

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1989

21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 21st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, December 11, 1989, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. by President Goldstein, after both political parties had met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Rep. Scott Morris, D-17.

"Good Evening. Tonight, we the members of the 21st Board of Representatives begin the task to take on the burden of legislating for our City of Stamford. When I say that we are taking on the burden of legislating, let that signify that we are dedicating ourselves to undertaking a labor of love. We will have many important and weighty issues and decisions to make during the course of the next two years, but let us all try to discuss and debate those issues in a spirit of collegiality, cooperation and mutual respect. Let us try to get to know one another, to understand one another and to appreciate one another because we are all here for one purpose; to serve the people of the City of Stamford and to do the best we possibly can for them.

"Good luck to us all and may we do our city proud."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Sandra Goldstein.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 35 present and 5 absent. Absent were Reps. Dominick Cardillo (excused), David Blum (excused), Patricia McGrath, Frank Mollo (excused) and Garry Clemmons.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Test votes were taken by the President. The machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

REP. PHILIP STORK for the late Richard Mollo. "Mr. Mollo passed away last week as a result of heart failure at a relatively young age of 51. Dick Mollo wore many different hats. He was an employee of the City of Stamford; he was an organizer of sports for our children; he wrote a weekly article in the Trader about Belltown, my district; and he wrote a bowling column in the Sunday Advocate. But, the one hat he wore that I would like to honor him with tonight was his title as one of the Mayors of Belltown. He will be sorely missed."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

REP. ELLEN MELLIS for the late Louis Little. "Mr. Little died on November 30, after a long valiant battle with cancer. Lou and his widow Shirley and their four children have lived in Stamford on Stillwater Road for over 30 years. Lou was a man for all seasons; a devoted husband, father, grandfather, parishoner, poet, sailor, devotee of the ballet and a very special friend.

"He was also Santa to thousands of children in Stamford and all over Connecticut for several decades. Louis Little personified Kriss Kringle in looks and spirit. Those he touched will remember him always with love and gratitude that he was a part of our lives."

REP. JOHN ZELINSKI for the late Richard Mollo. "In addition, I would like to mention he is survived by his wife Diane Vitti, a son, two daughters, a brother and eight sisters; he was the uncle of our own Representative Frank Mollo."

REP. SCOTT MORRIS for the late Nicholas Santagata, Jr. "Mr. Santagata was a brother of my constituent and former colleague on this Board Joseph Santagata."

REP. RICHARD LYONS for the late Jarlath Weed. "Jarlath was a former resident of Gurley Road. She was a personal friend of mine. She was active in the community. My sympathy and the city's sympathy goes out to her husband Neil and her family."

REP. RUTH POWERS for the late Dick Mollo. "I extend my sympathy to the family of Dick Mollo."

REP. W. DENNIS WHITE for the late Jack Loughrey. "Mr. Loughrey was a former football coach in Stamford. Mr. Loughrey coached football for many, many years and was associated with Stamford High during its glory years as football coach."

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN explained the Consent Agenda to all members. She said the Chairman of the Committee in his report will announce the items that the Committee put on the Consent Agenda. If the Committee votes unanimously on an item, it goes on the Consent Agenda. If any member has any questions regarding the item, he or she should raise their hand and that will indicate that the member wants the item off the Consent Agenda. If a member has no questions regarding the item but for some reason would like to be recorded as a no vote or abstention, the member should indicate to the Chair when the vote on the approval of the Consent Agenda is taken.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairperson Sandra Goldstein

REPORT.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to waive the reading of the Steering Committee report. Seconded. Approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

The Steering Committee met on Monday, December 4, 1989, after the Organizational Meeting of the 21st Board, in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein who declared a quorum.

