

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 21, 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: Alden W. Young, Superintendent of Sewers, Roselle Benjamin, Water Plant Superintendent and John P. Riesdorff, Asst. Superintendent to the Water District.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on June 7, 1955, were submitted and on motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Pike, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dr. Eugene Gallagher appeared before the Board and presented a letter containing 12 names of residents of an apartment house situate at 726 East Main Street, Riverhead. The letter read as follows: "We, the undersigned, believe that some form of Rent Control is necessary in the Town of Riverhead. The tenants of 726 East Main Street have been made aware of this by the recent drastic increase in the rentals. We would be willing to appear at a meeting held for the purpose of instituting such controls if the meeting were held outside regular business hours." Dr. Eugene Gallagher expressed an opinion that rents in this apartment should be increased on a percentage basis and that he favored some form of rent control. The letter was ordered placed on file.

A communication was also read to the Board from Betty M. Blue of 724 East Main Street, Riverhead, regarding the rent at her apartment which will be raised 52.5% on July 1st. She stated that she felt that the years of rent control have been a definite hardship to the landlord and that a substantial increase is justifiable, but at the same time, she felt that any increase should be reasonable. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Paul Meyer, Mrs. Carrie Salmon, Mrs. Anna Riley, of East Main Street, Riverhead, appeared before the Board and voiced their opinions as regard rent controls. They all felt that some increase in rents was justified but that rent control in some form should be continued.

Mr. L. Y. Robinson of Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, appeared before the Board and voiced an opinion as not favoring a continuance of rent controls. He felt that rent control placed an undue hardship on the landlord.

Oliver W. Hubbard, Town Attorney, submitted copy of a letter that he wrote to Frank Ruskowski, Main Rd, Calverton, in regard to the abandonment of Fresh Pond Avenue as a Town Highway.

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A communication was read from Thomas E. Heffren, Local Rent Administrator, in which he mentioned that rent control in Riverhead would cease to exist as of July 1, 1955, unless the Town Board adopted a resolution for the continuance of rent control.

After due deliberation and discussion, it was decided by the Town Board that no action be taken for the continuance of rent control. Thus, rent control will cease to exist in the Town of Riverhead on and after July 1, 1955.

A Notice that the Application of the NORTHVILLE DOCK CORPORATION will be considered by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE for a grant of easement in land under water extending into Long Island Sound approximately 6600 feet was read and discussed. The Town Board instructed the Town Clerk to again write to the New York State Commission of Lands, Albany, N.Y. and advise that the Town of Riverhead wants to go on record as opposing the issuance of this grant as it would create many unpleasant conditions in this entire area.

A communication was read from the L.I. Lighting Company advising that on May 18th, one (1) 100 c.p. aerial street light was placed in operation in the Wading River Lighting District on Pole #92 on N. Wading River Road. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. Riverhead, N.Y. for the Town of Riverhead to advertise in the journal for the 62nd Annual Parade and Drill to be held in Riverhead on Saturday, July 16, 1955. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead take one full page of advertisement in the journal of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. in connection with the 62nd Annual Parade and Drill on July 16, 1955 for the sum of \$60.00. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from George M. Schmersal, 513 West Main St. Riverhead, on the matter of curbs and gutters on the south side of Main Street. Due to the fact that the State has raised and widened Main Street at that point, a drainage problem is created and it is felt that the situation should be investigated and corrected. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that a copy of the letter of George M. Schmersal, of 513 West Main Street, Riverhead be sent to the District Engineer, Department of Public Works, Babylon, New York, with the statement that the Town Board had many similar complaints and requests and feel that the complaints are justified and that the State Department of Public Works take some action to execute a cure for the drainage problem existing on the South Side of West Main Street, [SEE NEXT PAGE FOR CONTINUATION]

A discussion was held in regard to the taking of refuse & scrap metal from the Town Dump by private individuals. It was decided to call in the Town Dump custodians at the next Board meeting to discuss this matter.

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AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alden W. Young, Town Engineer, advised that the Town of Riverhead has a drainage easement with a three foot pipe leading to the River in the immediate vicinity which the Town of Riverhead would be glad to allow State Department use of same, and

FURTHER, that Mr. George M. Schmersal be sent a copy of the letter being sent to New York State Department of Public Works. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A petition of Harry W. Goodier and Roger T. Quinn, co-partners doing business as Quinn's Bus Line, for consent to assign franchise to John Archambault, was received by the Town Board, and as there were no objections, the petition was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard, it was Resolved that Harry W. Goodier and Roger T. Quinn, co-partners doing business as Quinn's Bus Line, be allowed to transfer franchise to John Archambault. 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 Donald M. Londahl-Smidt be appointed custodian at Reeves Beach for the 1955 season at \$60.00 per week commencing on June 25, 1955 thru Labor Day. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A discussion was held on the subject of equipment for the radiological defense unit for the Town of Riverhead, of which Henry T. Whitehead of Hallock Street is the director. The Board decided to have him appear at the next Board meeting to further explain about the equipment he will need.

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund---\$3550.38 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$987.80. On motion and vote it was Resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 5, 1955 at 10 A.M.

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

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