

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 16, 1942 at 2:00 P. M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Frank J. Smith,
Joseph J. Ruskowski,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred. H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace.

Seth A. Hubbard, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting held on December 2, 1942 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly tendered his resignation as Chief of the Riverhead Town Police effective as of this date.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that the resignation of Joseph V. Kelly as Chief of the Riverhead Town Police be accepted. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

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

WHEREAS, the resignation of Supervisor Joseph V. Kelly as Chief of Police created a vacancy in such office,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appointment heretofore made designating John M. Burgess as a Special School Police Officer is hereby terminated, and be it further

RESOLVED that John M. Burgess, be and he hereby is appointed Officer in Charge of the Police Patrolmen of the Town of Riverhead to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board at a base pay of \$2000.00 per annum, effective immediately. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner, and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from the State Insurance Fund in regard to the matter of Workmen's Compensation coverage of all Town Officers. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Travelers Insurance Company in regard to Bond No. 15581 of Supervisor Kelly who is entering the Armed Services. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that Bond No. 15581 of the Travelers Indemnity Company bonding Joseph V. Kelly as Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead be and the

same is hereby cancelled beginning the 1st day of January, 1943, and further

RESOLVED that Bond No. 36212 of the United States Casualty Company bonding Joseph V. Kelly as Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead covering Highway moneys be and the same is hereby cancelled beginning the 1st day of January, 1943. The vote, Justices Smith, Muskowski, Warner, and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A copy of a communication was read from Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor, to Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes, dated December 16, 1942 acknowledging receipt of \$16,000.00 on account of School Moneys of the 1942-43 Tax Collections. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a statement of taxes, collected as of December 16, 1942 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

A statement of vote cast at the Annual Election of the Riverhead Fire District held on Tuesday, December 1, 1942 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

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

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the following sums of moneys from the Current Surplus Account to the following Accounts:

Supervisor's Office Expense	\$ 7.50
Tax Receiver's Office Supplies	3.87
Tax Receiver's Publishing Tax Notice	7.44
Tax Receiver's Clerk Hire	200.00
Dog Warden	158.00
Upkeep of Town Dump	104.00
Insurance	150.27

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$289.30 from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Expense Account. The vote, Justice Smith, Muskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead is about to be inducted into the Army of the United States, and

WHEREAS, immediately upon such induction by operation of law he will temporarily vacate his office as Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, under date of March 7, 1942, the said Joseph V. Kelly dedicated a portion of his residential property for use as a public parking field without seeking remuneration therefor because of his official position as Supervisor;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the impending military service of said Joseph V. Kelly and of the equities involved in the situation; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town of Riverhead release and relieve said dedication agreement executed by him under date of March 7, 1942; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead be and he hereby is authorized to lease the following described premises, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land in the Village and Town of Riverhead, New York, commencing at a point in the northerly line of lands of said Joseph V. Kelly, which point is distant 20 feet westerly from the southwest corner of lands of Litchard, and running thence southerly about 43 feet to the southerly line of lands of Joseph V. Kelly, the said course being five feet westerly from a Maple tree on said lands; thence running westerly along the southerly line of lands of said Kelly to the Southwest corner of his property; thence running north along his westerly line about 43 feet to the northwesterly corner of lands of said Kelly; thence running easterly to the point or place of beginning.

for an annual rental of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per year for the calendar years 1943 and 1944, said annual rentals of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars each to be paid on or before the 10th day of January of each year. The vote, Justices Smith, Muskowski, Warner and Butcher, Supervisor Kelly, Not Voting. Total vote, Yes 4, Not Voting 1, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, consideration is now being given by the Townships in the various parts of the State of New York for proposed State Aided Postwar Public Works Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has given consideration to such proposed projects, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Riverhead does hereby propose and submit the following proposed improvements to be included in the State Aided Postwar Public Works program

Highway Barn, estimated cost	\$ 20,000.00
Sidewalks & Curbing, estimated cost	150,000.00
Sludge Tank Cover, estimated cost (For Riverhead Sewer District)	20,000.00
Town Hall, estimated cost	100,000.00
Road Projects, estimated cost	<u>150,000.00</u>
Total-	\$440,000.00

