctly; the button. We cannot figure-out why some of them are not registering at this time. We are voting on Mrs. Saxe's Motion.

The Motion has been DEFEATED 34 no, 1 yes, and 4 not voting. We still have a list.



MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Going along the lines of the recommendations of the Committee, I would like to ask for \$50,000 reduction on line 1110. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Tarzia, it's been Moved and Seconded to delete \$50,000 from the salary account. Would you like to speak to that Motion?

MR. TARZIA: Yes, I would. I think that we are losing sight of what we are here to do. Yesterday, we went through the budget. We eliminated half of a telephone. We eliminated a few other small items; now, here we have an opportunity to eliminate \$50,000 without putting anyone in jeopardy of losing a job. We're talking about doing this through attrition. The recommendation of Fiscal was for \$100,000 and I don't think it's unreasonable to ask for a \$50,000 reduction. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Tarzia.

MR. STORK: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made to Move the Question. All in favor, please say aye.

OPPOSED? We're going to Move the Question and that is on deleting \$50,000 from the salary account as Moved by Mr. Tarzia. Please use your machine. Ms. Rinaldi, did everything work this time? Fine, thank you.

The Motion was DEFEATED 20 no, 19 yes. We will continue, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Do you want my bottom line total?

MRS. CONTI: I had my hand-up everytime we had something there and I've never been called on. I have two Motions to make.

I would like to make two cuts related to the cuts for the vacancies and the new positions that the Finance Board made and one is line 1221 Clothing allowance. I would like to reduce it by \$3,800 leaving the balance at \$62,100.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Conti, repeat your Motion, please.

MRS. CONTI: I MOVE to delete \$3,800 from line 1221 leaving the balance \$62,100.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? SECONDED. Would you like to speak to that, Mrs. Conti, any further?

MRS. CONTI: This is merely the related items to the new positions and the vacancies that were cut. If you are not going to have the people, you are not going to need that much in clothing allowance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. Since there is no one who wishes to speak, we'll proceed...I'm sorry.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I just have a question. What is the difference between that line item and on the next page, 67, 3480 uniforms? I'd just like to know the difference.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I have those account numbers again?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Conti has the answer. She raised her hand. Would you like her to answer it?

MR. ESPOSITO: Sure.

PRESIDENT SANTY: She's on the Fiscal Committee.

MRS. CONTI: Actually, the clothing allowance is for the foul weather gear and rubber boots and all that sort of thing where the uniforms are the dress uniforms, I believe.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Then what about the protective clothing?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's clothing allowance.

MRS. GERSHMAN: 3252 Protective clothing.

MR. ESPOSITO: That's the raincoats.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think it needs a little clarification.

MRS. HAWES: I believe the uniform account is for uniforms. The protective clothing is for what Mrs. Conti was referring to for the foul weather and, I believe, the clothing allowance is a contractual item that the firefighters get to maintain their clothing. They get a lump-sum a year; 17 of the men get \$400 a year and 197 of them get \$300 a year and, I believe, that's a cash payment to maintain for cleaning or whatever.

MR. DONAHUE: Most of these lines are contractual?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders. MOVED and SECONDED to Move the Question. All in favor of Moving the Question on Mrs. Conti's Motion, please say aye. Opposed? We will Move the Question. We are voting on Mrs. Conti's Motion to reduce line item 1221 to \$62,100.

The Motion CARRIED 19 yes, 16 no, 4 not voting. Do you have another Motion, Mrs. Conti?

MR. ESPOSITO: The total for that line is \$62,100.

MRS. CONTI: Yes, I have one other Motion, Madam President, and that is on line 3480 Uniforms to be reduced by \$500 and it would leave the new balance \$21,288. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to delete to that amount \$21,288. Is there any discussion on this? No one wishes to speak, we'll proceed right to a machine vote on Mrs. Conti's Motion to delete line item, page 67, 3480 uniforms to \$21,288 which is a \$500 reduction.

MR. DUDLEY: Just a quick question to Mr. Esposito, through the Chair, is that a contractual obligation?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're going to proceed to a vote at this point. Use your machine.

MR. BOCCUZZI: POINT OF INFORMATION: If that's a contractual item, are we still voting on the assumption that there's two people whose clothing allowance is in here but they are not on board; the vacancy was taken out?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're proceeding with a vote. Yes, Mr. Boccuzzi?

MR. BOCCUZZI: That's what the vote is referred to.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That is the assumption of the vote I would assume, yes. We will proceed to a vote.

The Motion has CARRIED 21 yes, 10 no, 1 abstain and 4 not voting.  
Mr. Esposito, do you want to give us a total for that line?

MR. ESPOSITO: For that line, the total is \$21,288.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MRS. GUROIAN: There's one other related item; the protective clothing which should be reduced to reflect the cut by the Board of Finance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: May I have the number, Mrs. Guroian?

MRS. GUROIAN: 2352 and I'd like to reduce that by \$1,500. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total line to what?

MRS. GUROIAN: \$26,870.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made and Seconded. Discussion?

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. It does seem to me that this is sort of a ...  
(dialogue lost - end of tape)

MR. BOCCUZZI: (Start of new tape) Mrs. Guroian reduced it \$1,000. This reflects two people. She's saying that each person is entitled to \$500 worth of protective clothing. Is that what the contract says? \$500 per person?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you directing your question to Mrs. Conti or Mrs. Guroian?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Through you to Mrs. Guroian, she reduced it \$1,000 to reflect two people; \$1,500 does each person entitled to \$750 worth.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian, can you answer that question for Mr. Boccuzzi?

MRS. GUROIAN: I took it off by percentage but I forget what percentage.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Then I would say, if you don't know the exact figure, that you might be taking off much, and therefore, I would be against it.

