

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 4, 1955 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

- Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor
- William J. Leonard
- Otis G. Pike
- Austin H. Warner
- Frank J. Yousik, Justices of the Peace

Also present were: Henry M. Zaleski, Town Attorney, Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, Stephen J. Grodski, Police Chief, Alden W. Young, Superintendent of Sewers, Roselle Benjamin, Water Plant Superintendent, and John Riesdorff, Asst. Superintendent to the Water District.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on December 28, 1954 were read and on motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Yousik, it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Police Report for the month of December 1954 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 December 31, 1954 and the report was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly appointed the following committees for the year 1955:

- Sewer District Committee- - - - - Austin H. Warner
- Police Committee- - - - - Joseph V. Kelly
- Highway Committee- - - - - William J. Leonard
- Water District Committee - - - - - Frank J. Yousik
- Light District Committee - - - - - William J. Leonard  
and  
Austin H. Warner
- Park and Beach Committee - - - - - Otis G. Pike

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that Frank Harris of Riverhead, New York, be and he hereby is appointed Police Patrolman of the Town of Riverhead on a provisional basis, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, salary fixed at the rate of \$3900 per annum, payable semi-monthly, effective as of January 16, 1955.

Justice Yousik expressed himself as follows:  
"As far as the individual to be appointed, I have nothing against him. I think he is a fine fellow, but I do think at this time that we have no use for another patrolman and it is my feeling that no appointment be made at this time."

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Supervisor Kelly thereupon made the following statement:  
"As Chairman of the Police Committee, I feel that it is very necessary and important that the strength of the Riverhead Police Department be increased due to the growth of our Town and the number of requests that are made upon the Department."

There being no further statements, the vote on the aforementioned resolution, resulted as follows: Justices Leonard and Pike, Yes; Justices Warner and Yousik, No; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard, it was RESOLVED that John J. Harris, be appointed acting sergeant of the of the Riverhead Town Police Department, retroactive as of January 1, 1955, subject to the Rules and Regulations as governed by the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, salary fixed at \$4400.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly.

Justice Yousik then made the following statement:

"I feel the same way. I think we should have a few indians instead of all chiefs, and I also feel that there are too many sergeants. I want to say that as far as the individual is concerned, I have nothing against him, but I feel we have too many sergeants at this time."

Supervisor Kelly:

"Again as Chairman of the Police Committee, I feel that the elevation of Patrolman Harris to the rank of Sergeant is very necessary. I made a survey about a year ago on other Police Departments throughout the County, and I feel that having one sergeant for every four men is not out of line. In fact, it is the custom. We contemplate in the near future perhaps, assigning one of these sergeants to investigation work exclusively and that will leave only three for general police work. I feel the promotion is deserving and is in line with good police work."

Justice Yousik:

"I also can't see the necessity of going into plainclothesman work, and I think it is time to consider the taxpayer now. I think it is an injustice to the taxpayer of the Town to proceed with this."

Supervisor Kelly:

"I think all of us consider the taxpayer. I think that in providing an efficient Police Department is one of the most effective ways of showing the taxpayer that he is getting value received for every tax paid."

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Supervisor Kelly made the following statement:

"I want to assure Justice Warner that as far as I am concerned, there were no campaign promises made to anyone. I would like to again remind Justice Warner that when these other three men were promoted to sergeants, I did write or had written to at least fifteen departments in the County of Suffolk, I gave a complete resume of each of those departments at a Town Board meeting. These reports indicated the number of sergeants, captains, patrolman and lieutenants in each department. I say that in the Town of Riverhead, it is in conformity with most of the departments in Suffolk County."

As no further statements were made, the vote was taken as follows: Justices Pike and Leonard, Yes; Justices Warner and Yousik, No; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly relinquished the Chair to Justice Pike, and made the following motion; which was seconded by Justice Warner:

RESOLVED that the Supervisor, Justices of the Peace, Town Attorney, Superintendent of Highways, Town Clerk, Tax Receiver, Clerk to the Assessors, Assessors, members of the Planning Board and the consultant to the Town Planning Board, be authorized to attend the Annual Convention of the Association of Towns of the State of New York for the year 1955 to be held at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, New York, on February 8th, 9th and 10th, 1955, and that all necessary expenses be paid. The Vote---Justices Leonard, and Warner, Yes; Justices Pike and Yousik, No; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor, be designated as delegate to the meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York for the year 1955 to be held

