

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 26, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor

Henry M. Zaleski,
Joseph V. Kelly,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred H. Butcher, Justices of the Peace.

Town Attorney Lester M. Emmett and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on April 12, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from the State Traffic Commission advising the Board that it had approved the recommendation of the Division of Highways and the Division of State Police, that a sign reading "Traffic Signal Ahead" be erected on the north side of Middle Island Road, about 400 feet east of Signal No. 78, located at the intersection of Middle Island Road and Edwards Avenue in the Hamlet of Calverton. The Communication was ordered placed on file.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a statement of Taxes collected as of April 17, 1939 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Demitriou, Proprietor of the Garden Restaurant addressed the Board in regard to the traffic sign at the intersection of State Highway #25 and County Highway #58, stating that the sign points to Riverhead two ways, which is very confusing, consequently Riverhead loses much business, as Route 58 leads way past Riverhead. He urged the Board to take the matter up with the County Highway authorities in order that the situation may be eliminated.

On motion and vote the above matter was referred to the Highway Committee.

Mr. W. Swartz of the Edward Thompson Company addressed the Board in regard to Thompson's Consolidated Index and Laws of New York State, consisting of four volumes, outlining the benefits that Justices and other Town officials could derive from the volumes. The matter was noted for future consideration.

Mr. J. Harry Brown, Chairman of the Suffolk County Association Committee for Suffolk Day at the World's Fair addressed the Board, outlining in detail the tentative program for Suffolk County Day at the Fair, explaining what part Riverhead hoped to play on that day with the cooperation of all Civic Organizations in the Town. Mr. Brown urged the Board to endorse the tentative program and asked for their cooperation.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Butcher it was Resolved that the tentative program of the Suffolk County

Association for participation in Suffolk County Day at the World's Fair on June 14, 1939 by the Town of Riverhead as outlined by Mr. J. Harry Brown, Chairman, be endorsed by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead and further Resolved that this Board cooperate in the manner suggested. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was

"Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead is opposed to the elimination from the budget of the State of New York of an item of \$10,000,000 from the appropriation to the Department of Education, the result of which is estimated will place an additional annual burden of some \$8,000 on the taxpayers of School District No. 5, as well as a proportional burden on all the school districts within the Town of Riverhead, and be it further

"Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead is opposed to the transfer to the general fund of the State of a sum of approximately \$1,000,000 from the Conservation Department, represented by the proceeds of fees collected for gunning and fishing licenses, as an unfair burden on sportsmen and as an improper diversion of such funds from the Conservation purposes for which they were collected and be it further

"Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead is opposed to any reduction of the annual appropriations to the Conservation Department, it being our considered opinion that the department will not be able to function in an efficient manner if there is any material curtailment of its present appropriation

"Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Abbott Low Moffat, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly of the State of New York, Hon. George L. Thompson, State Senator and Hon. Elisha Barrett and Edmund Lupton of the State Assembly."

The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was

"Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, vigorously protest against the proposed closing of the Riverhead office of the New York State Unemployment Insurance and Job Placement office or the moving of said office to any other town in Suffolk County, especially in view of the fact that the proper place for an office of a State agency in Suffolk is Riverhead the County Seat and it is further

"Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Unemployment Insurance Office at Albany, N.Y."

The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined

the bills for the month of April 1939.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday May 10, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratville.
Harry J. Kratville, Clerk.