Present at the meeting:

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman	Maria Nakian	David Martin
John Boccuzzi	John Zelinski	James Rubino
David Jachimczyk	Audrey Maihock	Mildred Perillo
Robert DeLuca	Thomas Pia	David Blum
Ruth Powers	Stanley Esposito	Richard Lyons
John Hogan	Michael Larobina	W. Dennis White
Dominick Cardillo	Scott Morris	Carmen Domonkos
Annie Summerville	Mary Lou Rinaldi	Frank Mollo
John Zimmerman	Bobby Owens	Ellen Camhi
Joseph Lovallo	Philip Stork	E. Iandoli, Advocate
		Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering were the two names appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Those names were Mr. Glenn F. Fuller for the Urban Redevelopment Commission and Mr. John A. Marsalisi for the Board of Ethics.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the seven items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and the two appearing on the Addenda. Mr. Blum voted no on the item concerning the Matter of Economic Development in Stamford.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - All six items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda were order Held in Steering. One item appearing on the Addenda was ordered on to the Agenda. That item was Revising the Rules of Order for the Board of Representatives.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and the one item appearing on the Addenda. That item was for approval for pension credit for John Canavan, Deputy Public Works Commissioner.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered Held in Steering was the item pertaining the Matter of prohibiting of the shooting of guns at Cove Island and within 250 yards from shore.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and the one appearing on the Addenda. That item was for approval to reprogram \$250,000 from Community Development contingency fund to the Stamford Community Development 'Housing Development fund to be used for mutual housing.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Mildred Perillo, Chairwoman

No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Richard Lyons, Chairman

MR. LYONS said the Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Lyons, Rinaldi, Powers, Martin, Mollo, Morris, Clemmons, Rybnick, Esposito, Pavia and Hogan.

Mr. Lyons placed items 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 on the Consent Agenda.
All Secondary Committee concurred or waived the Secondary Committee report.

1. \$ 85,000.00 - STAMFORD EMS FOUNDATION - CODE 470.4385 EMS - additional appropriation necessary due to cut in budget; cannot meet payrolls. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/22/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89. Board of Finance approved \$85,000 emergency expenditure pursuant to Sec. 8-30-11 of the Charter on 10/13/89.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

MR. LYONS said the Committee voted unanimously to approve this item and so Moved. The motion was seconded by the Health and Protection Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. DeLUCA asked if there were any statistics regarding the 14% increase in the survival rate?

MR. LYONS stated that the question was not raised at the Committee meeting. Mr. Lyons said there were different questions raised at the Steering Committee meeting; those questions were regarding transport and reimbursement.

Mr. Lyons said that most insurance companies will reimburse if a person is transported. He also stated that our system is one that EMS responds but they do not transport; the ambulance transports. He said this system is not reimbursable by Medicaid. Mr. Lyons did not know how the percentages were arrived at.

MR. DeLUCA stated that he knows of people treated by EMS; they never received a bill from EMS or their insurance companies. Mr. DeLuca was confused as to what is taken place.

MR. LYONS said that if advanced life support was given, the person should be billed. If it was not given, the person will not be billed.

MR. DeLUCA questioned if there were any fund raising activities by EMS.

MR. LYONS said the entire EMS system will be reviewed. The Board of Finance requested that this be done, and the matter is now in the Mayor's office and within the next few months, we should see some recommendations regarding the EMS system.

MR. DeLUCA said that he would vote against this appropriation.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve \$85,000 for the EMS Foundation. APPROVED by voice vote with four no votes; Mr. Pia, Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Pavia and Mrs. Perillo.

2. \$220,566.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 573 VARIOUS - WOMENS, INFANT & CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM - additional appropriation represents approved grant from the connecticut State Department of Health Services for WIC Program.

Code 573-1110 Salaries	\$177,500
Code 573-1310 Social Security (FICA)	13,526
Code 573-1310 Medical & life	22,500
Code 573-1390 General Insurance (Workman's Comp)	650
Code 573-2610 Maintenance of equipment	150
Code 573-2740 Telephone	1,520
Code 573-2923 Copying & printing	420
Code 573-2930 Office supplies & expense	1,000
Code 573-2940 Conference & training	1,600
Code 573-3738 Health certification	1,500
Code 573-2916 Administrative expense	200
	<u>\$220,566</u>

Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/27/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. \$ 2,280.00 - CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CODE 244.1220 CAR ALLOWANCE additional appropriation to cover employee car allowance; vehicle is used in performance of job. Per MEA contract. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/27/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89.

