

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 27, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

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

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

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on September 20, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from the Riverhead Town Branch of the American Red Cross, thanking the Board for their splendid cooperation during the recent swimming campaign. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Kiwanis Club of Riverhead requesting the Board to do all in their power to eliminate the dangers existing in some of the present grade crossing situations, and also requesting a thorough investigation into all intersections on County Highway #58 with a view to the elimination of any dangers which may lead to accidents. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A copy of a communication from Supervisor Homan to Harry Tuthill, Supt. of County Highways regarding the dangerous situations which exist at all intersections of County Highway #58, Town of Riverhead calling to his attention Section 102 Article 12 of the Highway Law which specifically states that a County Supt. of Highways has the authority to place any kind of traffic signal on County Highways. The copy of communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. John H. Mundo, Chairman of the American Legion Safety Committee addressed the Board in regard to the recent accident at the intersection of County Highway #58 and the Northville Turnpike, stating that stop and go signals are all right, however, he does not think that they go far enough, for the reason that probably 99 cars out of every 100 will stop for a red light and yet the 100th car which is using the Highway for a speedway will cause a serious accident. He therefore recommended that a traffic circle be built at the intersection of Highway #58 and Northville Turnpike, together with proper traffic signals. He urged the Board to keep the matter open until the dangerous situation is eliminated. He also submitted a sketch of a proposed traffic circle which he had drawn, after studying the intersection.

Mr. J. Leo Saxstien, Attorney also spoke on the dangerous traffic situation along County Highway #58, stating that the stop signs on either end of the Highway are off-times knocked over and urged that they be replaced without any delay.

A communication was read from the American Labor Party of the

Town of Riverhead, stating that it has come to their attention that every year a large number of itinerant laborers are imported from other states and are employed for the greater part of the harvesting season, however, in the winter a large number are unemployed and without funds to return to their home states, and consequently must then be placed on the relief rolls. It is their opinion that local labor should be employed whenever possible, but if it becomes necessary to employ imported labor, the employer should be held responsible for the return of these people to their home states and urged that immediate steps be taken to rectify this condition which has prevailed for a number of years. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Grant Adams addressed the Board in regard to the above communication, stating that he has personally investigated the matter and found it to be true in many cases and urged the Board to do something about it.

A communication, together with a certified copy of a Resolution from the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors adopted on September 21, 1939 was read, stating that on and after November 1, 1939 each Town of the County of Suffolk shall be responsible for the administration of home relief and medical care given at home, pursuant to section 25, subdivision 1 of the Public Welfare Law. The communication and resolution were ordered placed on file.

The Notice of Public Hearing on the matter of the establishment of a Fire Protection District for the entire area of the Town of Riverhead outside the existing Fire District therein was read.

Proof of publication of the above notice and an affidavit of posting same was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Homan thereupon declared the hearing open and anyone who desired could be heard at this time.

Mrs. Katheryne Van Nostrand and Mr. Charles Ludlam both spoke in favor of the establishment of the Fire Protection District.

No one else wishing to be heard at this time, on motion and vote the hearing was closed.

Justice Warner offered the following Resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaleski.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the existing Fire District have promulgated a ruling that fire protection in the Town of Riverhead, outside the Fire District area can no longer be provided, and

WHEREAS, to meet the situation thereby created and in compliance with Section 170 of the Laws of 1932, Chapter 634, as amended, this Board has deemed it advisable to hold a public hearing on the establishment of a Fire Protection District, comprising the entire area of the Town of Riverhead outside of the said existing Fire District, with the object in view of contracting for fire protection within the same and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearing has been duly posted

and published as required by law and said hearing has been duly held on this 27th day of September, 1939, and upon consideration of the evidence given thereat, it is

RESOLVED, that it be and hereby is the determination of this Board that the establishment of the proposed Fire Protection District is in the public interest and be it further

RESOLVED, that it be and hereby is the determination of this Board that all the property, property owners and interested persons within the proposed district are benefited thereby and that all property or property owners benefited are included therein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certificate setting forth the boundaries of said Fire Protection District, to wit, as the same appear on the notice of said public hearing, be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

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.

Mr. Fowkes of the New York State Insurance Fund addressed the Board in regard to insurance rates for Firemen, stating that regardless of the size of the area covered, the rate for compensation insurance would be \$4.00 preman.

A communication was read from the U.S. War Department advising the Board that the Friar's Head Land Corporation in a letter dated September 8, 1939 requested that further action on its application to construct two permanent breakwaters and one temporary breakwater and to dredge in Long Island Sound at Roanoke, Suffolk County, New York be held in abeyance until further notice, and that when and if the application is renewed the Board will be notified. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Attorney-General's office of the State of New York advising the Town Attorney that the Attorney General is unauthorized to render advice or give opinions to other than State officials, bureaus and departments, regreting same for the reason of the increasing number of requests for opinions from other State officers and departments. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all bills for the month of September 1939.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on October 4, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.