

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Office, on Thursday, January 4, 1934 at 10 A. M.

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Present:-

Milton L. Burns, Supervisor

Robert Burnside,
Syrena Stackpole,
George E. Luce,
Julian Rubenstein, Justices of the Peace.

William H. Clark, Town Superintendent of Highways was present.

The minutes of the Town Board meeting held on December 28, 1933 were read and on motion and vote duly adopted.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Burnside, it was Resolved that Harry J. Kratoville be and he hereby is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of four years. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Mr. U. L. Trice representative of the United States Fidelity Company, addressed the board in reference to the collateral which the local banks should furnish as security for town funds deposited as per Section 29 of the new Town Law.

The communications from Russell Griffin and Frank Tatum relative to their applications for special policemen were read and ordered placed on file.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to deposit the Town Funds in the following banks, The Suffolk County Trust Company, The Suffolk County National Bank, The Long Island State Bank and Trust Company, as evenly as possible. The vote, Justice Burnside, Stackpole, Luce, and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to accept from each of the banks designated as depositories, securities to the extent of 50% of the Supervisor's bond or \$20,000, and such securities be bonds or certificates of the United States, the State of New York, or any County, City, Town, or School District of the State of New York. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved that all appointments made by this Board today be effective as of January 1, 1934. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Stackpole, it was Resolved that Whereas there are several former employees of the Town who have continued to work though they have not received an appointment from the Town Board, and that Whereas this Board feels that such employees should be compensated for their work, therefore, Be It Resolved that former employees not receiving reappointment who have worked January 1, 2, 3 and 4 be paid the same rate of pay they formerly received for those four days. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved that the office of Town Attorney be established, and that the salary be fixed at \$1,000, per annum, payable monthly. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved that Reginald C. Smith, be and he hereby is appointed Town Attorney. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Burnside, seconded by Supervisor Burns, it was Resolved that Thomas E. Greene be appointed Town Public Welfare Officer of and for the town of Riverhead. The vote Justices Burnside Yes, Justice Stackpole, No, Justice Luce, Not voting, and Justice Rubenstein Votes No, Supervisor Burns, Votes Yes. Total Vote Yes 2, No 2, Not voting 1. Supervisor Burns thereupon declared that the resolution had been defeated.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Stackpole, it was Resolved that William Terry be appointed Town Public Welfare Officer of and for the town of Riverhead. The vote, Justice Burnside Votes No, Justices Stackpole Votes Yes, Justice Luce, Not Voting, Justice Rubenstein Votes Yes, Supervisor Burns Votes No. Total Vote Yes 2, No 2, Not Voting 1. Supervisor Burns thereupon declared that the resolution had been defeated.

Mrs Bagg of the County Welfare Bureau addressed the Board calling their attention to the requirements of the State in regard

to the ability of the person serving as Town Public Welfare Officer of a Town. Also that the attitude of the State Department is that there should be as few changes as possible pertaining to this kind of work.

Mr. Hattirick addressed the Board, calling to their attention the fact that in his mind, the duties of a Town Public Welfare Officer of a Town are not such that a competent, though inexperienced person would not be able to perform the duties involved.

On motion duly made by Justice Luce, seconded by Justice Burnside, it was Resolved that Montraville M. Burr be appointed Town Public Welfare Officer of and for the Town of Riverhead. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, No. Total votes, Yes 4, No 1. Supervisor Burns thereupon declared that the resolution had been carried.

On motion made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Supervisor Burns, it was Resolved, that John Kruzon be appointed as a Clerk to the Board of Assessors, at the pleasure of the Board. Salary fixed at the rate of \$2000 per annum, payable monthly. The votes Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved that Helen Block be appointed as General Clerk at the pleasure of the Board. Salary fixed at the rate of \$1,040 per annum, payable monthly. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved, that Sadie Goldberg be appointed as General Clerk, at the pleasure of the Board. Salary fixed at the rate of \$1,040 per annum, payable monthly. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved, that Frank White be appointed working Clerk to the Receiver of Taxes at \$5.00 per day for a period not to exceed 30 days, beginning January 1, 1934, such appointment being at the pleasure of the Board. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Luce for the appointment of Sybil Boomer as General Clerk was brought to the attention of the Board.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved, that the appointment of more clerks be deferred until a later meeting. The vote, Justice Burnside, No, Justice Stackpole, Yes, Justice Luce, No, Justice Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 3, No 2. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved, that the Board appoint six Special Policemen for a period not to exceed 30 days, such appointments being at the pleasure of the Board, base salary fixed at \$1,500 per annum, payable monthly, as follows: Roswell C. Homan, Frank Bowinski, Alex Buttonow, Walter Luce, John M. Burgess, Jr, and William B. Walters, Jr. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, No. Total votes, Yes 4, No 1. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion made by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Stackpole, it was Resolved, that the following be appointed as employees of the Water District:- R. O. Weston and Roselle Benjamin at the rate of \$2200 per annum, Roscoe Conklin at the rate of \$2000 per annum, Kenneth Randall at the rate of \$1500 and Kenneth Crayton at the rate of \$1250 per annum, at the pleasure of the Board, salaries payable monthly.

Above resolution by unanimous consent amended by Justice Rubenstein, seconded by Justice Stackpole as follows: Resolved, that R. O. Weston, licensed Engineer be appointed in the place of Roscoe Conklin who is not an Engineer. Salary fixed at \$2200 per annum, payable monthly. The vote, Justice Burnside, No, Justice Stackpole, Yes, Justice Luce, No, Justice Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, No. Total votes, Yes 2, No 3. Supervisor Burns thereupon declared that the resolution had eben defeated.

On motion duly made by Justice Burnside, seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved, that the following be appointed as employees of the Water District, Roselle Benjamin at the rate of \$2200 per annum, Roscoe Conklin at the rate of \$2000 per annum, Kenneth Randall at the rate of \$1500 per annum and Kenneth Crayton at the rate of \$1250 per annum, at the pleasure of the Board for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Above resolution by unanimous consent amended by Justice Burnside, seconded by Justice Luce as follows: That George A. Brown be appointed as Engineer at the Water Plant for a period not to exceed 30 days, at the pleasure of the Board, salary fixed at the rate of \$1000 per month.

A roll call vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows: Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Supervisor Burns addressed the Board stating that due to the small budget he is refunding 10% of his salary to the Town.

Supervisor Burns also informed the Board that he has received the sum of \$2336.10 from the County Treasurer for the Towns share of the bank tax for the quarter ending November 30, 1933.

Road Commissioner Clark addressed the Board advising that the Town owns a large tractor which could not be used without expending a sum of \$1,800 for repairs, that said tractor had not been used by the former Superintendent of Highways, and requested permission of the Town Board to sell said tractor to the Caterpillar Tractor Company and also requested permission to sell an oil tank which was of no use to the Town.

Frank Bess addressed the Board and made an offer of \$10.00 for the oil tank.

Superintendent of Highways Clark also requested permission to buy the gasoline tank already installed at his headquarters for the N. R. A. Code price of \$70.00.

The Supervisor appointed Justice Rubenstein and Justice Luce a Committee to confer with Superintendent of Highways Clark in reference to the above matters, with power to act.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned until January 10, 1934 at 2 P. M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.