MR. DONAHUE: I think in many of these accounts, some of this money is not necessarily for the new people involved; it's to replace equipment that is either damaged or out-dated and we shouldn't be cutting money from these accounts if it hampers the department's flexibility in replacing that equipment.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I answer that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Esposito, you may answer that.

MR. ESPOSITO: Protective clothing is not for specific persons. Mr. Donahue is absolutely correct. I won't bore you with all of them; I'll just bore you with some of them.

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) For example, in this account, there are 30 sets of acid resistant work uniforms at \$44.00, 50 helmets at \$55.00, 40 pair of high boots at \$55.00, 50 pair of low boots at \$48.00, 40 pair of suspenders at \$7.00 apiece. Where you going to get a pair of suspenders for \$7.00 these days and 200 pair of tempo gloves at \$25.00 for \$5,000. It doesn't reflect a per person amount. It's just to replace items that have been worn-out in the department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would just caution my colleagues that pertaing to this cut, I think we have to be careful that we are not doing something that would be detrimental to the personnel of the Fire Department and I would, being we are not sure of the amount and specifics as far as what percentage and so forth, I would hope that we defeat this Motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. GAIPA: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Moved and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor. AYE? Opposed? We are going to Move the Question. We are voting on Mrs. Guroian's deletion of \$1,500 to protective clothing account. Use the machine. Any difficulty with the machine, just raise your hand immediately because we tabulate this right away.

The Motion is DEFEATED 11 yes, 25 no and 3 not voting.

MR. TARZIA: Line 2730, page 67, this is the water; I am not going to ask to reduce that, it's really for information. I noticed that the Board of Finance chopped that down by \$85,000. May be the Co-Chairman can answer through you, the Chair, Madam. The question is why was the reduction made and is there a possibility; are they working on some kind of system where they could really figure out, let's say what costs are or is this just a guessing game on the part of the Water Company? How do they decide how much?

MR. ESPOSITO: Charges are based on foot inches of various size water mains. The request for 1982/83 is based on current monthly billing of \$44,000 from the Stamford Water Company which is a quarterly billing and a quarterly billing of \$475 from the New Canaan Water Company. The billing from the Stamford Water Company includes the 5.51% surcharge which was granted by the PUC but is being appealed by the City. In addition, the Stamford Water Company has applied to the PUC for an additional 47% increase in rates. Included in the request is \$2,000 for domestic water charges for five stations. They have been informed by the Public Works Commission to anticipate an increase of 57.3% for the anticipated rate and surcharge increase.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Does that answer your question, Mr. Tarzia?

MR. TARZIA: Yes and no, it is just that it is a large amount. Of course, I understand the need for the water with the Fire Department, but my point here is that, I understand that for many years the Water Company just charged us whatever amount they desired and there was no actual calculation made by the City and, therefore, now they are being held accountable for that. Perhaps, someone here on the Board has an answer to that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think Mrs. Hawe may have the answer.



MRS. HAWES: Thank you. Mr. Tarzia is right. Over the years, it appears that when new water mains were put on, they were added to the list of charges that the City was incurred for this. The charges are based on the miles of water mains we have and the different inches in diameter they are. The Fire Department now is concerned that we're being overcharged for our water especially in light of the increase in rates and the Board of Finance also, and as are we. The Fire Department is now conducting an audit of their water mains to determine exactly what they should be charged for and the Board of Finance in making this cut was hopeful that when the audit was finished, we would get a reduction in rates because we would be able to document exactly how many miles of water mains we have and that's why they took the cut but they are in the process now of making that audit themselves.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your question, Mr. Tarzia?

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

MR. DeLUCA: Madam President, through you to Representative Esposito, did I understand you to say that these figures are based on a 47.3% rate hike?

MR. ESPOSITO: That is correct.

MR. DeLUCA: I'm looking at an article that appeared March 4, in the paper, where the Division of Public Utilities Control granted the Water Company a 29.3% rate hike and the Fire Department or Carmen Farfaglia stated that his budget was based on a rate hike of 47.3% and would be up to the various Boards to reduce it in accordance with the new increase that was actually granted; that's why I would like to know, for clarification, does the \$750 reflect the difference in the rate increase or this here was just...

MR. ESPOSITO: I believe, that's why the Board of Finance cut them.

MR. DeLUCA: Now you are really confusing. You said the Board of Finance because they were looking for some new input or some new innovations that they were making. Why did they cut it?

MR. ESPOSITO: They are pursuing an audit of all of their mains to see if they are being charged accurately and appropriately. That's an on-going process that they have just begun. That's not reflected in this budget. Mrs. Hawes was responding to Mr. Tarzia's question about the billing process. The Board of Finance cut was made specifically to reflect the lower increase in rates by the PUC. The audit of their mains is an on-going process and the results of that are not in.

MR. DeLUCA: Your previous comment of 47.3% was really wrong.

MR. ESPOSITO: I was reading that from their back-up. That's correct.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca. Would you continue, Mr. Esposito, with your report?

MR. ESPOSITO: The bottom line under Fire Protection Group 45, I believe, is \$9,181,897. Is that correct, Mrs. Guroian?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you repeat that once more?

MR. ESPOSITO: \$9,181,897.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. MCINERNEY: I would like to call a five-minute Recess so the Staff members sitting here so long can have the opportunity to stretch their legs, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I just say that we only have the Volunteer Fire and the Harbormaster, can we do that and then work on a Section total?

MRS. MCINERNEY: I would withdraw my Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, can we quickly run along?

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 69, Code 470.4331 Belltown Fire Department \$187,988, Fiscal did not make any cuts in any of these. I will just go through them quickly.

MRS. GUROIAN: POINT OF ORDER: I missed the total, I'm sorry, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: \$9,181,897.

