

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 3, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

William J. Leonard

Austin H. Warner

Frank J. Yousik, Justices of the Peace

Otis G. Pike, Justice of the Peace, Absent

Henry M. Zaleski, Town Attorney, Stephen J. Grodski, Police Chief, Alden W. Young, Supt. of Sewers, John Riesdorff, Asst. Supt. to Water District and Roselle Benjmain, Water Plant Superintendent, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, were also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on July 20, 1954 were read and on motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik, it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Pike, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Police Report for the month of July 1954 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Michael Finaldi, Vice President of the Reeves Park Civic Association addressed the Board and requested additional police protection in the Reeves Park area. The matter was referred to the Chief of Police and the Chairman of the Police Committee.

Mr. Thomas Stark, representing the Riverhead Lions Club appeared before the Board and mentioned that the Riverhead Lions Club was willing to install a swimming float on the Pier Avenue Bathing Beach. After discussion the Board decided to look into the situation and bring up the matter at the next Town Board meeting.

A communication was read to the Board from L. P. Conklin, 206 Lincoln Street, relative to the situation existing in "The Bottom". The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Board of Supervisors advising that the Board fixes Monday, November 29, 1954 as the date of the meeting of this Board at which taxes for the next fiscal year will be levied. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from William C. McCollom, Sheriff, Suffolk County, relative to eliminating parking on the west side of Griffing Avenue between Court Street and where the business section starts and also on the south side of Court Street, thereby helping the traffic situation and forcing the cars to use the new parking field off of Main Street. The matter was

referred to the Chief of Police for further study and report.

A communication dated July 28th was read to the Board from Al Sigal, Sigal Realty Company, Riverhead, N.Y. relative to the leasing of Benjamin Place, or "Cat Alley," as it is better known, to the Town of Riverhead, who were to take it over as a passage walkway between East Main Street and First Street, which walkway is now in a hazardous condition. The communication was ordered placed on file and the Town Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Sigal that the Town has not yet received a lease, and therefore are not responsible for the walkway until all the owners lease it to the Town.

A communication was read to the Board from Barney Schackman, President, Wading River Civic Association in appreciation for the many improvements, such as the establishment of a police precinct and the Wading River Beach. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication and newspaper clipping were read from Mrs. J. S. Filmanski, relative to a solution to the problem created by starlings. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Justice Yousik offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Leonard:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, does take under consideration the natural laws of man, and the principles of the American Constitution guaranteed by statutes, and

WHEREAS, the said Town Board is cognizant of the immense contribution of the Polish Nation in defense of Christian civilization and Western Culture against the barbarism of the East, and

WHEREAS, the said Board has taken into consideration the contribution of blood and life by the sons of noble Poland, in the fight for independence and in defense of the principles and traditions of the United States; and of the efforts of millions of Poles and Americans of Polish descent towards the building of the might of our great nation, and

WHEREAS, the said Town Board publicly acknowledges the fact that the Polish Nation is now experiencing a great tragedy in that it is now in the throes of imperialistic slavery of Russian Communism and that it is subjected to a terrific Religious persecution and complete negation of natural laws of man in Poland.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, does hereby resolve to most severely condemn the bestiality perpetrated on the Polish Nation by the Soviets and their Warsaw Agency, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress to urge on the international terrain all possible assistance to the Polish Nation to regain real independence, and to issue such recommendations to our Delegates to the United Nations so that the United Nations will

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officially proclaim an intervention against the slavery, religious persecutions and the negations of the rights of man in Poland, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, our representative in the United States Congress, and to our representatives in the United Nations.

The Vote, Justices Leonard, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. Justice Pike, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, August 17, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

*Anthony F. Gudzinski*  
Anthony F. Gudzinski, Town Clerk

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