

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 2, 1956 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Otis G. Pike

Jacob Harding

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 September 18, 1956 were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote-- Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A copy of a communication dated September 18, 1956 directed to the County Superintendent of Highways from the New York State Traffic Commission was read to the Board relative to traffic control on St. John's Place and the prohibition of parking in a area adjacent to the Cauliflower Auction Block. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication dated September 17, 1956 from the New York State Traffic Commission was read to the Board relative to a survey made by this Commission of the traffic congestion in the heart of the business section of Riverhead. Paragraph 4 of this communication reads as follows: "One measure which we believe will improve the movement of traffic through the intersection and along Peconic Avenue is the prohibition of parking

and standing of vehicles along the west side of Peconic Avenue for a distance of 120 feet south of Main Street. We have acted on the assumption that the Town Board is in agreement with this regulation and a copy of the necessary order is enclosed for the Town's records. " Chief of Police Grodski mentioned that during peak traffic loads, he prohibits parking on the west side of Peconic Avenue a distance of 120 + or - feet south of Main Street by placing no-parking hoods over the parking meters installed at this point. The Board decided that these measures employed by the Police Chief were satisfactory and that they did not care to entirely eliminate parking as per Paragraph 4 of the letter of the State Traffic Commission. The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Commission of such and the communication was placed on file.

A communication dated September 24, 1956 was read to the Board from Harry G. Penny, secretary advising that due to the death of Fire District Commissioner, Carl F. Petersen, that Alden W. Young has been appointed by the Fire District Commissioners at a meeting held on September 20th to fill out the balance of the year. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication dated September 25, 1956 was read to the Board from Spencer G. McNary relative to the installation of a street light at the junction of Merritts Pond Road and Duryea Street in Roanoke Heights. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting

Company be authorized to install street lights as follows:

- (1) One (1) (15000 lumens) mercury vapor aerial light on N.Y. T. Pole #2J on Manor Lane near the Jamesport Fire House in the Jamesport Light District;
- (2) One (1) (15000 lumens) mercury vapor aerial light on Pole #3 on Peconic Avenue in the Riverhead Light District;
- (3) one (1) incandenscent light on Pole #5 on Further Lane in the Aquebogue Light District;
- (4) Two (2) incandescent street lights on Duryea Street between Roanoke Avenue and Merritts Pond Road in the Riverhead Light District;
- (5) One (1) incandescent light on L.I.L.C. Pole #25 on Merritts Pond Road in the Riverhead Light District;

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

A communication dated September 17, 1956 was read to the Board from Mr. John B. Thomas, Principal of the Riverhead Public Schools as follows: "Thank you very much for your letter of August 24 and the willingness of the Town Board to experiment with one-way traffic on St. John's Place. From casual observation, I feel that we have added considerably to the safety of the children attending St. John's Parochial School. We shall be interested in the reactions of your Board and the Polkce Department to this measure." It was the opinion of the Board that one-way traffic arrangement was working out very satisfactorily. The communication was placed on file.

A communication dated September 13, 1956 was read to the Board advising that on July 12th, one (1) 400 watt (15000 lumens) mercury vapor aerial light was placed in operation in

the Riverhead Lighting District at the corner of Howell Avenue and East Main Street. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board dated September 21, 1956 from John B. Thomas, Principal of the Riverhead Public Schools as follows: "The Board of Education of Central School District No. 2 has directed me to write you concerning that part of the premises now occupied by the Town Highway Department. Our school district now has ten buses owned by the district and contracts are in effect for ten additional buses. In the interests of economy, it will be necessary for the school district to provide a common storage operation for these buses, employ a mechanic and install gasoline pumps. The logical place for such an operation is on property already owned by the school district. For these reasons the Board of Education desires to take over the building now occupied by the Highway Department after July 1, 1957. We realize that this imposes a problem to your Board, hence the earliest possible notification seemed to be adviseable. I trust you will understand the Board's problem and I shall appreciate your informing us when you will be able to provide other facilities for the Highway Department." After discussion, the matter was referred to the Highway Committee to immediately proceed to obtain a new location for use of the Highway Department.