Page 69, 470.4340 New Hope Fire Department \$271,991.

470.4350 Long Ridge Fire Department \$280,909.

470.4360 Turn of River Fire Department \$531,876.

470.4370 Springdale Fire Department \$181,342.

470.4380 Stamford Ambulance Corps \$94,744, giving us a total for the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Departments \$1,548,850.

Page 70, Police and Fire Protection, the Harbormaster, Fiscal made no cuts in that Department and the bottom line is \$1,990.

Now we can pursue a Section total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We'll wait for a Section total.

MR. ESPOSITO: I think a Recess would be in order now.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. MCINERNEY: Was that a Motion that Mr. Esposito made? If it is, I'll Second it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No.

MRS. MCINERNEY: I make a Motion for a Recess. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of a five-minute Recess, please say aye. When we come back, we'll get a Section total.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Meeting will come to order. I would ask the Representatives to take their seats. Mr. Esposito, will you continue with your report.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would like to read the Section totals now.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, we are now getting the Section totals; go right ahead, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: The total is \$22,840,216. That completes the Community Services and we are now ready for the Board of Education.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. We are now going to the Board of Education. Mr. Esposito, now that we had a little break, guys and gals, let's go.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 70, the total for Police and Fire Protection is \$22,840,216. The total cuts for that Section \$193,087 and perhaps, Mrs. Guroian would give us the cumulative total of cuts to this point.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excellent. Mrs. Guroian, please go slowly.

MRS. GUROIAN: The cumulative total through Police and Fire for the cuts is \$735,689. The total amount of budget that's been passed is \$52,957,931.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian.

MR. ESPOSITO: Let me just remind everyone that a mill is 4.4 million. We haven't even come close to a quarter of a mill yet.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you for that reminder. Mr. Zelinski, you have your hand up and I'm not sure what you are addressing at this point.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. I wonder if it would be in order at this time, during the Recess I found on my desk and I'm sure we all did this evening, some type of a newsletter, if you will, printed by the Traffic and Parking Department and I really don't think this is something that the taxpayer should have to pay and if it would be proper, I would like to go back to the Traffic and Parking and make a cut in their printing code.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Zelinski. First of all, I don't know what correspondence you are referring to because I don't have it on my desk.

MR. ZELINSKI: I believe it's on everybody's desk. It reads Traffic Signals; it's like a newsletter or something, the first of many to come out and I don't think it's up to the taxpayers to subsidize to tell them what the traffic and parking is all about. If it would be proper under Parliamentary procedure, I'd like to go back to the Traffic and Parking and make some minor cuts in the printing code of those Departments?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, if you want reconsideration of any item, you can Move for reconsideration as long as you were on the prevailing side. The prevailing side is any side yes if you have won and no if it has been defeated. But unless you took that position, I cannot entertain that Motion at this time.

MR. ZELINSKI: I did. I voted, I didn't vote for any cuts and ....so I'd like to make a Motion to go back.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You have to make a Motion. I want the item number and the page number and you're Moving for a Reconsideration. We have to vote on the Reconsideration first which takes two-thirds.

MR. ZELINSKI: No, I don't think it would be Reconsideration. There was no Motion in the printing accounts of both Traffic or Parking unless through you to Representative Esposito if there were any cuts. I don't think there were so it wouldn't be a Reconsideration; it would be a new Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It is a Reconsideration because we accepted the Motion. It's a continuous Motion as made by Mr. Esposito and I refer to my Parliamentarians, if they agree with the Chair at this time.

MR. ZELINSKI: So then I have to Move for Reconsideration?

PRESIDENT SANTY: You have to Move for Reconsideration on each item that you wanted to discuss.

MR. ZELINSKI: Just the two items. Do I have to make the code or something to make the Motion?

PRESIDENT SANTY: I want to know the page number and the code and we have to vote on Reconsideration.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to MOVE for Reconsideration Department of Traffic, which is page 41, the code on that would be 2921 printing and I'd like to make a cut of ...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Make your Motion first, and then we have to have a Second but he hasn't finished his Motion yet.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you very much. I appreciate the courtesy on that. I'd like to make a cut of \$400 from the \$750 which would bring it to \$350.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Zelinski and I don't mean to be facetious but what number again? Page number is 41, the code number?

MR. ZELINSKI: The code number is 2921 which is the code for the printing which, I believe, this would be the proper code that prints this particular piece of literature.

MR. BLAIS: POINT OF ORDER, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, what is your Point of Order, Mr. Blais?

MR. BLAIS: POINT OF INFORMATION: Could we get a ruling from the Parliamentarians as to whether this is appropriate since there was no vote taken on the stationery the first time around so, therefore, I don't see where there's a prevailing side.



PRESIDENT SANTY: The Chair ruled and the Assistant Parliamentarian concurred that it was a continuous Motion and we accepted it and he is making a Reconsideration to consider this. We are voting on a Reconsideration. We are not voting on the item yet.

MR. DIXON: Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Dixon?

MR. DIXON: Madam President, if we are going to go back now and start nit-picking \$300 and \$400, I would have to Move for an adjournment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You are not Moving for adjournment; you're just mentioning the fact. Your comments are well taken, but anyone has the opportunity at anytime to Reconsider any vote, Mr. Dixon. I think the sentiments of the Assembly are with you.

MR. DIXON: But, I can also Move for an adjournment at anytime.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you Moving for an adjournment at this time? Is there a Second to that? SECONDED.

MR. DIXON: I sure....

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm sorry, it's not debatable. We have to Move whether to adjourn or not. A Motion has been made and Seconded to adjourn. Yes, Ms. Summerville, it's not debatable. We're going to Move right to a vote. All in favor of adjourning, please say aye. Opposed? NO? A machine vote because I don't want this challenged later. All in favor of adjourning vote up for yes. We'll use the machine. Mr. Dixon made a Motion to adjourn.