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

MR. LYONS said the Committee voted unanimously to approve item #3. This item was requested by Mr. Canino and approved by Mr. Pacter and is per the MEA contract. Mr. Lyons Moved to approve the item. Seconded by Personnel Committee.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that in a memo dated September 21, 1989, it stated the stock control clerk was going back and forth, one or twice a day or more, for over four months to get supplies from the Rice School. She wanted to know how much was being stored at Rice School and if there was any storage area in this building?

MR. LYONS stated these questions were not raised. He said he would get the answers to these questions and forward them to Mrs. Maihock.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she thought that this was an inefficient system and if someone has to be paid to pick up a load of stationery at Rice School, that is an expense that should not be incurred.

MR. DeLUCA stated that with the size of this building, there are no provisions for a storage area. He viewed this an an inefficient system, a waste of money and manpower. He recommended that this item be defeated.

MRS. PERILLO Moved to return this item to Committee. Seconded.

MR. LYONS stated that this item should be approved. Central Service storage is located at Rice School. He said the answers would be received; there was no need for the item to be returned to Committee.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on recommitting item #3 to answer the questions raised this evening. The motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 23 no and 11 yes votes. The vote required a majority of those voting to send this item back to Committee.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN informed the Board that any additional appropriation requires two-thirds of those present with a minimum of 21 votes to be approved.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to approve \$2,280 for the Central Services Department. APPROVED by a vote of 24 yes and 9 no votes.

4. \$ 1,497.00 - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - CODE 630.2210 - additional appropriation to reimburse building account for materials used to reapiir door damaged by car accident. Insurance check deposited in city account by Law Department. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/22/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

5. \$ 250.00 - STAMFORD YOUTH PLANNING AND COORDINATING AGENCY (SYPCA) - CODE 205.7565 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION - additional appropriation to cover donation from United Nations following performance of "DOORS" at United Nations. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/27/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

6. \$ 23,914.79 - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - CODE 452.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation for secretary's position. Duties will be in Emergency operations/training center and Emergency Management office. Position will serve as staff for alarm administrators office. 50% of salary reimbursed by FEMA. Position approved by Personnel Commission 8/28/89. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 9/29/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89.

MR. LYONS said the Committee voted unanimously to approve item #6. Mr. Lyons Moved for approval. The Personnel Committee concurred.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked if the salary was an entry-level salary or for a secretary transferred from another department?

MR. LYONS stated that this was a new position and would be entry-level. He said the position has not been filled as money was needed to fill the position.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve \$23,914.79 for Emergency Preparedness. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes; Mr. DeLuca and Mrs. Maihock.

7. \$ 272,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR YEAR 1989/90 - additional appropriation for CODE 330.997 NEWFIELD AVENUE/NEWFIELD DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS. This is for signalization and improved traffic geometrics. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 9/29/89. Planning Board approved 10/10/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89. Funding method to be determined by Board of Finance.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

8. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES TOTALING \$21,864,546.00 TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani, 11/29/89. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Board of Finance approved 12/18/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

9. MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN STAMFORD. Submitted by Rep. James Rubino, R-7, 11/29/89.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. LYONS said the Committee appointed a group that will report back within three months with recommendations. The group will be Chaired by Commissioner Pacter; members of the group are Reps. Esposito, Pavia, Powers and Hogan.

MR. LYONS Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED with no dissenting votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - David Martin & Maria Nakian, Co-Chairpersons

MR. MARTIN said the Legislative and Rules Committee met on Tuesday, December 5, 1989. Present were Committee members Martin, Nakian, Mellis, Larobina, Zimmerman, Zelinski, Mitchell and Maihock. Also present were Reps. Hogan, Summerville and Blum.

