

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 15, 1956 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Otis G. Pike

Henry M. Zaleski

Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr., Justices of the Peace

John H. Benedict, Councilman

Also Present: Samuel L. Hays, Town Attorney, Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, Stephen J. Grodski, Police Chief, Alden W. Young, Superintendent of Sewers, John Riesdorff, Assistant Superintendent to the Water District and Roselle Benjamin, Water Plant Superintendent.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on May 1, 1956 were submitted and on motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Zaloga, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote--- Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from Jacob Harding, 120 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, N.Y., tendering his resignation as a member of the Riverhead Town Planning Board, said resignation to take effect as of May 14, 1956. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was Resolved that the resignation of Jacob Harding, as a member of the Riverhead Town Planning Board be accepted as of May 14, 1956, and that the Town Board express their appreciation for the fine work and cooperation rendered by Jacob Harding as a member of the Riverhead Town Planning Board. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from Henry M. Zaleski, 206 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, N.Y., tendering his resignation as Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead effective May 15th, 1956. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was Resolved that the resignation of Henry M. Zaleski, as Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead, be accepted as of May 15th, 1956, and that the Town Board express their appreciation for the fine work and cooperation rendered as Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead. The Vote---Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Zaleski, not voting; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike made the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict: RESOLVED that Jacob Harding, Riverhead, N.Y., be appointed Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice Henry M. Zaleski, as of this date, to serve as Justice of the Peace until his successor qualifies according to Law. The Vote---Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Otis G. Pike administered the Oath of Office to Jacob Harding, Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Benedict:

RESOLVED, that Justice of the Peace Jacob Harding, shall furnish an official undertaking in the amount of four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the undertaking, No. 700685, Jacob Harding, principal, and the Glens Falls Insurance Company, surety, in the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars.

The Vote---Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication dated May 4, 1956 was read to the Board from the Long Island Lighting Company returning to the Town for filing a copy of the Street Lighting Contract for the Jamesport Lighting District, said contract effective May 1st, 1956. The communication and contract were ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from the New York State Public Service Commission clarifying the increase in rates for street lighting in the Jamesport Light District. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor's Report for the month of April 1956 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Riverhead, submitted a report of the amount of taxes collected as of April 30, 1956. The report was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from the New York State Civil Defense Commission, 124 East 28th St., New York 16, N.Y. relative to the New Regulation No. 2 on the Air Raid Warning Signals. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from the Jamesport Public School, Jamesport, N.Y. advising the Town Board of the results of the election of the district officers in District #9 for the ensuing year. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication dated April 30, 1956 was read to the Board from the Office of Fire Commissioners of the Jamesport Fire District officially notifying the Town Board that they may use a room in the present Jamesport Fire House for a police precinct at no rental. The communication was placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from the Dennis-Maud Tree Expert Company relative to the spraying of elm trees in the Town of Riverhead. The communication was placed on file and the matter was tabled until the next Town Board meeting.

Mr. Douglas Stark, Jamesport, New York, appeared before the Board. His family owns property adjacent to the Peconic Bay Beach (Town beach). Mr. Stark mentioned that an outlet should be provided from the Bay to a Creek situated at this location to provide for proper drainage and mosquito control. After discussion, the Town Board decided to make an inspection of this condition and decide the necessary steps to be taken to alleviate this condition.

Justice Pike made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Harding: RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, Stephen J. Grodski, be authorized to attend the Chief of Police School at Elmira, New York, on July 23, 24, 25 and 26th, 1956, and that all necessary expenses be paid. The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Zaloga, it was RESOLVED that Jacob Harding be appointed a member of the Police Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice of the Peace Henry M. Zaleski. The Vote--Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Justice Harding, not Voting; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Special Attorney, Reginald Smith, appeared before the Board and discussed the current status of the Grumman Assessment litigation. He mentioned that the Appellate Division had decided in favor of the Town as regards the assessment levied against the Grumman Corporation.

Justice Pike made the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict: RESOLVED that the firm of Griffing, Smith and Lundberg, West Main Street, Riverhead, N.Y. continue to represent the Town of Riverhead in all subsequent litigation and/or counsel pertaining to the Assessors, Receiver of Taxes or the Riverhead Town Board in connection with the matter of the Grumman Assessment. The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Alden W. Young, Engineer, submitted a report on the recent meeting of the Riverhead Town Planning Board and Mr. Murphy, of the A.A.A. on the situation of on-street and off-street parking in the Town of Riverhead, and also their recommendation of Plan #c in regard to the matter of the Traffic Circle at the intersection of Route 58 with Roanoke Avenue.

The matter of the local cesspool cleaners using a part of the property at the Town dump for a dumping ground was discussed. It has been reported that the cesspool cleaners were not disposing of this waste properly. The Town Board instructed the Superintendent of Highways to notify these cesspool cleaners, namely, Mr. Booker and Mr. Seay, to discontinue the use of this dumping ground until they comply with recommendations for the use of this ground by the Superintendent of Highways.

On motion made by Justice Zaloga and seconded by Justice Harding, it was Resolved that Otis G. Pike, Chairman of the Park & Beach Committee, be authorized to spend up to \$1000 for the purpose of removal of sand and grading at the Pier Avenue Beach; this expense to be charged to the Parking Meter Fund. The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Supervisor Leonard. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Riverhead, appeared before the Board and made a request for the purchase of a receipting machine for use in his Office. It was decided that he place the amount necessary for such purchase in the budget for the coming year.

A communication was read to the Board from Alex Mazeski, an employee of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department, requesting a leave of absence for personal reasons from June 1st, 1956 to October 1st, 1956.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Harding, it was RESOLVED that the request of Alex Mazeski, an employee of the Riverhead Town Highway Department, for a leave of absence from June 1st, 1956 to October 1st, 1956,

be granted. The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Harding made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike:

WHEREAS, the Town Superintendent of Highways has entered into an agreement with Rand-MacMurray Inc., 670 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, L.I. for the purchase of a New Walter Snow Fighter 4 Point Positive Drive for a net price of \$24,540.00, for future delivery, said agreement subject to the approval of the County Superintendent of Highways, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to pay for said machinery in two yearly payments, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the method of payment of this said machinery is to be as provided by the Local Finance Law regulating the issuance of Capital Notes.

The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Bids were opened on the purchase of a Civil Defense Rescue Truck as follows:

	<u>Bid</u>
Herald Distributors Corp. PO Box 23, Babylon, N.Y.	\$10,594.00
L.I. Produce & Fertilizer Co., Inc. Riverhead, New York	\$12,080.00

No definite action was taken and the matter was tabled to be considered at the next Board meeting.

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---\$5,776.01 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$2,835.42. On motion and vote it was Resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 5, 1956 at 10:00 A.M.

*Anthony F. Gadzinski*  
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk