

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, January 21, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Joseph F. Janoski, Supervisor
 Victor Prusinowski, Councilman
 James Stark, Councilman
 Frank Creighton, Councilman
 Harriet Gilliam, Councilwoman

Also Present: Patricia Moore, Town Attorney
 Barbara Grattan, Town Clerk

Supervisor Janoski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited .

John Ofrias, Riverhead: "My name is John Ofrais and this is my daughter Tara. I brought her along tonight so that she can get a first hand look at how democracy works.

It's been reported in the press, Mr. Janoski, that you support the siting of a methadone clinic at the County Center. And I'm here to respectfully request that you reconsider your position on this issue.

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay."

John Ofrias: "Whereas a methadone clinic in Calverton would have an immediate obvious negative impact on that community a methadone clinic located in the County Center would have a more insidious and long range impact on the surrounding area of Riverhead. I ask you to consider that a methadone clinic in the County Center is a threat to Riverhead's social, economic, family and educational institutions. Prior to living in Riverhead I lived in Bay Shore and I have seen over the years what a methadone clinic has contributed to Bay Shore. In a word, less than nothing. Heroine, methadone addicts hide in a crowd in Bay Shore and are just one more of the negative influences that have contributed to the demise of Bay Shore. A methadone clinic in Riverhead will further contribute to the problems we have in revitalizing downtown Riverhead and its surrounding area of Riverhead. I have said publicly numerous times that my greatest objection to locating the methadone clinic in Calverton was that the decision making process was exclusionary. Given time, just a short period of time it became very clear that there was enormous public opposition to the clinic at that Edwards Avenue site. The people of Riverhead should not be excluded from the decision making process in considering the County Center as a site. If you endorse this site, I'm afraid you will be endorsing in effect, an exclusionary process of decision making."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, Bill, I hope that you are going to go to the Southampton Town Board Meeting, because-----let me finish. I am not going to have this become a never ending issue. It's in the Town of Southampton. It is now located in a County building. It is a County program. I think that Riverhead has done an outstanding job of taking care of what was proposed in the Town of Riverhead. Now we are dealing with the Town of Southampton which is reproximate to the Town of Riverhead. But it happens to be in my opinion a good location, because the transportation system that it affords, because it is remote and because it is a County facility. It is their program. If they can't use their buildings for their programs, I don't know what they can use. And I would be very interested to find out what the Town Board of Southampton feels about it being located in their Town.

How are we going to talk about this? You know every week---- if they put it at the Westhampton Airbase are you going to have a problem with that too?"

John Ofrias: "I don't live in Westhampton."

Supervisor Janoski: "Where do you live?"

John Ofrias: "I live in Riverhead. May I finish my talk?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Sure."

John Ofrias: "Okay. The rejected Calverton site is 1.5 miles away from the Riley Avenue Elementary School which, my daughter Lindsay attends as a kindergartner. The proximity of this school has been sited as a prime reason for withdrawing that location from consideration. Awhile the County Center has five Riverhead Public Schools that are within 1.5 miles of it. This is not to mention three parochial schools also located within 1.5 miles of it. And this is not to mention the nursery schools and the child care centers within that radius. The Roanoke Avenue Nursery School is only 7/10's of a mile from the County Center and the Pulaski Street School, where my daughter Tara attends the fourth grade, is only .9 tenths of a mile from the County Center. Yes, the County Center is technically in fact in Southampton Town. But it is identified as a part of Riverhead, and I believe that most people think that it is located within the boundaries of Riverhead. In any case, the point is the impact of a methadone clinic in the County Center would not be on Southampton, but would be on Riverhead."

Supervisor Janoski: "But are you, in fact, going to appear at the Southampton Town Board Meeting and express your objections? I think it is a fair question. Don't you?"

John Ofrias: "It sounds like a good thought."

Supervisor Janoski: "Good. Thank you."

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John Ofrias: "Please do not adhere to a position that risks being identified as part of Riverhead's problem instead of part of Riverhead's solution. Please reverse your position on the County Center as a location of the methadone clinic."

Supervisor Janoski: "Actually, the decision has got to be made by the County Legislature. The County Executive has to sign off on it. Would you object, also, to the Sheriff's Department location that was suggested?"

John Ofrias: "Absolutely. I think that would have a very adverse effect on our Town. One of the reasons why we were able to successfully oppose the clinic on Edwards Avenue, one of the reasons why, the main reason why, is because the people stood united and stood opposed to it, but you also stood with the people. I feel that you did the right thing. Jim Stark did in speaking out and so do Vic Prusinowski. And you know I've said that publicly. I'm asking you to continue doing what you have been doing and I think it is not the fact that it's within the province of Southampton Town. I think it is the fact that the County Center heard the strong opposition. I think that's what really counts. They knew the people were opposed."

Supervisor Janoski: "You are absolutely right. But, let's look at the reality of the situation. The County needs to provide a service to the East End, as they put it. They have a facility of their very own. They are not going to lease any space. They are not going to put in the Town of Riverhead. They are going to put it in their own facility. A very important question, I think, at this point is, where do you think it should go? What is acceptable to you?"

John Ofrias: "Well, you know I've talked about methadone. I'm not an advocate of methadone to begin with. But, what I hear people saying is, well, if we give people a choice about where we are going to put this methadone clinic, well then no one's going to want it in their town. And my answer to that is, then it shouldn't be in anybody's town."

Supervisor Janoski: "So you are opposed to the treatment, period."