1. (L&R21.07) REVISED RULES OF ORDER FOR THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Submitted by Rep. David Martin, D-19, 11/30/89.

MR. MARTIN said the Committee considered at length a set of revisions. These revisions were mailed to all members of the Board on November 30. Modification were made by the Committee and the Rules as modified were sent to Board members on December 7.

Mr. Martin said the Committee approved the revisions by a vote of 6 in favor and one opposed with no abstentions. Mr. Martin Moved to delete the Rules of Order that now exist and replace the Rules with the new complete set as proposed by the Legislative and Rules Committee.

The Motion was Seconded.

Mr. Martin Moved to approve an amendment to the Rules. The amendment would be on page 6, under Section IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS OF BOARD MEETINGS under i, 7.: Instead of "Honorary Resolutions according to the Agenda" amend to read "Resolutions according to the Agenda." The word "Honorary" to be deleted. The Motion was Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MR. MARTIN Moved the second amendment on page 8, item 5. Mr. Martin stated the entire paragraph would be deleted. It would be reinserted to read as follows: "Minutes: Minutes of any prior meeting of the Board shall be made available to all members of the Board at least three days before they may be approved by the Board." The Motion was Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. FEDELE Moved to amend on page 12, VI. POSTAGE ALLOWANCE: His Motion was to delete the entire section from the Rules of Order. The Motion was Seconded.

MR. MARTIN said the Committee spent more time on this section of the Rules than any other. He said the essence of the Committee's belief was that it was the right and the responsibility and the duty of an elected representative to communicate with constituents. Mr. Martin said that was the first premise. He said the next part was how was it best to do that. Mr. Martin stated that some representatives work full-time and do not have time to make calls or make personal visits with constituents. Also, he said that some representatives are able to pay for contact through their own funds and some cannot.

Mr. Martin said the Committee felt it best to provide some sort of franking privilege, and felt it would be best to make a formal and definitive allowance for representatives. He said the Committee favored constituent contact.

MR. FEDELE apologized to the Committee for his absence at the Committee meeting. He said that his comments would have been brought up at the meeting. Mr. Fedele stated his concern was would this send a signal to the constituents that the members have not been communicating with them and a stipend of sort is needed to do that?

Mr. Fedele said that representatives have been communicating with their constituents. It was obvious since members were elected to the Board. He said the amount of money was for \$250 per year; \$500 per term. He said that would be \$20,000 per term for the full Board. Mr. Fedele said the amount would be greater if consideration is taken to copying costs, clerical costs, stuffing envelopes, and mailing. Mr. Fedele stated that constituents would be more concerned about the \$20,000 being put for services that would better serve the community.

Mr. Fedele said that alluding to Mr. Martin's comment that some representatives work full-time and they do not have the opportunity to visit constituents on a daily basis, there are ways to communicate. Mr. Fedele stated that he does not believe that by allowing a \$500 per term franking privilege is the right message to send to constituents in respect to communications. Mr. Fedele recommended the entire paragraph be deleted from the Rules.

MR. RUBINO said he agreed with Mr. Fedele's motion. Mr. Rubino said he had nothing against constituent contacts but the \$500 amount is excessive. Mr. Rubino said it would not serve any other purpose but to perpetuate incumbency. Mr. Rubino said this represents 2000 letters per term. He did not think that that much mail is needed to do a representative's job.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN requested that Mr. Boccuzzi assume the Chair. She said that as per Robert's Rules of Order, the Chair cannot speak from the seat.

Mr. Boccuzzi assumed the Chair.

