

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in conjunction with the Fire Chiefs of Fire Departments within the Town of Riverhead, for the purpose of discussing changes and/or additions to Town of Riverhead Fire Protection Ordinance No. 2, held in the Town Hall on March 23, 1964 at 7:30 P. M.

Present:

Robert B. Vojvoda, Supervisor

Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr.

Thomas R. Costello, Justices of the Peace

Vincent B. Grodski

George G. Young, Councilmen

Fire Chiefs:

Donald Walsh, Riverhead Fire Department

Roger Romaine, Jamesport Fire Department

Frank Magnani, Manorville Fire Department

Edmund J. Condzella, Wading River Fire Department

Also present: Assistant Chiefs of aforementioned Fire Departments and Edward R. Munson, Building Inspector.

Supervisor Vojvoda called the meeting to order at 7:40 P. M.

Fire Chief Walsh appeared as spokesman for the Fire Department Group and offered proposed recommendations for changes and/or additions to Fire Protection Ordinance No. 2 as follows:

SECTION 9, Paragraph a.

Whenever and wherever the word or words, "Chief of the Fire Department or plural thereof", are used in the Fire Protection Ordinance, they shall include and mean, "Chief and/or his Assistant Chiefs in the Fire Department in the District or Protection District in which the premises affected are located."

(After due deliberation on aforementioned Section 9, Paragraph a., it was resolved that Fire Permits be issued by those responsible for protection of a given area instead of Town Clerk who presently issues same. Permits to be filed in respective Fire Department files).

ARTICLE 1 - SECTION 105.

ADD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

"Upon the complaint of the Chief and/or his Assistant Chiefs of a hazardous or dangerous condition existing in the interior of a private dwelling, the Fire Inspector be given the authority to inspect same and take the necessary action granted in this Ordinance."

(After discussion, the Fire Group requested that above mentioned paragraph be omitted in the event Building and Housing Codes are adopted by the Town).  
Correction: That the Town Clerk be directed to ask the Fire Chiefs if they would like the paragraph 'inserted' rather than 'omitted', as it is not known when the Building and Housing Codes would be adopted by the Town, and that the Fire Chiefs submit a report of their decision to the Board. 4/21/64.

SECTION 108

Change Paragraph b. After the words, "Fire Inspector", include the following; "or the Chief and/or his Assistants of the Fire Department in the District or Protection District in which the premises affected are located. "

PARAGRAPH c.

DELETE the words, "Town Clerk" and ADD the following; "Fire Inspector or Chief and/or his Assistants of the Fire Department in the District or Protection District in which the premises affected are located. "

ADD PARAGRAPH e., as follows:

"Permits are not transferable, or change in use or occupancy of the premises shall require a new permit. No permit to be issued for more than one (1) year. "

SECTION 109, Paragraph a.

ADD after the words, "Fire Inspector", to include the following; "or Chief and/or his Assistants of the Fire Department in the District or Protection District in which the premises affected are located. "

SECTION 303

ADD after the words "Fire Inspector", to include the following; "or Chief and/or his Assistants of the Fire Department in the District or Protection District in which the premises affected are located. "

SECTION 802

ADD the following; "All Sprinkler Systems shall have some type of Audible or Automatic Alarm outside building to call attention to the fact that the system is on. "

(After due discussion on aforementioned Section 802, the question arose on annual inspection of sprinkler system).

(Supervisor Vojvoda referred this Section to the Fire Chiefs for further study and report).

SECTION 904-c

CHANGE to read as follows; "A survey of the topography of the land upon which tanks are proposed to be placed for storage of flammable liquids, shall be made by a licensed Land Surveyor, to ascertain the grade of the land with respect to adjoining property. All installations of bulk storage tanks above ground for flammable liquids shall be diked to not less than 50% of the capacity of each installation. Regular inspections, by reputable inspectors, shall be made and a record kept at the installation readily available to the Fire Inspector, of the condition of all tanks above ground with respect to possible rupture or leaking.

Proper fire control equipment or devices shall be available as prescribed in Section 16.58 of Fire Prevention Code recommended by the National Fire Underwriters. "

(After due discussion on tank ruptures, dikes, etc., it was resolved to spell out in Section 904-c, who should be the qualified person to make the inspection).

Chief Walsh: "You may want to designate a Tank Engineer to make the inspection, or use whatever word you feel is proper----when we first started working on these changes, we used layman language---we will leave the proper Ordinance wording for the Town Board and the Town Attorney to insert."

SECTION 904-Paragraph f.

TO BE ADDED, and to read as follows; "All fire protection equipment required in Article 8 shall be kept in working condition. Extinguishers and hose and similiar appliances shall be visible and convenient at all times. It shall be the duty of the tenant and the owner of this type operation to properly train the personnel in the correct use of fire appliances so that they can be quickly put in operation. This type operation shall have on the premises at least one (1) 15 gallon type CO<sup>2</sup> Extinguisher, or equivalent, and shall be inspected at least annually.

SECTION 1005.

TO BE ADDED, and to contain contents of above Section 904-Paragraph f.

SECTION 1104

FIRST PARAGRAPH to be identified as "Paragraph a."

ADD: Paragraph b. as written in Article 21 Section 21.6 Paragraph b. of Fire Prevention Code recommended by the National Fire Underwriters. (Pages 133-134).

ARTICLE 14 - SECTION 1401.

Paragraph a. and b. to be DELETED and REPLACED by Paragraph "n" of Section 2, Fire Ordinance Town of Islip 1935. (Pages 5-6).

(End of recommendations)

During an informal discussion on various matters pertaining to the Fire Ordinance, Building Inspector Edward Munson called to the attention of the group that the Town of Riverhead Fire Ordinance does not include a section relative to control of Lumber Yards.

Mr. Munson added that the Brookhaven Township's Ordinance contains a good section on Lumber Yards which the Town of Riverhead could use as a guide, said section being Article 14 of Town of Brookhaven Fire Prevention Ordinance.

After due deliberation, it was resolved to ADD Article on Lumber Yards and Woodworking Plants in the Town of Riverhead Fire Ordinance.

Mr. Munson referred to Article 6, pertaining to Explosives as contained in the Town of Riverhead Fire Ordinance and stated he felt said Article 6 should be modified for the reason that it is covered by Article 16 of the N. Y. Labor Law and Industrial Code Rule #39.

Fire Chief Walsh thanked the members of the Town Board on behalf of the Fire Group for making this all important meeting possible.

Supervisor Vojvoda in turn thanked the Fire Chiefs and Assistant Fire Chiefs for attending the meeting and announced that he would schedule a meeting with the Town Attorney, Building Inspector and himself to finalize the proposed recommendations as approved, into proper ordinance phraseology. Chief Walsh also will be in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

HMB.

*Helene M. Block*, Town Clerk

Correction:

Section 802 on page 78: That a paragraph be added pertaining to periodic inspections of sprinkler systems and designating person or persons to make the inspections, and that the Fire Chiefs be requested to submit a report to the Board regarding this addition to said section. 4/21/64.

*Helene M. Block, Town Clerk*