A petition was received signed by approximately 30 residents of Riverhead as follows: "We, the undersigned, hereby object to the I. M. Young Produce Company in building labor camps

STANDARD B & P "NO PARK" STAND

On Osborne Avenue, west of Middle Road, in the Town of Riverhead, for the reason that it will create a great disturbance, annoyance, police problem, as well as decrease the valuation of our property. We trust that the Town Board will take the necessary steps in prohibiting the said I. M. Young Produce Company in building said labor camps." The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the petitioners that in the absence of zoning ordinance, the Town Board has no authority to act upon this request. However, these petitioners may be guided and directed to the County Board of Health regulations and the State regulations regarding labor camps. The petition was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from Harold T. Hubbard, Postmaster, as follows: "Within the next few days we plan to install a Courtesy Mail Chute on one of the Collection Boxes directly in front of the Post Office on West Second Street. This will allow amotorist to drive to the curb and deposit mail without leaving the vehicle. If other vehicles are so parked to block the approach to this chute, it will serve no useful purpose. May I ask that you consider marking a No Parking area, approximately two car lengths, enough to allow an easy and safe approach to the Collection Box." The Town Board decided to go along with this request on an emergency measure and the Superintendent of Highways was authorized to install the necessary No Parking Signs. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Police Report for the month of September 1956 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from Albert Cass, Suffolk County Superintendent of Highways, relative to "Center Drive," (County Road #94), leading to the new County buildings. Also enclosed was a construction map of this project which was also referred to the Board. The communication and map were ordered placed on file.

A communication dated September 25, 1956 was read to the Board from the New York State Department of Audit and Control, enclosing the order of the State Comptroller granting the application of the Town Boards of the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton for permission to extend the Riverhead Fire District in such Town. The communication was ordered placed on file together with a copy of the order.

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

WHEREAS, Arthur Levitt, Comptroller of the State of New York, has signed an order dated the 25th day of September, 1956, approving the application of the Town Boards of the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton for permission to extend the Riverhead Fire District in such town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopt an order extending the Riverhead Fire District in such town.

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

On motion made by Justice Harding and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was RESOLVED that the State Traffic Commission issue an order restricting parking or standing of vehicles for a distance of 100 feet beginning at a point 275 + or - feet northerly from Pulaski Street along the east side of Osborne Avenue to a distance ending 375 feet; said restriction to cover this last 100 feet. This is requested because of the location in front of the Riverhead High School at a point of bus turning and discharging of school children. The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A petition and notice that was filed with the Town Clerk at 2 p.m. on September 24, 1956, Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, Petitioner, against The Board of Assessors of the Town of Riverhead, New York, Respondents, was referred to the Board. The matter was referred to Special Attorney, Reginald Smith.

A petition and notice that was filed with the Town Clerk at 1:30 p.m. on September 28, 1956, the Riverhead Savings Bank, Petitioner, against, The Assessors of the Town of Riverhead and The Town of Riverhead, Respondents, was referred to the Board. The matter was referred to Special Attorney, Seth Hubbard.

A petition and notice that was filed with the Town Clerk at 1:30 p.m. on September 28, 1956, the Long Island Ice and Fuel Corporation, Petitioner, against, The Assessors of the Town of Riverhead and The Towns of Riverhead, Respondents, was

referred to the Board. The matter was referred to Special Attorney, Seth Hubbard.

On motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Zaloga, it was Resolved that the first regular November meeting of the Town Board be held on Wednesday, November 7, 1956, at 10:00, a.m., due to the fact that Election Day falls on the regular meeting day. The Vote---Justices Pike, Harding and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Pursuant to Section 111 of the Town Law, preliminary estimates of all Town offices for the year 1957 were submitted to the Town Board and on motion and vote were ordered placed on file as follows:

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD-1957
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN BOARD

Town Hall and Offices:

Rentals(board room, offices)	\$6,000.00	
Compensation of Employees	3,500.00	
Purchase of Furniture and equipment	500.00	
Repairs, light and telephone	1,500.00	
Other Expenses	5,000.00	
<u>Insurance:</u>		
Compensation Insurance	9,500.00	
Official bonds and other	1,000.00	
Fire and Liability	9,000.00	
Printing & Advertising(all Departments)	2,100.00	
Employees' Retirement System(Town share)	<u>25,900.00</u>	
	TOTAL	\$64,000.00

Supervisor

Salary	6,500.00	
Office and other expenses	300.00	
Compensation of Employees	<u>4,600.00</u>	
	TOTAL	11,400.00

<u>Justices of Peace</u>		
Salaries	\$12,000.00	
Office and other expenses	700.00	
Compensation of employees	<u>3,300.00</u>	
	TOTAL	16,000.00
<u>Councilmen</u>		
Salaries	<u>2,800.00</u>	
	TOTAL	2,800.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>		
Salary	5,300.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>500.00</u>	
	TOTAL	5,800.00
<u>Assessors</u>		
Salaries	12,900.00	
Office and other expenses	4,000.00	
Compensation of Senior Clerk	4,800.00	
Extra Clerk Hire	<u>400.00</u>	
	TOTAL	22,100.00
<u>RECEiver of Taxes or Tax Collector</u>		
Salary	3,800.00	
Office and other expenses	2,304.80	
Compensation of employees	<u>5,300.00</u>	
	TOTAL	11,404.80
<u>Town Attorney</u>		
Salary	<u>2,600.00</u>	
	TOTAL	2,600.00
<u>Planning Board-Salaries-Members</u>	1,000.00	
Office and other expenses	100.00	
Compensation of Clerk	500.00	
Compensation of Consultant	<u>600.00</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>2,200.00</u>
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$138,304.80

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

<u>Police, Constables and Deputy Sheriffs</u>		
Compensation	113,000.00	
Expenses, rentals, supplies, fuel, purchase of equipment, uniforms, training & ammunition	<u>20,000.00</u>	
	TOTAL	133,000.00
<u>Traffic</u>		
Signs, signals and highway lighting		3,000.00

<u>Dog Warden</u>		
Fees	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		140,000.00
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EDUCATION

<u>Attendance Officer</u>		
Compensation	<u>350.00</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION		350.00

RECREATION

<u>Parks and Beaches</u>		
Compensation of employees	7,000.00	
Other Expenses	5,000.00	
Youth Commission	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>17,000.00</u>
<u>Patriotic Observances</u>		<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL RECREATION		17,050.00

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Town Dump Salaries		4,500.00
Town Dump Expenses		1,500.00
Dredging and Bulkheading		3,500.00
Peconic River Buoy Lights		<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		10,500.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS AND INTEREST

<u>Redemption of Debt (principal)</u>		
<u>Temporary Loans</u>		
Emergency appropriation loans-Budget Notes-Snow Removal	<u>18,000.00</u>	
	TOTAL	18,000.00
<u>Bonds</u>		
Beach Property	<u>3,000.00</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL REDEMPTION OF DEBT		21,000.00

<u>Interest on Debt</u>		
Interest on temporary loans-Budget Notes-Snow Removal		450.00
Interest on Bonds		
Beach Property	626.72	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>626.72</u>
TOTAL INTEREST ON DEBT		1,076.72

MISCELLANEOUS & CONTINGENT

<u>Veterans Organizations for Rooms</u>		400.00
Tree Conservation	1,000.00	
Suffolk County Historical Society	<u>300.00</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT		1,700.00