MR. PAVIA said that when thinking about franking privileges, we should think of the constituents. He said that we would be wasting tax money. He said that we could pick up a phone and call a constituent or walk down the street to pay the constituent a call.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. PAVIA (continuing) said do we think that the mailman would love to bring another piece of junk mail; for what? Mr. Pavia said if one's know his/her constituents, they would not mind spending money on material that serves them; Mr. Pavia said this allowance was a waste of money and was sending a bad signal out to the constituents. He said the constituents may think that unless we have the money to do things, we will not do them. Mr. Pavia said to talk to the constituents on the phone or call on them. He said the postage allowance was bogus and should be defeated.

MR. STORK said that passing this rule takes away some of the meaning of being a district representative. He said the people look upon their district representatives as serving their community with no remuneration. He said if we start with the postage rule, the door will be opened; in the next term maybe a motion will be made to add expenses to the rules, and that could eventually lead to salaries.

Mr. Stork stated the process has been working fine and communications have never been an issue or a problem. He said that there are many ways to reach a constituent and that he will vote against the amendment.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN stated that unless one was out of the country or out of Stamford, one would not be familiar with what occurred during the last Board in relation to the postage allowance. Mrs. Goldstein said that she rarely speaks on an issue during the term of a Board. She said this issue was at the very heart of the job of representative, and role of district representatives and as communicators to constituents.

Mrs. Goldstein said that we are opening the door; opening the door to greater communications which is what democracy and representation is all about. She did not consider communicating with constituents as "junk mail, bogus" and "for what." Mrs. Goldstein stated that "for what" is for members of the community to be better informed.

Mrs. Goldstein said that last April, at her expense, she sent a letter to her constituents in the district; 1,200 letters. She said in response to the letter related to the postage issue, she received close to 500 letters. Mrs. Goldstein showed the members of the Board, the packet she received. She said she did not give her constituents postage for return mail. She said that she told them the situation and asked them to write to her regarding their feelings on the matter. Mrs. Goldstein said in her letter, she asked how the constituents felt and their response could be as follows: "Dear Sandy, Yes, I believe it is appropriate to continue communicating with us on matters which affect our district using city postage" or "no, it is not appropriate to continue communicating with us on matters which effect our district using city postage."

Mrs. Goldstein said that she received approximately 450 responses; three of which said, "no." She said the constituents not only took the time to respond but also wrote. Mrs. Goldstein said she would read some letters she received and picked-out a few randomly to read. One letter read: "Dear Sandy, Keep up the letters. We would not have known the details of our sewer project last year if you hadn't informed us. I will still be looking for your promised letter regarding garbage collection. If you had to communicate through an ad in the paper, we'd never see it; we don't get the paper. Telephoning would be ridiculously time consuming. We feel that since you are our representative and we are taxpayers, you should be allowed to use some of our tax money to inform us of matters which concern us as Stamford residents."

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing) quoted from another response. "Sandy, if more people received more information, we would probably have more people taking an active interest in government. Looking at the number of voters in local elections shows there is a lack of info around. Many people do not read or even buy newspapers. The letter coming to the home of many people is an important way of getting them involved."

Another letter Mrs. Goldstein quoted said, "Yes, Sandy, we believe that our representatives who devote so much of their time to city business with no compensation other than the pleasure of being helpful should have the ability to transmit information to their constituents at no cost to themselves."

Mrs. Goldstein stated that the responses could go on and on. She quoted from more letters. She stated that any member was welcome to read any of the responses she received. She said that it was only fair that constituents be kept informed on matters and by appropriate means and using tax dollars as one does on a federal-level and state-level, and hopefully, this can be done on a city-level.

Mrs. Goldstein said as for having a limit, no one has to use the \$500 over the course of two years; any amount may be used up to the limit or none could be used. She said that if a representative feels it is more effective walking door to door on each issue, that should be continued. She said those that don't have the time, opportunity, or energy have to be able to communicate by use of the mail.

MRS. NAKIAN said that Mrs. Goldstein covered all points. Mrs. Nakian said that she was against any changes in cutting the postage allowance. She was in favor of the postage allowance as proposed.