The Motion to adjourn has been DEFEATED 28 no and 6 yes. I remind the Representatives that it is 20 of 1:00 and don't even think that we are half-way through this book yet. We have a lot of work to do. Why don't we proceed. Mr. Zelinski made a Motion. We are going to be speaking to the Reconsideration first.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I think that Mr. Zelinski owes the Parking Department an apology. If you are aware of the fact, that everytime you see "45" at the top of your printing, that printing came out of your efficient office, the Board of Representative reproduced the copies. Evidently, this copy came to us like from any other department which sends this Board information copies to our office and the 45 copies were reproduced by our office; namely, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford

MR. ZELINSKI: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Being Representative Summerville did mention my name, Madam President and under the rules...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, under Roberts Rules, a Point of Personal Privilege is your attendance of a meeting or attacking your character and I don't think Ms. Summerville did.

MR. ZELINSKI: She did. She said I owed the Traffic Department an apology.

PRESIDENT SANTY: One moment. We have a Motion on the Floor made by Mr. Zelinski to delete \$400...

MR. BLAIS: POINT OF INFORMATION, Madam Chairman.

MR. ZELINSKI: I have a Point of Personal Privilege, Madam President, and I'd still like to discuss it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I recognize Mr. Boccuzzi because he is standing.

MR. BOCCUZZI: It has come to the point in the evening now where people are trying to do things or what they are trying to do. This idea of Reconsidering because of a piece of paper on the desk that you are told is coming from our office; now we are going to have a big discussion and it's 20 minutes to 1:00. I figured if we worked at it, we stay until 2 O'clock, we can get something done; we'll be here to 1:15, 1:30 discussing this idiotic proposition or whatever you want to call it for nothing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That statement is a little out-of-line. I'm not saying out-of-order.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I'm getting a little tired of hearing these kind of things.

PRESIDENT SANTY: If we all give everyone the respect that we would expect, then we could get on with this Meeting. Mr. Zelinski has made a Motion. I have not heard a Second to that Motion and this is what I'm waiting for. Is there a Second to Mr. Zelinski's Motion? Without a Second we don't have any item before this Assembly. Is there anything further you'd like to make, Mr. Zelinski?

MR. ZELINSKI: Well, I did ask for a Point of Personal Privilege about five-minutes ago after all this discussion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Chair determines that it was not a Point of Personal Privilege according to Roberts Rules, but you are free to make another Motion. You said you had another Motion to make; make your Motion, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: If that's the way you're going to Rule, I don't even wait to say anything.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, will you continue.

MRS. GUROIAN: Madam Chairman, I would just like to remind the Representatives that after all this deliberation, we have managed to cut \$68,383 less than Fiscal did.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian.

MR. ESPOSITO: Page 71, Welfare Department Code 510, Fiscal did not make any cuts in this Department and the final total is \$911,023.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Through you, Madam Chairman, just as a Point of Information on item 510.3601 Cash relief which increased quite a bit \$476,033.28 to \$600,000. I would like to know how many people did that cover and the next thing I would like to know is 510.3623 Prescription drugs which increased from \$13,372.52 to \$20,000. I'd like to know how many people, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito or Mrs. Hawe, can you answer Mrs. Maihock's question?

MR. ESPOSITO: 1. We don't have figures on how many people they cover but I can answer for both of them the reasons for the increases. As we all may recall throughout the past fiscal year, we've been getting numerous requests from the Welfare Department, especially in both of these accounts. The reason being that there has been significant increases in the number of people on cash relief, the number of people on welfare and that's the reason for the increases. The caseload has increased drastically, although I don't have the figures at my finger tips. The other point is that all this is reimbursable and that's one of the reasons why Fiscal did not make any cuts in the Welfare Department because 1. much of what they do is mandated. They have to follow the criteria and if someone is eligible for cash relief, they have to give it to them and 2. most of this department is reimbursed so, therefore, we didn't bother making any cuts.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Mrs. Maihock still has the Floor.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I just think it would be a very pertinent bit of information if we could find that information out sometime. I think it's very important to know what burdens we have in the City so we know what we can anticipate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock.

MR. BLUM: I don't know if Mrs. Maihock is aware, but people are unemployed for quite sometime and they've run out of their unemployment insurance and where else do you turn to, the next place is welfare and the medical goes along with it. If you don't realize it, we're in a very economic bind now and a great part of it is people running-out of their unemployment insurance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I have a question, please. Under General Hospitals Line item 3610 on page 71, could you just explain General Hospitals for \$35,000?

MR. ESPOSITO: That is for people who are on welfare admitted to hospitals.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman.

MRS. MCINERNEY: For Mrs. Maihock and for some people who might not remember, two or three months ago, we did have a special emergency appropriation for people who were on disability income from the State of Connecticut which was, as I remember, cut-back and since they were given the privilege of receiving that money from the State, when the State cut-back the funding, they did come to the City of Stamford for money. So, I believe, part of this increase in your \$600,000 has to do with some of the State cuts and for General Hospitals, there are some elderly people who do end up in the hospitals who just don't have the money to pay the exorbitant prices in the rooms and I think some of that is absorbed in this particular account as well.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. When I look at the total \$911,000, I for one have to plead ignorance on the operation of the Welfare Department and I think it would help if we had more information so we can make good judgement as to their needs...

MR. TARZIA: (Continuing) we can talk intelligently. May be it's only ignorance on my part but I think there are many others on this Board who feel they would like more information. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Tarzia. Your comments are well-taken.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I have to agree with Mr. Tarzia. However, I'll put an addendum to it. It is each an every Representatives responsibility to get the information that they think they need to make an intelligent decision. We shouldn't always have to wait to be spoon-fed with the information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'd like to MOVE whatever Question there is on this page, if there is one, so that we can go on with the business at-hand.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is no Question to Move. There is only one more speaker to this statement of Mr. Esposito's continuing Motion.