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in Buffalo, New York, and that Austin H. Warner, Justice of the Peace, be designated as alternate delegate. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike it was RESOLVED that the Suffolk County Trust Company, the Suffolk County National Bank and the Long Island State Bank and Trust Company, all of Riverhead, N.Y., be and they hereby are designated as depositories in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Receiver of Taxes of this Town shall deposit all moneys coming into their hands by virtue of their offices. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard it was RESOLVED that the News-Review of Riverhead, N.Y. be and it hereby is designated the official newspaper of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1955. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike it was RESOLVED that the salaries of the employees of the Town of Riverhead be fixed as follows, and further that elected officials be paid monthly and appointees be paid semi-monthly, retroactive to January 1, 1955:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor	\$6,000.00	Per	Annun
Justices of the Peace--each--(four)	3,300.00	"	"
Assessors--each--(three)	3,700.00	"	"
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk	5,000.00	"	"
Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways	5,600.00	"	"
Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes	3,500.00	"	"
Supt. of Sewers (\$4,400-Sewer, \$600 Planning Bd)	5,000.00	"	"
Helene M. Block, Secy-Stenographer	4,200.00	"	"
Harry J. Fleischman, Senior Clerk	4,400.00	"	"
June H. Stakey, Senior Clerk	3,200.00	"	"
Ann M. Griffin, Pt-Time Junior Clerk	1,700.00	"	"
Stella A. Brant, Justice Court Clerk	2,800.00	"	"
Special Clerks--Pt-Time Jr. Clerks	8.00	Per	Day
Helen Guyer, Clerk to Planning Board	25.00	Per	Month
Nicholas Stachiw, Watchman---Town Dump	3,100.00	Per	Annun
School Attendance Supervisors--each-(two)for 10 mos.	35.00	Per	Month
Stephen J. Grodski, Chief of Police	5,200.00	Per	Annun
John R. McGoey, Police Sergeant	4,400.00	"	"
Robert G. Leonard, " "	4,400.00	"	"
Harold M. Bowden, " "	4,400.00	"	"
John J. Harris, " "	4,400.00	"	"
William J. Danowski, Police Patrolman (Meters)	4,200.00	"	"
John A. Gatz, Police Patrolman	4,200.00	"	"
Chester S. Friszalowski, Police Patrolman	4,200.00	"	"
Chester S. Romanski, " "	4,200.00	"	"
Francis J. Bujnicki, " "	4,200.00	"	"
Francis M. White, " "	4,200.00	"	"
David McKillep, " "	4,200.00	"	"
Roscoe C. Palmer, " "	4,100.00	"	"
Walter Flanagan, " "	4,000.00	"	"

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William H. Palmer, Police Patrolman	\$4,000.00	Per Annum
Alex Doroski, " "	4,000.00	" "
Part-time Police Patrolman & School Traffic Off.	1.75	Per Hour

The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Warner it was RESOLVED that the salaries of the employees of the Riverhead Town Highway Department be fixed as follows: salaries payable semi-monthly, retroactive to January 1, 1955:

John Zaleski	MEO	\$2.00	Per Hour
Edmund Buziak	MEO	2.00	" "
Alex Mazeski	MEO	2.00	" "
Walker Turner	AM	2.00	" "
John Hayes	MEO	1.90	" "
Adolph Densieski	MEO	2.00	" "
Stanley Bokina	MEO	2.00	" "
Thomas Sendlewski, Jr.	MEO	2.00	" "
Daniel McBride	RM	1.60	" "
Warren Bechtel	RM	1.60	" "
Clarence Hawkins	RM	1.60	" "
Stanley Kominski, Sr.	RM	1.60	" "
Felix Bilski	RM	1.60	" "
Thomas Haskins, Jr.	RM	1.60	" "
Joseph O'Kula	MEO	1.80	" "
John Sieminski	LF	2.00	" "
Steve Paskewicz	RM	1.60	" "
Mike Pshyk	RM	1.60	" "
Peter Wilson	RM	1.60	" "
Mike Buziak	RM	1.60	" "
George Condzella	LF	2.00	" "
John J. Condzella	MEO	1.90	" "
Alex Remiszewski	RM	1.60	" "
Francis Muchowski	MEO	1.90	" "
Sylvester Rusewicz	RM	1.60	" "
Mike Kreshon	MEO	1.90	" "
Otto Merchant	RM	1.60	" "
John Kalinowski	RM	1.60	" "
Jerry Sadowski	MEO	1.80	" "
Charles Guy	RM	1.60	" "
Extra Hire	RM	1.50	" "

The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Bids on the purchase of a Police Car for the Riverhead Police Department were opened as follows:

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George K. Morell Riverhead, N.Y.	1955 Dodge All. on '53 Pontiac	\$2761.00 800.00 <hr/> \$1961.00
George K. Morell Riverhead, N.Y.	Plymouth All. on '53 Pontiac	\$2293.00 700.00 <hr/> \$1593.00
McDonly Motor Sales Riverhead, N.Y.	Plymouth All. on '53 Pontiac	\$2049.00 700.00 <hr/> \$1349.00
McDonly Motor Sales Riverhead, N.Y.	DeSoto All. on '53 Pontiac	\$2472.95 1000.00 <hr/> \$1472.95
Crabtree-O'Keefe Chevrolet Inc. Riverhead, N.Y.	Chevrolet All. on '53 Pontiac	\$2181.95 1181.95 <hr/> \$1000.00
Vail Motor Corporation Riverhead, N.Y.	Pontiac V' Chieftain All. on '53 Pontiac	\$2379.23 825.00 <hr/> \$1554.23

The above bids were referred to Police Chief, Stephen J. Grodski, and Engineer Alden W. Young.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Yousik, it was RESOLVED that the Town of Riverhead purchase for the Riverhead Police Department one (1) 1955 Chevrolet, 2 door, Model 1502, V-8 Motor, from Crabtree-O'Keefe Chevrolet, Inc. Riverhead, N.Y. for the sum of \$1000.00 for delivery within thirty days. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Warner it was RESOLVED that the following bonds be approved as to form, manner of execution and sufficiency of the surety:

Bond #S-292714 of Aetna Insurance Company, bonding Frank J. Yousik, Justice of the Peace, in the amount of \$1,000.

Bond #1563874 of National Surety Corporation, bonding William J. Leonard, Justice of the Peace, in the amount of \$1000.

The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined all General Town Bills to date, the total of which was \$2977.32. On motion and vote, it was Resolved that the

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bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote  
the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 18, 1955,  
at 10:00 A.M.

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

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