MR. LYONS said it was the duty and right of a member of the Board to be in contact with his constituency. He said he thought the Board had a good system; an informal agreement that if one felt they had to use the office of the Board to send a letter or series of letters to his constituency, it was available to him. Mr. Lyons said that last year, people chose to politicize that. He said that now it must be made a right for a member of the Board.

Mr. Lyons said he personally feels that having a limit is wrong although he will support the limit solely so the members have a written right to contact their constituents if necessary. He said that he hoped that all members of the Board would support the issue.

MR. MARTIN stated that many comments made were some that he would have made. He said when he first heard of the complaint, he considered whether or not these privileges that should be extended, was being abused. Mr. Martin said that rules should be set so there is no abuse. Mr. Martin said that he has tried other methods of communicating with his constituents. He said many of the constituents in his district have unlisted phone numbers and are not at home. He said he tried a flyer to inform his constituents, although that was not the proper thing to do; the flyers were picked up and delivered back to his home and he had to pay postage for them. Mr. Martin said he placed constituents' mail in the Advocate boxes, and later was told by a constituent, "you know, in a neighborhood like this, if I don't pick it up right away, somebody will think I'm not home and come in and rob me."

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. MARTIN (continuing) said there were many different methods of communicating. He said that last summer, he sent out postcards to 50 people announcing a meeting he was holding. He said most of the people came to the meeting and they were pleased that a meeting was taking place and this meeting probably changed what the city was doing regarding their street. The constituents' concern and interest surprised the officials of the city. Mr. Martin said the constituents wanted more contact; they wanted to know every step of the way, and what is going to happen next. Mr. Martin said those people were surprised and shocked to learn that he had to pay for the postcards. He said he would be mailing out more and more postcards announcing the further steps. Mr. Martin said it was unfair for any member of the Board to be penalized for trying to do the job they were elected to.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked how the program would be administered and what checks and balances would be instituted to insure only the amount of \$500 would be used? She said there was a need to know precisely how such a program will be implemented, and who would be in charge. She stated that none of this had been decided. She felt that voting on this would be voting on something without the full picture. She said she, personally, did not find a need for separate postage allowance. If there were any problems, she said that most of her contacts were made on the phone or by visiting the constituents.

Mrs. Maihock stated that before the postage amount is implemented, it should be known how the program will be set up, checks and balances and who will be responsible for overseeing the program. She believes the Board's staff is overloaded with work and does not have the time to devote on something on this scale.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said that she would like to address some of Mrs. Maihock's concerns. Ms. Summerville said the office is equipped to handle this. She stated that from reading the Rules, those persons in charge will be responsible for keeping the records; not only in the accounting part but also in all other aspects of the Board of Representatives. Ms. Summerville said that the Administrative Assistant will function as she has in other areas as the Board has grown. Ms. Summerville said if assistance is necessary, she and the President will support the matter.

MR. OWENS Moved the question. Seconded.

ACTING PRESIDENT BOCCUZZI called for a vote to move the question. APPROVED by voice vote.

ACTING PRESIDENT BOCCUZZI called for a vote on the motion to delete the section of the Rules pertaining to postage. The motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 27 no and 8 yes votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN assumed the Chair.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the motion for the approval of the Rules as proposed by the Legislative and Rules Committee and as amended by the Board. APPROVED 27 yes and 7 no votes with 1 abstention

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mr. Martin for his work on reorganizing the Rules.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Scott Morris, Chairman

MR. MORRIS stated that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were Reps. David Blum, John Hogan, David Jachimczyk, Scott Morris, Peter Nanos, Philip Stork and John Zelinski. Rep. Michael Larobina was excused. Also attending the meeting for item one was Mark Tishman, a member of the Personnel Commission, and for item two, John Canavan, Deputy Public Works Commissioner attended.

