

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Thursday, January 8, 1942 at 2:00 P. M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Henry M. Zaleski,
Frank J. Smith,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred. H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace.

J. Leo Saxstien, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of Town Board Meetings held on December 30, 1941 and January 1, 1942 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from Mrs. Marguerite Emmett, Secretary of the Wading River Civic Association stating that the Association wishes to go on record as favoring the straightening of Parker Road, in front of Hart's Nurseries at Wading River. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Association of Towns of the State of New York giving notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Article 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws, that the 10th Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the City of Albany on February 18th and 19th, and possibly the 20th, 1942. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The matter in regard to the application of Mr. W. C. Pye, for a War Department permit to extend existing jetties and construct two additional jetties in Great Peconic Bay at Jamesport was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a report of taxes collected as of January 2, 1942 and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Frank Matthews addressed the Board stating that he as well as a number of other men, who reside in the Town of Riverhead are working on a W. P. A. job at Camp Upton, and that the matter of their transportation has become a hardship to the men. He therefore, asked the Town to furnish transportation for the W. P. A. workers to and from Camp Upton.

Mr. Matthews was advised that if there was any legal way in which transportation could be furnished it would be done.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that an employment agency be established in the Town of Riverhead under the supervision of the Supervisor and that he be authorized to expend the amount necessary for the purchase of cards and supplies. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. George W. Hildreth, Chairman of the Fire Commissioners of the Riverhead Fire District addressed the Board stating that the proposed contract for 1942 between the Riverhead Fire District and the Riverhead Fire Protection District was acceptable to the Commissioners of the Riverhead Fire District.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the Town Board enter into a contract with the Riverhead Fire District for the purchase of fire protection for the Riverhead Fire Protection District for the sum of \$4250.00 for the fiscal year of 1942 under the terms of a contract dated January 8, 1942. The vote, Justices Zaleski, Smith, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was RESOLVED that Supervisor Joseph V. Kelly be and he hereby is appointed Welfare Officer for the Town of Riverhead, retroactive as of January 1, 1942, said Welfare Officer to serve at the pleasure of the Board without compensation. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the Riverhead News be designated the official newspaper for the Town of Riverhead for 1942. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that Harry J. Kratoville be and he hereby is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Riverhead for a term ending December 31, 1943, said Registrar to serve without compensation. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the two clerks employed in the Welfare Office be paid on a semi-monthly basis. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the salary of the Clerk to the Supervisor be fixed at the base rate of \$1500.00 per annum. The vote, Justices Zaleski, Smith, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the salary of the Supervisor be fixed at the base rate of \$4000.00 per annum and further RESOLVED that the salary of each Justice of the Peace be fixed at the base rate of \$1800.00 per annum. The vote, Justices Zaleski, Smith, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the Town Superintendent of Highways is hereby authori-

zed to purchase under Section 142 of the Highway Law from Fred. M. Lewis with the approval of the County Supt. of Highways, one (1) used Autocar Truck, three-ton with four-yard dump body for a total price of \$900.00. The vote, Justices Zaleski, Smith, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that in the action of Reynold Ryan vs. the Town of Riverhead and L. I. Railroad Company, J. Leo Saxstien be substituted as attorney for the Town of Riverhead in the place and stead of Solomon Raffé, and that the Supervisor of said Town be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to execute a stipulation for such substitution of attorneys. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

A communication was read from the Atlantic Fertilizer Company requesting that Mr. Edward Vonatzski be deputized as Special Policeman, as they employ him as a night watchman at their fertilizer factory at Jamesport. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that Edward Vonatzski be appointed as Special Policeman for the Town of Riverhead to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board without compensation. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Justice Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Warner;

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead is a prosperous and thriving community, the County Seat of Suffolk County, New York, and a recognized and well patronized shopping center for a large area surrounding the Town, and

WHEREAS the principal shopping district in said Town is known as Main Street in the unincorporated village of Riverhead, New York, between Griffing Avenue on the west and East Avenue on the east, which said shopping district is about 2000 feet long, and

WHEREAS the said Main Street between these points is a State Highway, known as Route 25, and said street between these points is about 50 feet wide, and

WHEREAS prior to about five years ago there was permitted angular parking toward the curbs on both sides of said street, and after that time there has been parking parallel to the curb on the south side of said street, and angular parking on the north side thereof, and

WHEREAS about four years ago there was constructed by the County of Suffolk a by-pass known as County Road #58 to the north of the Village of Riverhead, which said by-pass has rerouted a very large part of the through traffic that formerly passed through the said Main Street in the village of Riverhead, and

WHEREAS at the north side of said Main Street between Griffing Avenue and East Avenue the sidewalk is an average of about 1½ feet higher than the top of the highway, with the result that if cars were to park parallel to it, the doors when opened would strike the cement curb, and prevent egress from or ingress to the parked car from the sidewalk side, and would make it necessary to emerge from the cars on the highway side, thereby creating a dangerous condition both for the parker and the users of the highway,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead do petition the State Highway Department to grant to the Town of Riverhead permission to retain parallel parking on the south side of said Main Street, and angular parking on the north side of Main Street, State Highway Route 25, between Griffing Avenue and East Avenue,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, certified by the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead be forwarded to the State Highway Department at Albany, New York. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

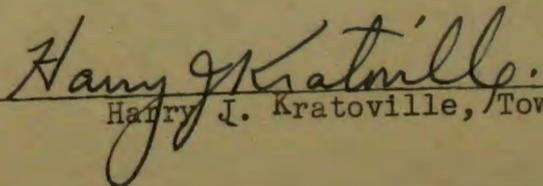
On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to invite a representative group of men of the Town to meet with the Town Board for the purpose of discussing the matter of obtaining governmental industry for the Town of Riverhead. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that the Town of Riverhead rent the Ford Automobile from the Riverhead Sewer District for Police purposes, for a rental price of \$15.00 per month. The vote, Justices Zaleski, Smith, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that the two Attendance Officers of the Town of Riverhead, be paid monthly at the rate of \$25.00 per month excluding the months of July and August. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Town bills to date.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 21st, 1942 at 2:00 P. M.



Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.