

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Monday, October 27th, 1969 at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to review the preliminary budget of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1970.

Present:

Bruno Zaloga, Supervisor  
Thomas R. Costello, Town Justice  
Robert G. Leonard, Town Justice  
Vincent B. Grodski, Councilman  
George G. Young, Councilman

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 P.M.

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Notice of Hearing upon Preliminary Budget for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1970.  
The affidavits were ordered filed.

There were 44 persons in attendance.

Supervisor Zaloga thereupon declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard in favor of or against any of the items as contained in the preliminary budget.

Mr. Wickham Tyte opposed the \$3000 increase in "Supervisor's Salary".  
Mr. Tyte spoke in favor of the salary increases for the Police Department.

Mr. John MacCrimmon spoke in favor of the salary increases in the Police Department Budget and opposed the \$3000 increase for Supervisor.

Mr. Maurie Semel asked about the \$9000 Rental and Rental Adjustment item.  
Mr. Semel asked about the Bingo Item and the duties of the Bingo Inspector.  
Town Clerk replied and explained the Bingo Item to Mr. Semel.

Mr. Semel suggested that the Fire and Liability Insurance Item be put out for bids.  
Mr. Semel asked about the Narcotic Guidance Item.

Mr. Semel strongly opposed the expenditure of \$4000 for Salary of Industrial Commissioner and stated that he believed this work could be accomplished by the Supervisor.

Mr. Semel spoke on the salaries of the Councilmen and Town Justices and stated that in his opinion the salaries are in excess of the requirements of the office as far as time expended.

Mr. Semel voiced exception to the Recreation Supervisor being "provisional" and suggested that the position of Deputy Supervisor be withdrawn as he saw no need for it.

Mr. Semel referred to the Debt Service Item and stated that the maximum amounts for Grangebél Park have been exceeded.

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 P.M. (BUDGET) continued:

Mr. Harry Rambo asked about "Marina Revenue".

Supervisor Zaloga advised that it is included in the Recreation Revenue.

Mr. John Riesdorff stated that inasmuch as the Water and Sewer District installations are in the million dollar class, he felt that the Superintendents in charge should be paid as much as police patrolmen and sergeants.

Mr. Walter Witt spoke in favor of the Police Department increases and stated he did not feel the Superintendents of the Water and Sewer District warranted salaries equal to the Police Department.

Mrs. Colleen Tooker spoke in favor of the Supervisor's proposed salary increase. Mrs. Tooker asked what is included in the programs for the aging and adults. Stanley Grodski, Recreation Supervisor made reply to Mrs. Tooker.

Mr. Richard Manning spoke in favor of the increases in salaries to the Police Department, suggested the force be increased in number and urged that the Town make full use of the 7th Squad.

Mr. Carl Stagg asked that "contractual expense" be defined.

Mr. John Lorimer asked about Industrial Commissioner's salary and if a new person had been appointed to the position.

Mr. Lorimer disagreed with Mr. Semel on the matter of the Recreation Department personnel.

Mr. Lorimer asked about the Capital Improvement Item of \$7000 in the Recreation Budget, and if any moneys in this item is allocated for Recreation purposes in Wading River.

Supervisor Zaloga made reply stating that this amount does not include the developing of the seven acres of land which Father Fagan is deeding to the Town - it includes instead the ramp at Creek Road, the improvement of the Parking Field next to it, toilet facilities at Stotsky Park, improving the ramp at Iron Pier, improving property that we own in Jamesport on the Bay.

Mr. Lorimer asked how much of this amount is allocated for the ramp at the Wading River Beach.

Supervisor Zaloga stated he did not know.

Mr. Lorimer asked if it could come out of the Contingent Account.

Supervisor Zaloga replied: "Correct".

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Zaloga declared the Hearing closed at 8:15 P.M.

The matter of the adoption of the Annual Budget for 1970 was adjourned to Friday, October 31, 1969 at 1:00 P.M.

*Helene M. Block*

Helene M. Block, Town Clerk