

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 21, 1941 at 2:00 P. M.

Present:

Elmer J. B. Sawyer, Supervisor

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

Solomon Raffé, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on May 7th, 1941 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from George W. Hildreth, Senior Commodore of the Riverhead Yacht Club requesting the Board to make an application to the War Department to establish bulkhead lines in Peconic River and Merritts Bay, the application if possible to be a joint application by the Town Board of the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Hildreth explained the above matter stating that if property owners wished to bulkhead their properties along the River and Merritt's Bay, they could not do it for the reason that there are no bulkhead lines established and the War Department could order them taken down at any time. He urged the Board to appoint a Committee <sup>to work in conjunction with a committee</sup> from Southampton to make such an application.

The above matter was referred to the Park Committee.

Mr. Hildreth as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Riverhead Fire District also called attention to the congested traffic condition around Second Street and the Village proper when a fire alarm is sounded. He stated that it is a common tendency of people to rush toward the fire house when an alarm is sounded, thereby creating a very hazardous situation, endangering life and property. He suggested that fire alarm lights be established at certain intersections which could be regulated from the fire house immediately when an alarm is sounded. This in his opinion would greatly reduce the danger of serious accidents.

Joseph E. Walsh, Chief of the Riverhead Fire Department addressed the Board and reiterated what Commissioner Hildreth had said, further stating that Second Street, Union Avenue, Roanoke Avenue and Griffing Avenue will be established as fire lanes for apparatus to travel in case of fire and suggested that a siren with a red light be placed at the following intersections, Union Avenue and East Main Street, Second Street and Griffing Avenue, Peconic Avenue and Main Street and Sweezy Avenue and Pulaski Street. He also suggested that the traffic light at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Second Street be made a three way red light and recommended that parking be eliminated twenty-five feet from the

corners of the above intersections in order that the long hook and ladder truck would not be delayed in case of an emergency. He urged that this electric alarm system be installed for the safety of the people and the firemen.

The above matter was referred to the Highway Committee.

A communication was read from Michael McKillop making application for the position of Life Guard at Reeve's Beach this summer. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Saul Wolf, Co-Chairman of the House-Warming Committee extending an invitation to the Riverhead Town Officials to attend the informal house-warming of the new Elks Club House on North County Road, Southampton to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 25, 1941. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Miss Evelyn Rowley, Clerk of the Wading River Congregation Church asking the Board for some financial help in the rehabilitation of their church cemetery as the members of the church are very anxious to have the quaint old landmark restored to proper condition. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney to ascertain whether or not it was a legal expenditure of the Town.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes, submitted a report on the amount of taxes collected as of May 16, 1941 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Elmer J. B. Sawyer, Supervisor submitted his report for the month of April, 1941 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Park Committee recommended that a Life Guard and life lines be placed at the Wading River Beach at the foot of Sound Road, Wading River during the bathing season.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that the Park Committee be authorized to employ a Life Guard to serve at the Wading River Beach at the pleasure of the Town Board from the 28th day of June, 1941 and ending on the 2nd day of September, 1941, inclusive, salary fixed at the rate of \$20.00 per week for seven days a week from the hours of 10:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. and further

RESOLVED that the said Committee be authorized to purchase the necessary life saving equipment for use at the said beach. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that Philip Karlin be and he hereby is appointed Special Policeman of the Town of Riverhead to serve on regular duty at Wading River under the supervision of the Special Officer in Charge. Said appointment to take effect on the 29th day of May, 1941 and continue until the 15th day of September, 1941, salary fixed at the rate of \$5.00 per day. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that Peter Lusik be and he hereby is appointed Special Policeman of the Town of Riverhead to serve on week-end duty at Wading River under the supervision of the Special Officer in Charge. Said appointment to take effect on the 29th day of May, 1941 and continue until the 15th day of September, 1941 at the rate of \$5.00 per day. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that Bruno Haupt be and he hereby is appointed Special Policeman of the Town of Riverhead to serve on regular duty at Jamesport to take effect on the 29th day of May, 1941 and continue until the 15th day of September, 1941 at the rate of \$5.00 per day. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Warner advised the Board that at a meeting of a representative body of taxpayers of the Riverhead Fire Protection District, it was suggested that a survey be made to ascertain all available sources of water throughout the Fire Protection District. He also advised that the Farm Bureau had already sent out about 400 questionnaires in conjunction with this matter and had response to about 75.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Welfare bills for the month of April, 1941.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, June 4, 1941 at 2:00 P. M.

Harry J. Kratochville, Town Clerk.

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