MR. ESPOSITO: \$911,023

Code 520 Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility, page 73, the total is on page 74, we did not make any cuts here. The total, therefore, is \$3,221,858.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, Madam President to Representative Esposito. I have several questions on some of the line items. First of all, 2510 Maintenance of Vehicles, there was a \$600 increase. What is the reason of that?

MR. ESPOSITO: This amount is for the maintenance of three vehicles; a blazer, a van and a school bus. All vehicles from the Residence and SNF have been combined into a single motor pool.

MR. ZELINSKI: How does this vary? Do they have the vehicles, the same three vehicles last year and why would they need a necessity of an additional \$600?

MR. ESPOSITO: I believe if you look at the same line item in the Residence, you will find a decrease.

MR. ZELINSKI: In otherwords, they moved it...

MR. ESPOSITO: All vehicles are now being combined into one single motor pool.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. Through you, Madam President, again line item 2610 Maintenance of Equipment went from \$25,000 to \$34,000. I was wondering what the rationale of the additional \$9,800.

MR. ESPOSITO: Do you want me to go down the list? There are a number of obligations that they have had to meet in terms of maintenance of equipment and if you want, I will go down the list.

MR. ZELINSKI: If you can limit it for time.

MR. ESPOSITO: State fire code mandated monthly inspections and semi-annual servicing of the septic system, the east and west elevators, the emergency lights contract. There were kitchen repairs of \$3,000 for repairing of all kitchen equipment, bed repairs, wheelchair repairs, emergency generator maintenance.



MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. Through you, Madam President, item #2650 New Equipment went from \$13,000 to almost \$94,000. Could you just hit upon the major new equipment that is needed to substantiate that large increase?

MR. ESPOSITO: 34 electric patient beds, those are beds that rise and fall electrically, at \$1,300 apiece for \$44,200. Various kitchen equipment for \$9,000. East wing drapery replacement \$6,900; those are the biggest items. Door monitor system for security facility \$7,500.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that answer your question, Mr. Zelinski?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, thank you.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I have several questions and I would appreciate when Representative Esposito starts giving me the answers he goes at a slow pace because the hour is late and I am getting a little tired and I would like to be able to comprehend your replies. I'm looking at quite a few of these outside employment or part-time accounts and trying to comprehend why certain things are happening. Account 520.1118 Outside Employment Agencies \$75,000 seems to be a new item. Could you explain that one for me?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, it is a new account due to vacancies of full-time and part-time licensed nurses. They are forced to utilize outside agency nurses in order to comply with the staffing levels that are mandated by the Connecticut Public Health Code. These agencies have always been utilized. This is not a new expenditure. It's just that the account for the first time has been broken out for budgetary control purposes. There is a problem not only in the City of Stamford, but the State of Connecticut in filling nursing positions and due to that problem, they often go to the agencies.

MR. DeLUCA: Second item, we have part-time 520.1130, granted this item here is \$241,000; previous year \$238,000; small increase. I don't argue that one out too much but permanent part-time seems to be a new item for \$159,000?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct because again, this year the Finance Department has asked that the distinction be made between part-time and permanent part-time. If you work 20 hours or less...O.K.

MR. DeLUCA: The idea is, in a couple of other accounts where we combined the two together, they more or less equal what the previous year's totals were, but this here seems to exceed the previous year's totals by \$162,000. Permanent part-time we're having more staff. Outside employment agencies, we are going out and getting more people to meet certain staff developments. We got all these extra people coming in, could you rationalize why the overtime account hasn't gone down at all? The overtime account 520.1201 went up \$5,000 from last year but yet we have a new account, Outside Employment Agency, which means we're going to get more people. You have a \$159,000 for Permanent part-time help which means we're going to have more people. It would stand a reason that your overtime account should go down.

MR. ESPOSITO: May I read some of the back-up from the overtime? Under current labor agreements, employees must be paid for all holidays worked at double time and one-half. There are now 14½ paid holidays. In addition, when employees full or part-time become suddenly ill, have accidents or absent due to other emergencies or when part-time employees are not available, they must schedule regular employees to work overtime in order to maintain staffing ratios mandated by the Public Health Code.

MR. ESPOSITO: (Continuing) Increases were granted during the current fiscal year to all registered nurses; four main areas of overtime pay-out in descending order of importance are the nursing 70%, maintenance 16%, dietary 8% and administrative clerical 5%. For the nursing in order to adhere to the State mandated minimum staffing requirements, the outside vacancies have to be staffed via any of the following methods: Some of them are overtime hold-overs, overtime double shifts or outside agency personnel. A good part of this, most of this, therefore, is due to the nursing shortage, the increases granted during the current fiscal year to all registered nurses which subsequently increased the amount of overtime. The nursing shortage has also increased the need for going to outside agencies and accounts for all of those increases.

MR. DeLUCA: I'd like to make a recommended cut of \$57,000 in the overtime account. It just doesn't make sense. We're going to have permanent part-time people; we're going to get people from the outside employment agencies which means you're going to have additional staff; permanent part-timers that means they are going to get additional fringe benefits. I'd like to make a Motion to reduce the overtime account by \$57,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total to \$100,000. There is a Second. We are now speaking to Mr. DeLuca's Motion.

MRS. HAWES: I would just like to point-out to the Members concerning this recommended cut and any others that they might make. For their information, I would like to point-out the fact that whole entire Smith House Residence and Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility is 100% reimbursable, in fact, it is even more than 100% reimbursable. If you look at the revenues in the first book that we got, the revenues for the SNF exceeds the expenditures as does the Residence. I just would like to bring that to the Members as a point of information.

