

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Wednesday, October 27th, 1971, 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 1972.

Present:

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

Also present: John J. Munzel, Town Attorney.

At 7:35 P. M., Notice of Hearing Upon Preliminary Budget for 1972, was read by the Town Clerk.

Affidavit of Posting and Publishing said Notice of Hearing was submitted to the Board and ordered filed.

There were 31 persons present.

Supervisor Zaloga welcomed everyone and declared the Hearing Upon Preliminary Budget for 1972 open to anyone wishing to be heard for or against.

Frank J. Yousik, Chairman, Board of Assessors recommended that Item 1355. 1-Clerk - \$1,200 (Assessors) be eliminated from the Preliminary Budget for the reason that the maps ordered by the Assessors will not be delivered until 1973 and there will be no need for additional clerical expense in the 1972 Budget.

Supervisor Zaloga explained Item 1430-Personnel - 1430. 1-Personal Services - \$46,081.33 - "This amounts to a certain percentage and is put in because negotiations cannot be completed with the CSEA until we find out what the President's freeze might be or might not be in November. We prefer not to divulge simply because we feel that it may raise heck with the negotiations - if we didn't put this amount in the budget it would mean we would have to borrow moneys to pay the salaries for next year."

Mrs. Virginia Wines stated that it would be easier to evaluate the budget if last year's figures were typed in and a comparison could be made and made suggestion that this be done in the future.

At this moment candidate for Town Clerk on the Republican ticket, Clara Haugaard entered the meeting room and Town Clerk Helene Block made an audible observation that she was accompanied by her aunt from Houston, Texas.

Edward Purcell asked information on Item 8020. 1-Consultants- \$19,000.

Supervisor Zaloga explained that the Item - \$18,000 of it is earmarked for updating the Master Plan for 1972.

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for 1972 continued:

Mr. Purcell: "It so happened that I received the leaflet on this updating along with political literature and I threw it out - I retrieved it later and I say a lot of people would do this receiving it at this particular time."

Mr. Purcell suggested this be publicized so that the information required is returned to the proper source.

Supervisor Zaloga: "I think if you read it you will see Councilman Young's name on it and certainly it won't be considered political with his name on it."

Mr. Purcell: "I'm glad to see that there are people here tonight - I remember in past years when I was the only interested observer - it was lonesome."

Supervisor Zaloga: "I am disappointed that there are not more individuals here. I might add that an application has been filed for Federal Aid - \$8000 will be granted for this, but we can't depend on it and that is why we had to budget this amount - and we will not know until July 1st of 1972".

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Mrs. Wines stated that she threw/her copy of the literature (on the updating of the Master Plan) and added that if it had come after election she would have taken the time to read it.

Supervisor Zaloga advised that there are 1000 additional copies on hand - and the returns must be made by November 15th.

Mrs. Wines said that her copy was retrieved eventually.

Dick Manning, 60 Hubbard Avenue, Riverhead; "Of the \$18,000 budgeted for the updating of the Master Plan - how much are we getting back from the State or Federal Government?"

Supervisor Zaloga: "\$8,000 - we hope."

Mr. Manning: "How does this \$8,000 reflect on next year's budget?"

Supervisor Zaloga: "The \$8,000 will be put towards the fee of the cost for the following year - in other words the entire cost of the updating will cost the Town approximately \$32,000 without any aid - the initial cost is \$4,500 and that will be transferred from the Contingent Fund of this year - the \$18,000 had to be appropriated to pay the gentleman who is doing the work. We will not know until July 1st of 1972 if the \$8,000 will be granted and if it is granted then it will be applied towards the finish of the program which comes in the following year and hopefully will be finished in April or May of 1973.

Mrs. Dorothy Esseks, Bay Woods, Aquebogue: "Mrs. Wines has already touched on the matter I requested last year - that in the future the budget be prepared showing last year's appropriations and the amount of the current appropriations that have been expended as well as next year's proposed appropriations. It is to your advantage to have the figures on one piece of paper so that the people looking over the budget will know where the problems lie and where you are putting the emphasis - and this will help the people who are interested to examine the proposed budget."

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for 1972 continued:
Supervisor Zaloga thanked Mrs. Esseks.

Mr. Manning asked if there is a particular reason for following this format.

Supervisor Zaloga said, Yes, State of New York.

Mr. Manning asked if a long form could be followed so that all of the information could be inserted.

After some discussion it was decided that this would be given every consideration.

Supervisor Zaloga asked if there were further questions.

Mrs. Esseks: "I came in a few minutes late and don't know if you gave an explanation of where the emphasis for this coming year was going to be, whether the emphasis as far as this Town is concerned was going to be on the revision or updating of the Master Plan - last year you talked about the major emphasis being on drainage work in the Town of Riverhead - what has happened to this drainage work - was that money fully expended - and was it enough?"

Supervisor Zaloga: "It was not fully expended - there was no need for any large projects - I feel in order to do all of the drainage in the Town - and we are talking a quarter of a million dollars - and it will have to be bonded as we cannot budget a quarter of a million dollars - we have budgeted \$10,000 and this will take care of small projects.

Mr. Horton has some out standing bills on drainage - in putting in \$40,000 or \$50,000 - you can come close as you probably can only do one project a year - and we have eight or ten projects that need attention. "

Mrs. Esseks: "In other words you do have a plan for drainage work".

Supervisor Zaloga: "Yes, but I think we will have to go to referendum - I don't think any Board would have a right to expend a quarter of a million dollars for drainage. "

Mrs. Esseks: "So what you have been doing this year is taking care of emergency situations?"

Supervisor Zaloga: "No, we had \$50,000 and I believe I am right in saying one project cost us close to \$38,000 - the Hubbard Avenue one and there are a couple of small ones and we will expend the \$50,000. "

Mrs. Esseks: "Where would you say then according to this proposed budget, the major emphasis is going to be in the coming year?"

Supervisor Zaloga: "Do you mean the use of 38¢ per \$1,000?"

Mrs. Esseks: "I am not interested in where the rise is - I am interested where you are putting the money to work and the priorities which you have in working with this budget and where you think the problems are in the Town and how you are going to spend the money. "

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for 1972 continued:

Supervisor Zaloga: "Our only priority is updating the Master Plan. "

John P. Riesdorph: "I wanted to call attention to Mr. Purcell's remark - which is a bit incorrect - for in the past 20 years I haven't missed a budget hearing and I must have been here when he was present. As I look around tonight I see a very few of what I call the "general public" here. I had hoped to find "standing room" only and thought it would be the best reason for a new Town Hall. "

No one else wishing to be heard for or against said Preliminary Budget and no communications having been received relative thereto, Supervisor Zaloga declared the Hearing closed and re-opened the meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board that Item 1355. 1-Clerk-\$1, 200 (Assessors) be eliminated.

RESOLUTION

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

RESOLVED, That the Preliminary Budget as approved and filed and presented before this Board at such Public Hearing, be amended by eliminating the following item:

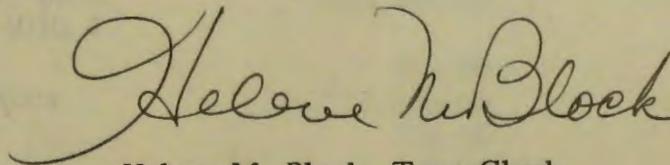
ASSESSORS: Item 1355. 1-Clerk - \$1, 200. 00.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Zaloga, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board deferred action on the adoption of the Budget.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P. M. to meet on Thursday, October 28th, 1971 at 4:00 P. M. , for the purpose of adopting the 1972 Annual Budget for the Town of Riverhead.



Helene M. Block, Town Clerk

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