

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 16, 1952 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Frank J. Yousik,
Charles W. Gatz, Justices of the Peace

Edward W. Connors, Town Attorney was also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on July 2, 1952 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Notice of Public Hearing in regard to the contracts for fire protection for the Riverhead Fire Protection District for the year 1953 was read.

Proof of Publication of the above notice was read and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly thereupon declared the hearing open and anyone who wished could be heard at that time.

Mr. Carl F. Peterson, Commissioner of the Riverhead Fire District addressed the Board stating that he did not hear about the public hearing on the Fire Protection District contracts last year until it was too late to attend, however, when the Riverhead Fire District heard the amount allowed ~~last year~~, they were surprised, based upon the amount of service rendered. He made a comparison of the amount of service rendered by the Riverhead Fire Department in the Riverhead Fire District to that in the Riverhead Fire Protection District during the year 1951 as follows: Number of fires in the District 69, out of District 59; number of miles traveled in the District 399, out of District 1,484; number of man hours in the District 727; number of man hours out of District 966. He said that the Riverhead Fire Department has studied the matter very carefully, taking into consideration the cost and wear and tare on their expensive equipment, the amount of service rendered, they feel that the Riverhead Fire District should be allowed the sum of \$8,000.00 for the fiscal year of 1953 which sum is approximately one-quarter of the Riverhead Fire District Budget.

Mr. Forrest A. Yeager, Chief of the Riverhead Fire District addressed the Board and concurred with what Commissioner Peterson had said. He said that the matter revolves on facts and figures and he feels that the Riverhead Fire Protection District should share proportionately in the cost and ware on the equipment.

Mr. William E. Miller, Chief of the Wading River Fire Department, Inc. addressed the Board stating that their budget is about \$4,000.00 of which they receive approximately \$1,000.00 from the Riverhead Fire Protection District and approximately \$500.00 from the Town of Brookhaven. The rest is received by voluntary contributions with about one out of every five contributing anything in their area. He felt that the Wading

River Fire Dept. Inc. ought to receive approximately \$2500.00 for the year 1953 from the Riverhead Fire Protection District and then everyone in their area would pay their proportionate share. He said that he did not feel that anyone in the Wading River area would object to that amount for the reason that the rate would still be less than the rate paid by the people in the Fire Protection Districts in the Town of Brookhaven.

Mr. Frank Holt, representing the Jamesport-South Jamesport Fire Department, Inc. addressed the Board stating that he felt that their Department needs more money to operate. He said their area received approximately \$1700.00 from the Riverhead Fire Protection District and that they ought to receive approximately \$3400.00 for the year 1953 to properly operate.

Mr. Henry A. Pille, representing the Monorville Fire Department, Inc. addressed the Board and discussed their budget situation. He said that their Department now receives approximately \$300.00 from the Riverhead Fire Protection District for protecting the North Manorville section in the Town of Riverhead. He felt that their Department could use more money to operate properly.

After careful deliberation, it was the concensus of opinion of the Town Board that the amount of money placed in the buget for fire protection for the Riverhead Fire Protection District for the next fiscal year be set at \$11,000.00, to be prorated to the Riverhead Fire District, Wading River Fire Department, Inc, Jamesport-South Jamesport Fire Department, Inc. and the Manorville Fire Department, Inc. according to the assessed valuation of their respective areas.

Fire Commissioner Peterson rejected the above proposal on behalf of the Riverhead Fire District.

Mr. Frank Holt of the Jamesport-South Jamesport Fire Dept. Inc. requested that the hearing be ~~suspended~~ ^{postponed} until the next regular meeting of the Town Board in order that their Department may further discuss the matter.

On motion and vote the public hearing in regard to the contracts for fire protection for the Riverhead Fire Protection District was adjourned until August 6, 1952 at 2:30 P.M. in the Town Hall.

A petition, ^{was submitted} signed by several residents and taxpayers in the vicinity of Sunrise Avenue requesting that large signs be placed on each end of Sunrise Avenue to the effect, "Children at Play-Please Drive Slowly and Carefully". The matter was referred to the Superintendent of Highways and the petition ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Karl A. Friese and Raymond Wazlo dated July 16, 1952 stating that on June 3, 1952, they offered to dedicate to the Town of Riverhead two proposed streets namely, "Meadow Lane and Further Lane" and due to the unfortunate circumstances pertaining to the dedication of the above named streets, which have arisen subsequent to the offer, ~~now therefore~~, for the time being, they retracted and rescinded the offer made on June 3, 1952. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mr. L.Y. Robinson and Mr. Konstanty

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^ requesting that a street light be placed on pole #6 On East Avenue Extension in the Riverhead Lighting District. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to place one 100 C.P. street light on Pole #6, East Avenue Extension in the Riverhead Lighting District. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board present.

A petition ^{was submitted} signed by eleven residents and taxpayers in the vicinity of Sweezy Avenue requesting that a sidewalk be constructed on the easterly side of Sweezy Avenue from Pulaski Street north to Parkway Avenue. The petition was referred to the Highway Committee and the Supt. of Highways.

The Supervisor's Report for the month of June 1952 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor advised the Board that the Long Island Rail Road have submitted a proposed plan for the protection of the Railroad Crossings in the Town of Riverhead in which he outlined in detail to the Board. It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that it meet with the various groups interested in the matter in order to submit the proposed plan to them, on Monday night July 21, 1952.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all town bills to date the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund-\$3440.43, Highway Machinery Fund-\$255.10.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, August 6, 1952 at 2:00 P.M.

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

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