Mr. Morris placed items one and two on the Consent Agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED ADMINISTRATORS.
Submitted by Personnel Department and Personnel Commission 11/6/89.
Personnel Commission approved 10/26/89. Board of Finance approved 11/9/89. (Copy of plan attached to these Minutes)

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVAL FOR PENSION CREDIT (BUY BACK) FOR JOHN CANAVAN, DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIOSNER FOR CITY SERVICE FROM 12/1/59 TO 8/3/63. PURSUANT TO SECTION C7-30-1 OF THE CODE. The Classified Employees' Retirement Fund Trustees recommended approval. Request by Mayor Thom Serrani 11/29/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE. MRS. MAIHOCK.

MR. MORRIS Moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Mrs. Maihock voting no on item 2.

MRS. MAIHOCK wanted the record to note that she voted no on item 2.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - David Jachimczyk

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE - Peter Nanos

No report.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ruth Powers, Chairwoman

MRS. POWERS said the Health and Protection Committee met on Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Rubino, Russo, Lovallo, Evanko, Mellis, and Powers. Rep. Schoenfeld was excused. Also present was Rep. John Zimmerman and John Roman of WSTC.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. POWERS placed item one on the Consent Agenda.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE BANNING THE USE OF POLYSTYRENE.
Submitted by Reps. James Rubino, R-7, Ruth Powers, D-8, and John R. Zelinski, D-11, 11/28/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MRS. POWERS Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda.
Seconded. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca & Thomas Pia, Co-chairpersons

No report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT - John R. Zelinski, Chairman

No report.

MR. ZELINSKI said he wrote a letter to Dr. Papallo, Supt. of School, asking him what procedures were in place to protect the school children of Stamford in the event of a natural disaster. He said he wrote the letter because of the tornado that struck in the Newburgh, New York area. Mr. Zelinski said that Dr. Papallo replied and a copy was sent to all Board members. Dr. Papallo stated that school official will form a committee to examine and refine procedures for any such emergency.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Frank Mollo, Chairman

In the absence of Chairman Frank Mollo, Ms. Mitchell reported on the Committee's meeting.

MS. MITCHELL said the Housing and Community Development Committee met on Tuesday, December 5, 1989, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Mollo, Blum, Pavia, Summerville, Clemmons and Mitchell. Rep. Owens was also present.

Ms. Mitchell placed items 1 and 3 on the Consent Agenda.

1. FOR REPUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 625 CONCERNING BUDGETARY PROCEDURES FOR THE STAMFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. Submitted by Frank Mollo, Chairman, Housing and Community Development Committee, 11/13/89. Note: Proposed ordinance was not published after approved for republication on 10/2/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. MRS. MAIHOCK.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. STATUS REPORT ON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES REHABILITATION PROGRAM.
Submitted by Rep. Frank Mollo, 11/22/89.

MS. MITCHELL stated that a report was sent to all members of the Board. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

3. APPROVAL TO REPROGRAM \$250,000 FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM YEAR 14 CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE STAMFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND YEAR 14 TO BE USED FOR MUTUAL HOUSING. This is for Neighborhood Housing Services of Stamford, Inc. to pay for purchase of 59 Spruce Street. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 625 Supplemental Concerning Budgeting Procedures for the Stamford Community Development Program. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/1/89.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, MRS. MAIHOCK. Mr. Owens did not participate in the voting on this item.

MS. MITCHELL Moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Mrs. Maihock abstaining on item one due to a conflict of interest and voting no on item three. Mr. Owens did not participate in the vote on item three. Mrs. Maihock and Mr. Owens wanted the record to note that.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Annie Summerville, Chairwoman

No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Stanley Esposito, Chairwoman

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman

No report.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - David Blum, Chairman

No report.

RESOLUTIONS - None.

MINUTES

1. NOVEMBER 13, 1989 REGULAR BOARD MEETING (20TH BOARD) - Not ready.
2. DECEMBER 4, 1989 MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. after the motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

By Anne A. Kachaluba
Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative
Assistant and Recording Secretary
21st Board of Representatives

APPROVED:

Sandra Goldstein
Sandra Goldstein, President
21st Board of Representatives

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Enclosures