MR. ESPOSITO: For the overtime, go back, there are 14½ City holidays for which the SNF must through overtime payments provide staff coverage. Each holiday for the 14½ averages \$6,000 in overtime payments. That gives them a fixed overtime cost; just for the holidays a fixed overtime cost of \$97,000. In addition to this fixed cost, overtime must be utilized to provide coverage in nursing dietary maintenance for illness, vacation, employee absences. This fiscal year's non-holiday overtime expenditures have almost been \$60,000 over and above holiday coverage so the \$97,000 just takes care of the 14½ City holidays. Then another \$60,000 is for the vacation, illness and employee absences.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. I remind the Representatives that we are speaking to Mr. DeLuca's Motion.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. I have to support Mr. DeLuca's Motion. When we look at last year's total salaries including salaries, outside employment agencies, part-time and permanent part-time, rounding it off to three zeros, you come to \$1,944,000. This year's comes to \$2,035,000 or an increase of \$91,000. Most departments that we've been discussing this evening, we've been reducing in some manner, shape or form. Mr. DeLuca is being very generous in only reducing it by only \$50,000 when, in fact, there has been a \$91,000 increase from last year to this year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Moved and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. AYE. Opposed. We are now going to vote on Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$57,000 from the overtime account.

MRS. SAXE: Madam Chairman, my vote is not working.

PRESIDENT SANTY: How did you vote, Mrs. Saxe?

MRS. SAXE: (inaudible)

PRESIDENT SANTY: You are voting in favor of the Motion; so, you will be a yes vote.

The Motion is CARRIED 22 yes, 17 no.

MR. ESPOSITO: That would give us a bottom line of \$3,164,858.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Before you go on, we have other people that wish to speak.

MR. GAIPA: Madam Chairman, I would like to go back to 1118 Outside Employment Agencies that Mr. DeLuca mentioned. Mr. Esposito mentioned that this was due to the nursing shortage and the use of outside agencies. I would like to make a Motion that this amount be cut by \$50,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Your Motion is what, Mr. Gaipa? Repeat that.

MR. GAIPA: 520.1118 be reduced by \$50,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Second to your Motion, Mr. Gaipa. You may speak to that Motion if you would like.

MR. GAIPA: Thank you. Two reasons, one is that, \$75,000 is \$6,250 a month and this is a lot of money per month to be spending for an employment agency. Especially when we have an employment function in our own Personnel Department with experts and professionals in employment; so, I would rather see our Personnel staff that we're paying a salary to, participate in the hiring of nurses as well as any other position for the City.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Gaipa. Remind you, you are speaking to the Motion to cut that amount.

MR. BLUM: I agree with Mr. Gaipa because I have here a couple of records here. There is quite a turnover of terminations of part-time workers at the Smith House Nursing Facility. Let me read you one month what has happened there. I think it bears looking into. Nursing assistants, nursing assistant, nursing assistant, registered nurse; these are part-time workers, resignations. Another big list here and another form...I'd just like to read to you what goes on at the Smith House. Resignations of part-time workers; 18, only out of the Smith House; nursing assistants, dishwashers, custodial help and I think that we ought to look into what's really happening at the Smith House.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, the Motion on the Floor is to delete \$50,000 from the outside employment agency.

MR. BLUM: I agree with Mr....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I can't support to delete anymore money from the salaries account, which in essence, this really is even though it's shown as outside employment agencies. They are having difficulty in recruiting skilled nurses to work up there. It is no secret. The only way that they can get qualified personnel to handle the workload to take care of the people they must take care of, is to utilize the services of an outside employment agency and if we cut this money, they will not be able to have enough people up there to take care of the people that have to be taken care of; which eventually if we don't have the proper staffing and the proper staff to patient or resident level, it might even result in closing the Smith House. I think this would be a very bad move to cut anymore money out of any salary account that's going up there, when, in essence, this really is like a salary account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to Representative Esposito, could you please clarify specifically what the \$75,000 is going to be spent for? I've heard different opinions. I want to know what that money exactly is going to be spent for?

MR. ESPOSITO: To get outside agency nurses. Nurses outside of the agency so that they can comply with the staffing levels that are mandated by the Connecticut Public Health...

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, there are too many cross-conversation here.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think Mr. Esposito mentioned this previously. Has your question been answered, Mr. Zelinski?

MR. ZELINSKI: Not exactly, if I may, Representative Esposito, is this to pay for salaries of nurses....(inaudible)

MR. ESPOSITO: Salary of nurses who are brought in from outside agencies.

MR. ZELINSKI: Well, then, why wouldn't it be just under salaries?

MR. ESPOSITO: It had been in the past. It use to be under salaries, it's not a new expenditure; it's always been used. It is that the request from the Finance Commissioner this year was to break-it out as a separate item. To take it out of the part-time salary accounts.

MR. ZELINSKI: So, it is actually to pay for salaries.

MR. ESPOSITO: No matter how much we cut from these accounts, it is not going to have an affect on the mill rate. Every penny that we are talking about here shows up in revenues and if you cut \$50,000 from expenditures, that is \$50,000 cut from revenues. It's a wash. We could cut \$200,000 and it is not going to have one iota affect on the mill rate. What we might be doing is short staffing the Smith House. That is about the only thing we're going to be doing. We are not going to be affecting the mill rate because every single penny and more, as a matter of fact, is accounted for in the revenues.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. Does that answer your question, Mr. Zelinski?



MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, but I had another one, Madam President, if I may?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, certainly.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. Again, through you to Representative Esposito, the revenue...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, we have a Motion on the Floor and I want you to be speaking to the \$50,000 deletion from this account. Is it pertinent to that?