GENERAL FUNDESTIMATED REVENUES

Mortgage taxes	7,500.00	
Bus Franchises	55.00	
Per Capita Assistance	35,404.15	
Dog Licenses (from County)	1,000.00	
Fines, penalties	2,000.00	
Rent of town owned property	1,680.00	
Fees of Town Clerk	2,500.00	
Fees of Justices of the Peace	3,000.00	
Fees of Tax Receiver	500.00	
All other:		
State Aid-Youth Commission	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>2,942.37</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>57,581.52</u>
Unexpended balances (Sec.115, Town Law)		<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES (GENERAL FUND)		<u>67,581.52</u>

GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY

<u>Appropriations</u>		
General Government	138,304.80	
Protection of persons and property	140,000.00	
Education	350.00	
Recreation	17,050.00	
Public Utilities	10,500.00	
Redemption of Debt	21,000.00	
Interest on Debt	1,076.72	
Miscellaneous and Contingent	1,700.00	
Registrar of Vital Statistics	<u>600.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>330,581.52</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES (GENERAL FUND) \$67,581.52
 AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED FOR GENERAL FUND \$263,000.00

WELFARE FUNDAPPROPRIATIONS

Town Welfare Officer 5,150.00
 Budget Note and Interest 30,000.00
 Home Relief 1,000.00
 Burials 36,150.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Estimated Revenues

Reimbursement of home relief from State 50% 15,000.00
 Refunds of home relief from recipients 150.00
 TOTAL REVENUES 15,150.00
 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR WELFARE FUND 21,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND

HIGHWAY FUND (Item 1)--APPROPRIATIONS

General repairs 164,000.50
 Redemption of debt contracted pursuant to
 Highway Law----- Sec. 273 10,020.50
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 174,021.00

Estimated Revenues

State Aid 5,764.00
 Unexpended Balance 500.00
 TOTAL REVENUES 6,264.00
 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 1) 167,757.00

BRIDGE FUND (Item 2)--APPROPRIATIONS

Materials for repair and maintenance 1,000.00
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1,000.00

Estimated Revenues

Unexpended Balance 1,000.00
1,000.00
 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 2) None

MACHINERY FUND (Item 3)--APPROPRIATIONS

Purchase of machinery, tools and implements 26,000.80
 Repair of machinery, tools and implements 20,000.00
 Storage of machinery, tools and implements 2,000.00
 Redemption of machinery certificates 17,270.00
 Interest on Machinery certificates 886.20
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 66,157.00

Estimated Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenues-Snow removal reimbursement	1,200.00	
Unexpended Balance	<u>500.00</u>	
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,700.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 3)		<u>64,457.00</u>

SNOW AND MISCELLANEOUS FUND (Item 4) -- APPROPRIATIONS

Salary town superintendent	6,600.00	
Expenses town superintendent	300.00	
Removing obstructions caused by snow	12,000.00	
Other miscellaneous purposes	<u>9,600.00</u>	
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	28,500.00

Estimated Revenues

Miscellaneous revenues-Snow Removal-Reimbursements	3,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	<u>200.00</u>	
	TOTAL REVENUES	3,200.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 4)		<u>25,300.00</u>

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEMS 1, 2, 3 and 4)
\$257,514.00

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Compensation	400.00	
Fees of Physicians	<u>200.00</u>	
	TOTAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS	600.00

CIVIL DEFENSE 3,000.00

PARKING METERS

Appropriations:		
Rental of Parking Fields	660.00	
Meter Supplies, Maintenance of Parking Fields, etc.	13,881.79	
Bond & Interest payment-Parking Fields	<u>2,528.21</u>	
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	17,000.00

Estimated Revenues

Meter Collections	15,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Revenues		<u>17,000.00</u>
AMOUNT OF TAX TO BE RAISED-PARKING METERS		None

A discussion was held relative to the annual estimates submitted by the Planning Board and the Receiver of Taxes. Several recommendations were made relative to salaries.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund ---\$5,470.64 and Machinery Fund---\$225.10. On motion and vote it was Resolved that the bills be approved as submitted.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, October 16, 1956 at 10:00 a.m.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

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