The foregoing proposed projects are being submitted, however, with the distinct understanding that the Town of Riverhead shall not at this time make any commitment for the expenditure of any funds for the preparation of detailed plans or otherwise. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 3, Subdivision 1, Group 19 of the New York Workmen's Compensation Law, as amended, requires that municipal corporations, or other political subdivisions of the state, must take appropriate action by its governing body in order to include elected and appointed officials of the town within the coverage of Workmen's Compensation Insurance carried by the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Town Board as the governing body of the Town of Riverhead does hereby elect that all of the elected and appointed officials of the Town of Riverhead be included in the coverage given the Town of Riverhead in the Workmen's Compensation Insurance carried by the Town. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly addressed the meeting and stated that whereas this was his last meeting before entering the Armed Services, he wished to convey to all Town Officers his feeling of appreciation for their cooperation and good fellowship. He paid tribute to the other members of the Town Board and said that he knew that things would go along just the same under their guidance and leadership. He considered them his personal friends as well as his official friends and wished all much success in the future.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 30th, 1942 at 2:00 P. M.

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Present:

Frank J. Smith,
Joseph J. Ruskowski,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred. H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace.

Seth A. Hubbard, Town Attorney was present.

Justice Boutcher was duly elected Chairman of the Meeting.

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

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that Mr. Lee Hollingsworth, a resident of Riverhead and others associated with him have formed a corporation known as The Eastern Broadcasting Company for the purpose of establishing and operating a radio station to serve Suffolk and Nassau Counties, and

WHEREAS, we feel such a station is needed in this area and the men associated in the enterprise are qualified to conduct the contemplated activity, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does hereby express its approval of the plan to establish such a radio station. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Total vote, Yes 4, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Ruskowski, it was RESOLVED that the amount of the Supervisor's Town Bond be fixed at \$40,000.00 and further

RESOLVED that the amount of the Supervisor's bond covering Highway moneys be fixed at \$107,408.14, and further

RESOLVED that the amount of the Bond of Justice of the Peace William Leonard, be fixed at \$1,000.00. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Total vote, Yes 4, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Ruskowski and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that the resolution dated December 16th, 1942, terminating the designation of John M. Burgess as a Special School Police Officer and appointing him Officer in Charge of the Police Patrolmen of the Town of Riverhead be and the same is hereby rescinded. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Total vote, Yes 4, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the resignation of Supervisor Joseph V. Kelly as Chief of Police, creates a vacancy in such office, be it

RESOLVED that John M. Burgess, be and he hereby is appointed Provisional Acting Officer in Charge of the Police Patrolmen of the Town of Riverhead effective December 16th, 1942 until December 31st, 1942, to serve at a base rate of \$2000.00 per annum. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Total vote, Yes 4, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was RESOLVED that Bond No. 593884 of the National Surety Corporation bonding William J. Leonard as Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead in the amount of \$1000.00 be approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Ruskowski and Smith, Yes. Total vote, Yes 4, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

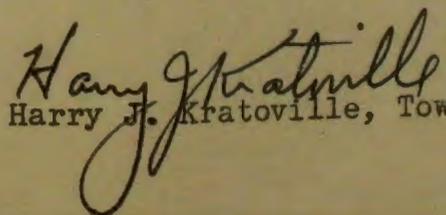
Justice Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Warner

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Kelly, served as Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead from January 1st, 1942 to December 18th, 1942, at which time he was inducted into the Army of the United States after having voluntarily enlisted for training in the Army Officers' Candidate School, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does hereby record its appreciation for the services that he performed for the Town in his official capacity and we hereby extend our congratulations for his acceptance in the U. S. Army Officers' Candidate School, and we extend our best wishes for his success in Military Service. The vote, Justices Smith, Ruskowski, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Total vote, Yes 4, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Accounts of all Town Officers who received and disbursed monies during the year, 1942 and ordered them placed on file.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on Friday, January 1, 1943 at 10:00 A. M.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.