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, it is pertinent because in order for me to vote yes or no on this item, comments have been made, you did not question Representative Esposito for making the comment about the revenue. If I want to ask a comment about the revenue, I don't think I'm out-of-order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Chair did not rule you out-of-order.

MR. ZELINSKI: You almost did. Your questioning if my question is pertinent. Now I've listened all evening with other people speaking and really, Madam President, I think you should ...(inaudible)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Continue, Mr. Zelinski, with your questioning. Through you to Representative Esposito, what is the source of revenue?

MR. ESPOSITO: The State and the estimate that has been presented to us is that we would get back \$3,317,512 on an expenditure of \$3,224,608.

MR. ZELINSKI: In other words from the State budget, we would be getting this?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's correct.

MR. ZELINSKI: Which is also taxpayers money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. DUDLEY: MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It has been Moved and Seconded to Move the Question. All in favor, please say aye. All opposed? 1 no vote. We are going to Move the Question. I'd like to remind all the Representatives not in the room that we are going to be using the machine. You will vote up if you agree with Mr. Gaipa's Motion to delete \$50,000 from the Outside Employment Agency account. No, if you don't agree with him.

The Motion is DEFEATED 14 yes, 21 no.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'd like to make a Motion to reduce the amount on line 1118 by \$25,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to delete \$25,000 from the account Outside Employment Agency. We are now addressing Mr. Tarzia's Motion. I have a list which I would like to go to and I hope I'll call on these people because they have been very patient if they would like to speak to this Motion.

MR. TARZIA: Thank you. I keep hearing from some of my esteem colleagues, with all due respect to them, this is free; it's from the State. Well, not too many years ago, Louie the XIV said, "You know, I'm the State." We know what happened to France. I think people forget who the State is and keep saying it's reimbursable and all this other baloney that I keep hearing all the time. Fine, I agree it's reimbursable but we are the State. Let's keep that in mind so when we vote on this, let's not think of whether it's coming from Hartford or Stamford, Connecticut; it's our money. So what we should be concerned with, is it something that is needed; is the \$25,000 or \$75 or whatever figure; that's what we should be concerned with is the appropriateness of the appropriation, not where it's coming from. Thank you.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVE THE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Goldstein is first to speak to this Motion. The Question has been Moved and Seconded. All in favor of Moving the Question, please say aye. Opposed? We are going to Move the Question. We are voting on Mr. Tarzia's Motion to delete \$25,000 from the Outside Employment Agencies account.

The Motion PASSED 19 yes, 16 no. I have another list of people that wanted to speak previously. I'll call your names, if not, you can just Pass.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Through you, to Mr. Esposito, please, item 520.2920 Advertising. It's in the amount of \$10,000. I would like to know how this money is spent; what kind of advertising, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: There's a need to expound upon the critical shortage of RNs and LPNs and they have made every effort to attract qualified individuals to fill existing vacancies. They sent individual mailings to all schools and public health nurses offering summer employment and there have been no takers. The Personnel Department advertising budget is for all City departmental needs and is inadequate. An advertising campaign has been established. This campaign stresses frequency of advertising. They feel they must compete in the same marketplace as both area hospitals and nursing homes. By expending the monies out of the Smith House account, their accountant have informed us that all expenditures will be fully reimbursable. In other words, if we go to the Personnel Department and ask them to do the advertising, we don't get reimbursed. If we go through Smith House, since it's a Smith House expenditure, we do get reimbursed and I know that we are the State, therefore, it is our money and that's exactly why I would support this is because it is our money and I'd like to see it coming back to Stamford than go to New Haven.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. MAIHOCK: 520.2942 Travel expenses, those doubled in amount. Would you explain that, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, more funds are needed to reimburse the staff for the use of their own vehicles on out-of-town travel on nursing home business such as training seminars and conferences. The increase is due to the new MAA contract which changed the mileage from 12¢ per mile to 25¢ per mile. It doubled.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. MAIHOCK: 520.5150 Professional consultants, it went from \$5,000 to \$21,000. Could you explain that, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: The operating budget of the Smith House is totally reimbursed by either State or Federal Medicare or Medicaid. Both of the agencies which administer these program have established extremely complicated and lengthy standards of reporting which must be adhered to by any recipient facility. A good many of the rules and regulations for compliance are subject to interpretation. Such interpretation requires a standard of familiarization which is not shared by any City employee. The accounting firm of Enqualare, Soz and Lebnicky & Company is the premier medical accounting firm in the State of Connecticut. They are primarily accounts for over 100 of the 200 licensed health care facilities in the State. This firm has the knowledge of all State and Federal regulations which will absolutely maximize the reimbursements of the Smith House. They will be utilized to establish accounting reporting systems which will be fully aware of and comply with State, Federal, and local requirements. Of equal importance, the establishment of standard procedures of reporting will insure on time filing of....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Esposito, we appreciate your explanation, but I think you may have satisfied Mrs. Maihock's question at this point. Has he, Mrs. Maihock?

MRS. MAIHOCK: Yes, but I understand from what he said then that this is just a specialized section of that ... our own, for instance, Personnel Department, or no facility in our City here could undertake this. It has to be specialized as you indicate.....

MR. ESPOSITO: The point is that part of the problem in the past has been that we've tried to do it ourselves, and because the statutes are so complicated and the regulations are so complicated, what we have found that using our own personnel, we don't maximize the amount that we get back, that we're reimbursed.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I want to remind the Representatives that we do not have a motion on the floor. These are just questions. The next speaker is Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. HAWE: I pass.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I pass.

PRESIDENT SANTY: One last speaker, Mr. Blum?

