

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 6, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner

Frank J. Yousik

Charles W. Gatz

William J. Leonard, Justices of the Peace

Thomas M. Stark, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, were also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on October 3, 1953 were read and on motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from William H. Housner requesting that a curbing be placed at his residence at 209 Fishel Avenue. The communication was filed and the matter referred to the Highway Committee and the Superintendent of Highways.

A communication was read of Otis G. Pike, Chairman, The Salvation Army advising that they will open the Club Car Canteen on Peconic Avenue on October 7th. The Salvation Army appreciates very much the cooperation of the Riverhead Town Board and invited all to attend program. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Police report for the month of September 1953 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A petition signed by ten residents and taxpayers of the Town of Riverhead was submitted to the Board requesting the following services: Widening of Brown Street to about 35', sidewalks on both sides of the street, install a larger water main, remove Mr. Howell's fence on the North side of Riverside Drive, remove tree on Southwest corner of Brown St and place sign, "Children at play." The petition was ordered placed on file and the matters referred to the Highway Committee and the Superintendent of Highways, with the exception of the matter pertaining to the installation of a larger water main which was referred to the Water District Chairman and the Superintendent of the Water District.

The following petition signed by eight residents and taxpayers of the Town of Riverhead was submitted to the Board as follows: We, the undersigned, residents and taxpayers of the Town of Riverhead, hereby petition the Town Board and the Superintendent of Highways of the said Town of Riverhead for the construction of curbs and gutters along the south side of the main highway on West Main Street in said Town, near or adjacent to our property. This action is necessary to clear up an impossible drainage situation of long standing. The petition was ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Highway Committee and the Superintendent of Highways.

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A petition signed by ten residents of Ostrander Heights was read to the Board requesting street lights be placed on Poles #28, 31, 34 and 37. The petition was ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Lighting Committee.

A communication and preliminary plans for a highway dedication to the Town of Riverhead was submitted to the Board from Harry A. Finkelstein, Riverhead, N.Y. The communication and plans were ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Planning Board for consideration.

On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Board does hereby prepare and approve as the preliminary budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January, 1954, the itemized statement of estimated revenues and expenditures hereto attached and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such preliminary budget shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it shall be available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Board shall meet at 7:30 P.M. on the 5th day of November, 1953, at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, for the purpose of holding a public hearing upon such preliminary budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided in Section 113 of the Town Law, and that such notice be published in substantially the following form:

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
GENERAL FUND--APPROPRIATIONS

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN BOARD

TOWN HALL AND OFFICES	
Rentals	\$6,000.00
Compensation of employees	2,900.00
Purchase of furniture and equipment	500.00
Repairs, light, heat, & telephone	1,250.00
Other expenses	2,500.00

INSURANCE

Compensation Insurance	7,500.00
Official bonds and undertakings	775.00
Fire and Liability	7,000.00
Printing and Advertising (all Depts.)	2,000.00
Employees' Retirement System (Town share)	24,000.00
Total	\$54,425.00

SUPERVISOR

Salary	6,000.00
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Office and other expenses	\$ 300.00	
Compensation of employees	3,800.00	
Total		\$10,100.00

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Salaries	13,200.00	
Office and other expenses	700.00	
Total		13,900.00

TOWN CLERK

Salary	4,800.00	
Office and other expenses	250.00	
Total		5,050.00

ASSESSORS

Salaries	9,900.00	
Office and other expenses	1,310.00	
Compensation of employees,	4,000.00	
Compensation of extra clerk hire	500.00	
Total		15,710.00

RECEIVER OF TAXES OR TAX COLLECTOR

Salary	3,300.00	
Office and other expenses	1,475.00	
Compensation of employees	4,400.00	
Total		9,175.00

TOWN ATTORNEY

Salary	2,600.00	
Total		2,600.00

PLANNING BOARD

Office and other expenses	1,000.00	
Total		1,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT **\$111,960.00**

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE, CONSTABLES AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Compensation	67,400.00	
Police Department expenses	12,600.00	
Total		80,000.00

TRAFFIC

Signs, signals and highway lighting	750.00	
Total		750.00

DOG WARDEN

Compensation	1,800.00	
Total		1,800.00

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY **\$82,550.00**

EDUCATION

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Compensation	700.00	
Total		700.00

TOTAL EDUCATION **700.00**

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RECREATION

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Compensation of employees	\$8,000.00
Other expenses	3,500.00
Youth Commission	2,000.00

Total \$13,500.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES

50.00

Total 50.00

TOTAL RECREATION

13,550.00

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Town Dump Salary	3,600.00
Town Dump Expenses	1,000.00
Dredging and Bulkheading	5,000.00
Peconic River Buoy Lights	1,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES

Total 10,600.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS AND INTEREST

Redemption of Debt

Capital note--purchase of beach property	2,500.00
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TOTAL REDEMPTION OF DEBT 2,500.00

Interest on Debt

Capital note--Purchase of beach property	18.75
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TOTAL INTEREST ON DEBT 18.75

MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT

Veterans Organizations for Rooms	400.00
Tree Conservation	1,000.00
Suffolk County Historical Society	300.00

Total 1,700.00

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS & CONTINGENT

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Compensation	350.00
Fees of Physicians	150.00

Total 500.00

GENERAL FUND-ESTIMATED REVENUES

Mortgage taxes	5,000.00
Interest and penalties on taxes (exclusive of fees)	500.00
Dog licenses (from County)	400.00
Other licenses and miscellaneous	234.60
Rent of town owned property	1,180.00
Fees of Town Clerk	950.00
Fees of Justices of the Peace	2,000.00
Fees of Assessors	410.00
Per Capita Assistance	35,404.15
Youth Commission	1,000.00

