

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Clerk's Office, Friday, November 28th, 1919 at 8:00 P.M.

Present:

B. Frank Howell, Supervisor.

Jos. W. Kratoville, Town Clerk.

Robert Burnside,
Wm. F. Flanagan,
Wm. L. Miller,
Walter S. Downs,
Justices.

Minutes of previous meeting read and on motion adopted.

Dr. A. G. Terrell, Health Officer of the Town of Riverhead, appeared before the Town Board and requested that Rules Nos. One to Twelve inclusive of the State Department of Health be adopted.

On motion made, seconded and carried the following rules and regulations of the State Department of Health Nos. One to Twelve inclusive were adopted.

"1- Submitting specimens for laboratory examination in cases of syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid. It shall be the duty of every physician to submit promptly to the laboratory of the State Department of Health, or to a laboratory approved for this purpose by the State Commissioner of health, such specimens for laboratory examination and such data relating thereto as may be prescribed in the special rules and regulations issued by the state commissioner of health from every person affected with syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancroid, or from any person in whom suspicion of such disease exists.

11- Instruction of persons affected with syphilis, gonorrhoea or Chancroid. It shall be the duty of every physician when first attending a person affected with syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancroid to instruct said person in the precautions to be taken in order to avoid the communication of the disease to others, and to inform him of the necessity of continuing

the treatment until cured; and further to hand to him a circular of information and advice issued or approved by the state commissioner of health.

III- Records of cases of syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid not to be disclosed. Records of the State Department of health of any local department or local health officer relating to cases of syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid, shall not be made public so as to disclose the identity of the persons to whom they relate, except insofar as may be necessary to safeguard the public health against those who disobey the rules and regulations of the state and local officials relating to these diseases or to secure conformity to the laws of the state.

IV- Occupations forbidden to persons affected with syphilis, or gonorrhoea in the infective stage. No persons affected with syphilis in the infective stage shall engage in the occupation of nurse, nursemaid, domestic servant, barber, hairdresser, chiropodist, manicure, bath attendant or masseur, or in any other occupation in which he may infect other with syphilis. No person affected with gonorrhoea in the infective stage shall engage in any occupation which involves intimate contact with children.

V- Reporting person violating laws and regulations concerning syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid. If any person affected with syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancroid shall violate any regulation of this code or the sanitary code of the state of New York by which the public is safeguarded against these diseases, or any provision of the public health law relating to the so-called venereal diseases, through which violation, in the judgment of a physician attending him, said person becomes a menace to the public health, said physician shall immediately report the name and address of said person to the local health officer who shall at once forward a copy of the report to the bureau of venereal diseases of the state department of health; whereupon the local board of health or health officer in accordance with the provisions of the public health law shall take such procedure as will prevent said person continuing a menace to the public health and assist in his cure.

VI- Duties of physician and others under the public health law concerning syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid. It shall be the duty of every physician or other person required to perform any duty or refrain from any act under article 17-b of the public health law as added by chapter 264 of the laws of 1918, provided for the regulation of syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid (venereal diseases) to take all steps incumbent on him and necessary to carry into effect the provisions of said law.

VII- Examinations to be reported in full on special form. The results of the examination of persons as provided for in section 343 m and n of the public health law as added by chapter 264, laws of 1918, shall be reported on a form

prescribed by the state department of health and shall include the following; An examination of the skin and its appendages, lymph nodes, mucous membranes of the mouth and throat, genitals and the results of the following laboratory examination: Wassermann reaction, smears from the urethra and prostatic fluid in the male and from the urethra, Bartholin's glands and cervix uteri in the female.

VIII-Period of observation and duration of treatment of cases of syphilis. All persons affected with syphilis shall be kept under continuous medical observation and treatment until all the lesions of the skin and mucous membranes are healed, and until two negative complement-fixation (Wassermann) tests have been made at intervals of not less than one month. Such tests shall be made not less than six months after the disappearance of the initial chancre and not less than two months after the last treatment has been administered. After two negative specimens have been so obtained, all persons designated in the preceding shall submit specimens of their blood for the complement-fixation (Wassermann) test at intervals of three months for the succeeding two years. These examinations shall be made in a laboratory or laboratories approved for this purpose by the state commissioner of health.

IX-Period of observation and duration of treatment of cases of gonorrhoea in the male. All males affected with gonorrhoea shall be kept under continuous medical observation and treatment until all clinical signs of the disease have disappeared, and until smears from the urethra and prostatic fluid fail morphologically to show gonococci at two consecutive examinations made at an interval of not less than one week, the first smear to be taken at least one week after the last treatment. These examinations shall be made in a laboratory or laboratories approved for this purpose by the state commissioner of health.

X- Period of observation and duration of treatment of cases of gonorrhoea in the female. All females affected with gonorrhoea shall be kept under continuous medical observation and treatment until all clinical signs of the disease have disappeared and until smears from the urethra, cervix uteri or other foci of gonorrhoeal infection fail morphologically to show gonococci at two consecutive examinations made at an interval of not less than one week, the first smear to be taken at least one week after the last treatment. These examinations shall be made in a laboratory or laboratories approved for this purpose by the state commissioner of health.

XI-Period of observation and duration of treatment of cases of chancroid. All persons presenting the clinical manifestations of chancroid shall be kept under continuous medical observation and treatment until all open lesions are completely healed and until the laboratory examination of specimens from such cases have indicated through the lack of evidence of syphilis that the case is one of chancroid and may thus,

after the healing of the local lesions, safely be discharged from observation. In cases of combined chancroid and chancre, the patient shall be kept under continuous medical observation and treatment until all the lesions of the skin and mucous membrane are healed and until two negative complement-fixation (wassermann) tests have been made at intervals of not less than one month. Such tests shall be made not less than six months after the disappearance of the initial lesion, and not less than two months after the last treatment has been administered. After two negative specimens have been so obtained, all such persons shall submit specimens of their blood for the complement-fixation (Wassermann) test at intervals of three months for the succeeding two years. These examinations shall be made in a laboratory or laboratories approved for this purpose by the state commissioner of health.

XII-Isolation in cases of syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid.

When in the opinion of the health officer it is necessary to safeguard the public, a person affected with syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancroid shall be isolated in a hospital, institution or other place designated by the health officer for such period as may be deemed necessary by him."

On motion made, seconded and carried Supervisor B. Frank Howell and Town Clerk Joseph W. Kratoville were authorized to borrow the sum of Seventeen Hundred Twenty-Three and 30/100 (\$1723.30) Dollars from the Suffolk County Trust Company, Riverhead, N.Y. to pay audited bills.

WHEREAS H. P. Morgan & Co., New York City has presented to the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead five bonds of the Riverhead Water District, which mature on December 1st, 1919 and demand payment thereof according to their terms and the amount due thereon being the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars and interest, and whereas the amount of such principal to wit: Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars has been inserted in the Tax Levy of said Town for the year 1919, therefore be it resolved that this Board in anticipation of the Taxes for the current fiscal year borrow upon the faith

and credit of the Town the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying the principal of said bonds so due as aforesaid by issuing a temporary certificate of indebtedness in said amount payable on the 1st day of February 1930^{vi} at a rate of interest not to exceed 5% per annum signed by the Supervisor and Town Clerk and that the proceeds thereof be placed to the credit of the Supervisor and by him paid to the holder of said bonds upon the surrender and cancellation thereof.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Joseph W. Stratton
Town Clerk.