MR. BLUM: I would like to go back to Advertising. At one time, I cut out an advertisement for the recruitment of nurses for the Smith House. I sent a copy of this ad to our Personnel Department. The ad called for a nurse to report to the Smith House where they would make the application for the position, etc. Now, at another time, it was said to us that the Personnel Department wants to do all the Personnel work for all the City department. If this is so, then I feel that this advertising account, even though it is reimbursed, should be put into the Personnel Department. If not so, then we should cut it. I'd like to cut it by \$2,000. I make that Motion to cut \$2,000 from Acct. #520.2920. Seconded by Mrs. Conti. (Mr. Blum's microphone fell apart at this point.)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Move the Question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Those in favor of Moving the Question, please say Aye? Those Opposed? The Question is Moved. We will now vote on Mr. Blum's Motion to cut. The Motion has been DEFEATED with 8 Yes, 19 No.



MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, President Santy, to Rep. Esposito, a short time ago Rep. Maihock asked a question pertaining to Code 2942, which was Travel Expenses, and I believe you mentioned that this was for contractual obligations, as far as car allowances for the employees?

MR. ESPOSITO: That is correct.

MR. ZELINSKI: Wouldn't that be covered under #1220, which is Car Allowance, in a previous code?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito? While Mr. Esposito is researching that question, it is 20 after one o'clock in the morning, and I wish to remind you that .....

MR. ESPOSITO: The difference between Car Allowance and Travel Expenses, is that Car Allowance is in-town travel, so that when the staff are using their own vehicles on nursing home business for in-town travel, they would use Car Allowance. When they leave town, as some of us are likely to do, that would be Travel Expenses.

MR. ZELINSKI: Again, through you Madam President, what reason, or what service could an employee of the Smith House give to the residents by going out of town on travel? Could you clarify that so I....

MR. ESPOSITO: As I pointed out before, on conferences, nursing home business, training seminars, conferences.

MR. ZELINSKI: Well, excuse me, Madam President, through you, I know the hour is late, but this is a very large budget, and even though we are only talking maybe to eliminate a couple of thousand or a couple of hundred dollars, we have to look at this as if it was our budget and we just can't keep spending.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, keep going. You don't have to explain. Just keep going.

MR. ZELINSKI: Well, I wanted my colleagues to know my rationale. Mr. Esposito, 2940 code is Conferences and Training, so you seem to be putting everything into one thing and then there are separate codes.

MR. ESPOSITO: Conferences and Training pays for the registration fees at these conferences. In order to get there, you have to use the Travel Expense.

MR. ZELINSKI: All right. I would like to make a Motion to cut \$1,000 from Conferences and Training, 520.2940, and if there is a Second, I would like to explain my reason. SECONDED. Certainly we are all in favor of giving proper health care to the elderly, but again I think if people are hired, they should be hired because they know their job and know what they're doing, and I don't think it is necessary in these days to have to have additional training and go on conferences. I think it is a nice luxury, if we can afford it, but we have to draw the line and stop it. I hope this Motion passes.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Often nurses, and particularly the nursing aides, are required to have in-service training as part of the State licensure, and also often the aides are trained out of town. They are not always trained in town, and I think perhaps some of these two expenses, these two items, go toward training nurses aides.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Mrs. Gershman is absolutely right. The administrator and the assistant administrator are required to attend a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education annually at seminars and conferences in order to maintain their nursing home license.



MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the Question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of Moving the Question? Opposed? The Question is Moved. We will now vote on Mr. Zelinski's Motion to delete \$1,000 from account 520.2940. The Motion is DEFEATED with 3 Yes, 25 No.

MR. TARZIA: At this time, considering that it is 1:22 A.M., I make a Motion to ADJOURN until tomorrow evening. Seconded.

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion made, and Seconded by many, to ADJOURN. It is not debatable. You can vote against it, if you do not wish to adjourn. We will use the machine. Vote UP for YES; DOWN for NO. The Motion is APPROVED, with 22 Yes, 16 No.

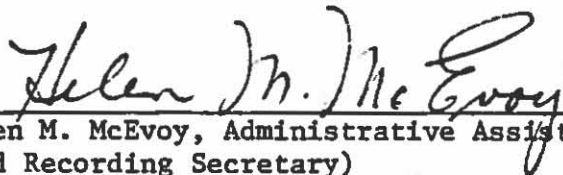
We will continue tomorrow night where we left off. We are still on Page 74. The meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. tomorrow night, May 13th, as per the original CALL. Thank you and drive safely.

MR. ESPOSITO: Madam Chairman, tomorrow night, don't we start with the Phase-In first?

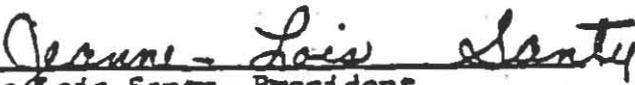
PRESIDENT SANTY: No, we do not.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The second notice went out, but two notices went out, but the first notice was the original Call of the Budget, and conferring with the Parliamentarians, we have to finish the budget first, and then go into the Phase-In.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 1:25 A.M.

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

APPROVED:

  
Jeanne Lois Santy, President  
17th Board of Representatives

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Department - Code & Account	(Made 5/12/82) Amount of Cut	Description	Dept. Total
	(Following Cuts) (Made 5/12/82)		
<u>Town &amp; City Clerk</u> 210.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 257,177.
<u>Probate Court</u> 220.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 7,900.
<u>Department of Law</u> 230.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 440,388.
<u>Commissioner of Finance</u> 240.2650	\$ 1,100.	New Equipment-Equipment	\$ 214,493.
<u>Group 24 - Controller</u>		NO CUTS	\$ 373,150.
<u>Bureau of Purchases</u> 243.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 172,799.
<u>Central Services Department</u> 244.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 140,923.
<u>Bureau of Data Processing</u> 245.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 500,237.
<u>Finance - Grants Account</u> 248.-----		NO CUTS	\$ 44,116