

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 5, 1945 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Frank J. Yousik,
William J. Leonard,
Frank J. Smith, Justices of the Peace

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on November 21, 1945 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Mr. Jacob Harding, Attorney addressed the Board and submitted a letter in regard to the application of John Russell McGoey, now honorably discharged, requesting reinstatement in his old position on the Police Force of the Town of Riverhead which he left in November, 1942 in order to serve in the Army of the United States. Attorney Harding quoted Section 246 paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Military Law and also various principles set forth in the G.I. Bill of Rights which in all instances is to liberally construe the Law to protect the rights of those in the Armed Forces. He stated that under the principles enunciated in the G.I. Bill of Rights and other legislative action, both national and local, the job of an employee who enters the Armed Forces should be available for him upon his return. Mr. Harding urged the Board to reinstate Mr. McGoey in his former position. On motion and vote the above letter was ordered placed on file.

Mr. J. Wilson Stout, Assessor, reporting on the meeting of the Committee from Riverhead with the State Tax Commission at Albany, N.Y. in regard to the 1945 equalization rates and figures for the Town of Riverhead, stated that the discussion was most instructive and successful. He felt that not only he, but all the members of the Committee who attended the meeting are convinced that the Town Board was right in filing an appeal with the State Tax Commission last year and that ^{because of the irregularities} it should file one this year. He stated that the entire 1945 Suffolk County Tax Equalization Table is incorrect and that according to the table no Town will be paying its rightful taxes.

On motion made by Justice Warner and Seconded by Justice Smith it was Resolved, that the Town of Riverhead appeal to the New York State Tax Commission from the decision of the Board of Supervisors in the equalization of assessments and the correction of the 1945 Suffolk County Tax Equalization Table and be it further Resolved, that William J. Hattrick be appointed as Special Attorney for the bringing of such appeal. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead borrow on Tax Anticipation Notes the sum of \$3000.00 for the purpose of snow removal. The vote Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead purchase from Mr. Louis Dormand a certain strip of land on the northwest corner of the intersection of Osborn Ave. and Middle Road, adjacent to the highway for the sum of \$25.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from The Jayne-Lattin Post No. 2913, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Patchogue, New York stating its Post went on record of favoring any War Memorial to be erected by the County of Suffolk be in memory of the Veterans of any and all wars in which the United States has been engaged and that the memorial take the form of a completely equipped general hospital for the residents of Suffolk County and that this general hospital be located in the approximate center of the county, preferably on county owned land and asked the Board for their endorsement of this plan. On motion and vote the Town Board instructed the Town Clerk to advise the above Post that the Town of Riverhead has already received a Charter to erect a modern hospital in this territory and is now in a concerted drive to collect the necessary funds and consequently cannot commit itself to any other project of the same nature at this time. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Police and Welfare reports for the month of November 1945 were submitted to the Board and on motion and vote were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor's report for the month of November 1945 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The matter in regard to the blinker light at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Second Street was referred to the Police Committee and the Chief of Police.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from the Current Surplus Account to the Receiver of Taxes Clerk Hire Account. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Smith it was Resolved that the bonds for the year 1946 be fixed at the following amounts:

Supervisor's General Town Bond at	\$40,000.00
Supervisor's Highway Bond at	40,000.00
Supervisor's State Aid Bond at	6,000.00
Superintendent of Highway's Bond at	2,000.00
Justices of the Peace Bonds each at	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Bond at	1,000.00
Police Clerk's Bond at	1,000.00
Water District Clerk's Bond at	1,000.00

The vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith 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 all town bills to date.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 19, 1945 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratville
Harry J. Kratville, Town Clerk.