Total 47,078.75

Unexpended Balances (Sec. 115, Town Law)

5,000.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES

52,078.75

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STANDARD B & P "NOISEAR"

WELFARE FUND		
Home Relief	\$12,000.00	
Burials and Non-Reimbursables	2,000.00	
	<u>Total</u>	\$14,000.00
Estimated Revenues		
Reimbursement of home relief from state	7,000.00	7,000.00
Amount to be raised by tax for Welfare Fund		<u>7,000.00</u>

HIGHWAY FUND		
<u>HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 1) APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
General repairs	132,000.00	
	<u>Total</u>	132,000.00

<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>		
State Aid	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	500.00	
	<u>Total</u>	5,500.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR ITEM 1		<u>126,500.00</u>

<u>BRIDGE FUND (ITEM 2)</u>		
Labor and team work	1,000.00	
	<u>Total</u>	1,000.00

<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>		
Unexpended Balance	701.80	
	<u>Total</u>	701.80
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR ITEM 2		<u>298.20</u>

<u>MACHINERY FUND (ITEM 3)</u>		
Purchase of machinery, tools and implements	24,000.00	
Repair of machinery, tools and implements	6,000.00	
Storage of machinery, tools and implements	1,920.00	
	<u>Total</u>	31,920.00

<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>		
Unexpended Balance	1,000.00	
	<u>Total</u>	1,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR ITEM 3		<u>30,920.00</u>

<u>SNOW AND MISCELLANEOUS FUND (ITEM 4)</u>		
Salary Town Superintendent	5,300.00	
Expenses Town Superintendant	300.00	
Removing Obstructions caused by snow	10,000.00	
Other miscellaneous purposes	10,200.00	
Redemption of debt contracted pursuant to Sec. 273, Highway Law	4,013.34	
	<u>Total</u>	29,813.34

<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>		
Miscellaneous revenues	4,000.00	
Unexpended balance	500.00	
	<u>Total</u>	4,500.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR ITEM 4		<u>25,313.34</u>

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR ITEMS 1, 2, 3 and 4 \$183,031.54

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RIVERHEAD TOWN CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Salary, office and other expenses \$1,000.00

Revenues

Unexpended balance 500.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE \$ 500.00

PARKING METER ACCOUNT

Salary, rentals & miscellaneous expenses as per estimate sheet 35,000.00 35,000.00

Revenues

Meter Collections 15,000.00

Unexpended balance 20,000.00

Total 35,000.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR PARKING METER A/C None

The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly advised the Board that the Blue Cross requested permission to use the Town Hall meeting room on October 25th to October 30th as their headquarters.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the request of the Blue Cross for permission to use the Court Room in the Town Hall as their headquarters from October 25th to October 30th be granted. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication dated September 17th, 1953 and addressed to Supervisor Kelly from R.H. Hillenkoetter, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy, Comandant, Third Naval District, was read to the Board as follows: "Your letter with the enclosed resolution of the Town Board dated September 3, 1953, addressed to the U.S. Naval Intelligence, Third Naval District, has been brought to my attention. It is regretted that any rumors reflecting adversely upon individual members of the Riverhead Town Police Force have arisen as a result of action taken by a member of the naval service. An investigation, at my direction, discloses that the Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction at the Peconic River Plant of the Grumman Aircraft Corporation, through a misinterpretation of dispositional procedures pertaining to government owned property, permitted certain property, including irrigation pipes, to be removed and transferred into civilian hands. Although contrary to existing directives controlling disposition of such property, no intentional infringement of the law is established. Those private parties participating in the removal and receipt of the property did so in good faith and under the reasonable belief that the Resident Officer-in-Charge was duly authorized to effect such transfer. Appropriate steps have been taken to reposses the government property involed in order that compliance with the law may be had. You may be assured that no rumors, such as referred to in your letter, have emanated from naval sources. The information available to this command readily establishes that the action of these civilians involved in the disposition of this property, cannot

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justifiably be criticized on any basis whatsoever. It is sincerely hoped that the matter set forth above will definitely put a stop to any and all baseless or malicious rumors, regarding the removal of pipe from the Peconic River Plant, which may be abroad in the Town of Riverhead. " The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication dated September 15th, 1953 from J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, was read to the Board advising that a representative of the FBI office would investigate the aforementioned matter. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Fanny Goldstein, Goldy Realty Company, Inc. relative to additional parking space on Roanoke Avenue, advising that they ~~will~~ \$5000 in event of sale to Town. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

A communication was read to the Board from George W. Hildreth, President, Board of Education in regard to the matter of policing the areas in the neighborhood of Riverhead Schools. It was felt there should be one more traffic officer at St. John's Place and Roanoke Avenue and there should be some limitations on parking in the same area during school hours. The Board of Education also commended the Riverhead Police Department on the fine work performed with reference to the burglary in Riverhead High School recently. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that Otto Stahl, Aquebogue, N.Y., be and he hereby is appointed School Traffic Officer at the Aquebogue School Crossing, effective as of September 1, 1953, and further

Resolved, that George Jackson, Riverhead, N.Y., be and he hereby is appointed School Traffic Officer at the Riverhead Grade School crossing, effective as of September 1, 1953, and further

Resolved, that Joseph Lutz, Riverhead, N.Y., be and he hereby is appointed School Traffic Officer at the St. John's School crossing, effective as of September 28, 1953, and be it further

Resolved that their compensation be fixed at the rate of \$1.50 per hour. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town Bills to date, the totals of which were as follows:
General Town Fund--\$5,927.64 and Highway Machinery Fund--\$241.56.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, October 20, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk

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