John Ofrias: "No, No. As a matter of fact that is secondary. What I am for is the people deciding. That's what I'm for. The people deciding if they want it or not. And I think that when people are part of the decision making process they are going to make a good decision. The decision clearly about Edwards Avenue was we don't want it. I personally think, I could be wrong, I personally think the people will oppose it in any other part of Riverhead."

Supervisor Janoski: "It's not Riverhead."

John Ofrias: "It's going to impact Riverhead if it is in the County Center."

Supervisor Janoski: "I'll buy that, but it's not in Riverhead."

John Ofrias: "Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone else who wishes to be heard at this time? Okay let us take up the resolutions."

RESOLUTION #62 WAIVES BOND REQUIREMENT FOR EAST END SHEET METAL CO.

SUPERVISOR JANOSKI: "I request the tabling of this motion. I would ask for a motion to table."

Councilman James Stark: "So moved."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded on the tabling motion."

The vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 YES

Supervisor Janoski: "The motion is tabled."

RESOLUTION #66 AUTHORIZES EDWARD BROIDY & ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PROPOSED SPORTS COMPLEX/COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Mr. Supervisor, I would like to table this resolution for further discussion, so moved."

Councilman James Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded on the motion to table."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, no; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, no. 3 YES 2 NO

RESOLUTION #67 ADOPTS AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH & POST PUBLIC NOTICE TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 83 "PARADES AND ASSEMBLIES" OF THE RIVERHEAD TOWN CODE

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Councilwoman Harriet Gilliam: "Mr. Supervisor, I believe there is a correction to this resolution."

Supervisor Janoski: "Number 67?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Yes. That it should reflect that it's an adoption of the resolution to amend the Chapter 83."

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay. Do you want to offer that amendment?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I offer that amendment."

Supervisor Janoski: "On the motion to amend."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded on the motion to amend and correct the resolution."

Councilman Prusinowski: "To what?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Adopting the Code Amendment for which there was a previous hearing."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, alright."

The vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 YES

Supervisor Janoski: "On the question as amended."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded as amended."

The Vote: "Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 YES

Supervisor Janoski: "Do we have any bills to pay?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes, we do. I make a motion to pay bills."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes.

Supervisor Janoski: "Let the record show that the hour of 7:42 P.M. has arrived and the Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing."

P U B L I C H E A R I N G 7:40 P.M.

Town Clerk, Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21st., 1992 to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: THE GRANTING OF THE RIGHT TO USE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND PUBLIC PLACES BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS AS REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 64.7 OF THE TOWN LAW."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. The Town Board started this process of having a public hearing on the use of public facilities several years ago. There are a number of events in the Town, which I'm sure you are all aware of, that do make use of public property. For example, the Country Fair which is held in the Municipal Parking Lot by the River. The Polish Town Fair which utilizes Pulaski Street and other public property. And other events that take place during the year. So what we do rather than go through a special permit process for each and every event as they come in, we have a public hearing regarding the use of public property for this kind of purpose and it gives people an opportunity to express their opinion as to how they feel about that. Whether they are for it or against it. So that is the subject of this hearing. The use of public property for events such as the Country Fair or the Polish Town Fair.

I recognize anyone who wishes to be heard."

Alice Graff, Riverhead: "I approve. I think it is a very good idea."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Steve."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton: "What do you consider as a sufficient time to put in a request? The reason I'm asking is, I'm a member of a retiree club that right now has approximately 150 regular attending members. But then, when we hold a picnic it goes up to three hundred or so without any problem. So what I'm thinking about is the ball field at Stotzky's Park. If we wanted to use it to have a picnic, what would you feel would be a sufficient time to put in a request to get the use of the facility?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Two weeks."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay. Thank you. That's all I wanted to know."

Supervisor Janoski: "And if you plan on having alcoholic beverages that is a separate issue. Anyone wish to be heard on this subject. That being the case and without objection I declare

the hearing to be closed.

Let the record show that the hour is 7:45 p.m. and without objection, I declare this meeting to be adjourned."

Barbara Grattan

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Town Clerk

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Present:	James F. [unclear]	Councilman
	James [unclear]	Councilman
	Frank [unclear]	Councilman
Absent:	Harriet [unclear]	Councilwoman
Also Present:	Patricia [unclear]	Town Attorney
	Barbara Grattan	Town Clerk

Supervisor Janski called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

We, the undersigned, being all members of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, on the 20th day of January, 1992 and do consent to the holding of such meeting for the purpose of considering Resolutions #62, #63 and #64.

Resolution #62 of 1/21/92 regarding BOND REQUIREMENT FOR RAY AND BRET METAL CO. was brought from the table by Councilman Vic Prusinowski and seconded by Councilman James Stark. The vote was 4 YES and 1 ABSENT.

Councilman Prusinowski requested an amendment to Resolution #62 and Councilman Stark withdrew the request. The vote was 4 YES and 1 ABSENT.

Councilman Prusinowski presented Resolution #63 as amended to the Board and Councilman Stark seconded the resolution. The vote was 4 YES and 1 ABSENT.

Resolution #67 AWARDS BID FOR ACQUISITION AND ALTERATIONS TO HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE BUILDING was presented to the Board by Councilman James Stark and seconded by Councilman Vic Prusinowski. The vote was 4 YES and 1 ABSENT.

Resolution #68 AWARDS BID FOR ACQUISITION AND ALTERATIONS TO HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE BUILDING was introduced by Councilman Vic Prusinowski.