

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 15, 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.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on Wednesday, April 1, 1942 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Mr. Joseph Wachslar, proprietor of the West End Diner addressed the Board in regard to closing his music box at 11:00 P. M. from April to November. He stated that he is willing to co-operate in the matter, however, he felt that the Hotel Henry Perkins itself is responsible for some of the noise and that they should meet him half way. He said that 11:00 P. M. is too early and that he would be satisfied to close the music box at 12:00 midnight. The matter was held over until the next regular meeting of the Board at which time Paul O'Dea, Manager of the Hotel and Mr. Wachslar would be invited to discuss the situation to a satisfactory conclusion.

Mr. Solomon Raffae, Attorney at Law, representing the firm of Tofte and Raffuse of Centre Moriches, N. Y., addressed the Board stating that this firm makes a business of picking up dead and diseased ducks from the duck ranches of the Town. He said that this firm originated the idea and was diligent in going to the various duck farms daily whether there was one or a hundred ducks. They pick and treat the feathers for sale and then freeze the rest of the ducks and sell them to various meat scrap concerns. He further stated that this concern has been doing this for about 10 years and after they had made it into a lucrative business other individuals and concerns came into the picture offering all kinds of inducements to duck raisers to let them pick up the dead and diseased ducks on their farms. However, Mr. Raffae said that this created confusion whereby barrels of dead and diseased ducks were left on the various farms for weeks at time letting the ducks decay, thus creating a health menace. He asked the Board to adopt some sort of ordinance to eliminate this menace. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney for investigation and report.

A communication was read from Town Attorney J. Leo Saxstien stating that having been requested to report to the U. S. NAVY on April 6th, I hereby tender my resignation as Town Attorney. The communication was ordered placed on file.

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

WHEREAS, J. LEO SAXSTIEN, has served as Town Attorney of the Town of Riverhead since the first day of January, 1942, and

WHEREAS, he has by enlistment become a member of the armed forces of the United States, attached to the United States Navy, and has tendered his resignation as Town Attorney, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does hereby regretfully accept the said resignation effective as of this date, and be it further

RESOLVED, this Board go on record expressing its appreciation for the services he rendered the Town as Town Attorney and that we hereby extend our congratulations to him for his acceptance for service by the United States Navy, and that we extend our best wishes for his success in the service. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that Seth A. Hubbard be and he hereby is appointed Town Attorney for the Town of Riverhead effective as of April 15, 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.

Town Attorney Hubbard signed his Oath of Office and thanked the members of the Board for his appointment assuring them that he would serve the Town to the best of his ability.

A communication was read from Mr. Herman E. Aldrich stating that according to a recent radio announcement Mayor LaGuardia advocates an extra hour of daylight saving for New York City, and suggests that Westchester County and Long Island go along with them. The communication was ordered placed on file.

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

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Riverhead Town Board that the Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia has advocated the adoption of one hour of additional daylight saving time to cover the period that summer daylight saving time has heretofore been in effect in and about the metropolitan district of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Riverhead is essentially an agricultural community, and

WHEREAS, the farmers in this community practically unanimously are opposed to the adoption of an additional hour of daylight saving time, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby expresses its objection to the proposed plan of an hour's additional daylight saving time during the summer period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Mayor of the City of New York and to the Clerk of the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors in order that the wishes of this community in the premises may be considered. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

A communication was read from the Long Island Lighting Company in regard to the seven additional lights in the parking field between Griffing and Roanoke Avenues, advising that owing to the restrictions of and the difficulty in obtaining materials due to the National Defense Program, they cannot commit themselves as to when the order will be completed. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly advised that he had written to the War Production Board in regard to the above matter and that it had turned him down stating that no new work would be granted. However, he said that he had arranged a temporary hook-up of lights for the parking field which would be sufficient for the present or until such time when permanent lights could be obtained.

The report of the Welfare Department for the month of March, 1942 was submitted by the Welfare Committee and on motion and vote the report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

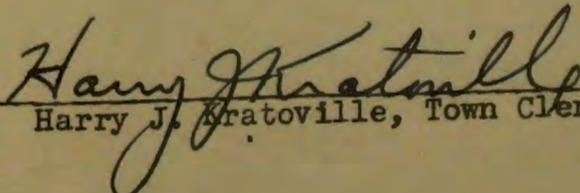
Supervisor Kelly submitted his monthly report for the month of March, 1942 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The matter of placing bicycle racks at advantageous places in the Town, at the suggestion of Mr. Maynard Hencle of the 4-H Club was discussed and referred to Justice Smith as a Committee to consult Mr. Hencle who had already stated that the racks could be made by the 4-H Club's work shop if the material was furnished by the Town.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that a temporary Honor Roll in tribute to the men in the United States Service from the Town of Riverhead be placed in the Town Hall pending a permanent tribute at a later date. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Welfare bills for the month of March, 1942.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, May 6, 1942 at 2:00 P. M.


Harry J. Kratochvil, Town Clerk.