

Minutes of a Budget Hearing held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 1936 at 7:30 P. M. pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board.

Present:

Milton L. Burns, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Fred. H. Beutcher,
Joseph V. Kelly,
George E. Luce, Justices of the Peace.

Roger M. Wiley, Town Attorney and William H. Clark, Supt. of Highways were present.

The following notice of Budget Hearing was read.

Please take notice that the Annual Estimate of the Town of Riverhead has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk and that a hearing for the review thereof will be held at the Town Hall on Second Street and Roanoke Avenue in said Town on the 21st day of October, 1936 at 7:30 P. M. (Eastern Standard Time).

An affidavit of publication of the above Notice from the Riverhead News was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Burns declared the hearing open and advised all who desired could be heard at this time.

A communication was read from J. Leo Saxstien, Attorney, in regard to four items in the budget estimate for 1937, namely, the Dog Warden, Town Welfare, Highway Department and Planning and Zoning. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Lafayette Hand addressed the Board and spoke in opposition to the item of Planning and Zoning stating that it is too late to be of benefit to the Village of Riverhead and that the restrictions on property owners would be too great.

Mr. Lester Emmett, President of the Wading River Civic Association explained that Wading River was unanimously in favor of Town planning and zoning, describing the great detriment sustained by the beautiful residential development of Belle Terre, as a result of the operations of Land and Gravel Companies in that vicinity.

Mr. Henry Herbert a member of the Wading River Civic Association spoke in favor of Town Planning and Zoning, insisting that zoning would raise property values in the Town and protect its beauty. Further stating that in his opinion it is an absolute necessity to a community.

Mr. Lewis C. Austin addressed the Board in favor of zoning, stating that it has been unfortunately delayed too long.

Mrs. Hallock Luce, President of the Riverhead Garden Club, addressed the Board, advising that the club has unanimously indorsed Town Planning and Zoning in order to protect the beauty of the Town.

Mrs. I. M. Young, President of the Riverhead Woman's Club spoke in favor of Zoning and urged the Board to consider the matter very carefully.

Mr. Leo Saxstien addressed the Board in opposition to the zoning plan, questioning the initial cost of \$5,000.00 and also stating that the plan would only be of benefit to the Village people while the farmers would have to help pay for it. He also questioned the item of the Dog Warden and Highway Department.

Mr. Clarence E. Digan addressed the Board in favor of Zoning and stated that in spending \$5,000.00 for that purpose it would be a very good investment for the Town.

Mr. Garfield Corwin spoke in favor of zoning describing the benefit derived from it in the city of Larchmont.

Mr. Henry Herbert of Wading River speaking as an individual taxpayer, questioned the item of Justices of the Peace salaries, stating that in his opinion they should be reduced.

Mr. Reginald C. Smith in answering Mr. Herbert relative to the salaries of the Justices of Peace, stated that he had worked for two years with the Justices of the Peace as Town Attorney, and due to their increased duties and responsibilities under the new law, in his opinion they are not over paid.

Mr. Francis Howell addressed the Board in regard to surface water draining from Marcy and Sweezy Avenue, flowing across the State highway on West Main Street, damaging property and endangering the houses in that vicinity. He further stated that the County has bought an easement through his property for drainage purposes and if the Town would build curb and gutters along the south side of West Main Street from the Eastern Oil Company property east to Sweezy Avenue, the property owners will build concrete sidewalks.

Mr. Francis Creighton addressed the Board in regard to the matter of surface water damaging his property on West Main Street and urged the Board to consider the matter.

No one else desiring to be heard at this time the hearing was declared closed.

Harry J. Kratoville
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