

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 1944 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

Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways was present.

Supervisor Kelly called the meeting to order and welcomed Justice Yousik to the Town Board, wishing him every success during his term of office.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board held on December 30, 1943 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from the Association of Towns/giving notice that its Twelfth Annual Meeting will be held in the City of Albany, New York, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 16th and 17th, 1944. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor be designated the official delegate to represent the Town of Riverhead at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held in the City of Albany, New York on February 16th and 17th, 1944. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that Austin H. Warner, Justice of the Peace be designated Alternate Delegate to the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held in the City of Albany, New York, on February 16th and 17th, 1944. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and Seconded by Justice Smith it was Resolved that the Supervisor, the four Justices of the Peace, Town Attorney, Supt. of Highways, the three Assessors and the Town Clerk be authorized to attend the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York to be held at Albany, New York, on February 16th and 17th, 1944, and that each be allowed the sum not to exceed \$60.00 for necessary expenses. 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.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a report of the amount of Taxes collected as of January 3, 1944 and on motion and vote was accepted and placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith it was Resolved that Harry J. Kratoville be and he hereby is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Riverhead for a term of two years

beginning January 1, 1944 and ending December 31, 1945. 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.

Supervisor Kelly appointed the following Committees:

Justice Warner	Police and Town Hall
Justice Yousik	Welfare and Park
Justice Leonard	Sewer District and Lighting District
Justice Smith	Water District and Highway

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith it was Resolved that the Suffolk County National Bank, Suffolk County Trust Company and the Long Island State Bank and Trust Company whose addresses are Riverhead, New York be and they hereby are designated the depositories of all moneys of the Town of Riverhead. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the salaries of Town Officers be fixed as follows: Supervisor at \$4,000.00; Town Clerk at \$3,000.00; four Justices of the Peace at \$1,800.00 each; Superintendent of Highways at \$3600.00; Receiver of Taxes at \$2,000.00; three Assessors at \$1,700.00 each. 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 a Special Clerk be employed to check the 1943-44 Tax Roll of the Town of Riverhead at a salary of \$6.00 per day. 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 Arthur H. Lundberg be and he hereby is appointed Town Attorney of the Town of Riverhead for a period of two years, retroactive as of January 1, 1944 at a salary fixed at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum, payable monthly. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly No. Total Vote, Yes 4, No 1. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly in explaining his vote on the above resolution stated, Mr. Lundberg's experience as an attorney has been almost exclusively in connection with title work; that he had little if any experience in general practice; that he did not maintain a regular law office and that he had appeared rarely as a trial attorney, and for these reasons he did not believe that Mr. Lundberg possessed the proper background for a Town Attorney. He further stated that there were other attorneys of the same political belief mentioning particularly George W. Hildreth, Elias Avram, Isadore Scheinberg and William J. Hattrick who in his judgement were more suited for the job.

Justice Smith addressed the Board and stated that he had known Arthur H. Lundberg, the nominee for the office of Town Counsel, since coming to Riverhead some eighteen years ago. He has been associated with him in business and we, though not now in the same firm are, to some extent, engaged

in the same line of work. He is generally considered to be one of the best informed title and real estate lawyers in Suffolk County and his opinions have been very often sought and used both by attorneys and other members of the bar. Altho his business and practice has mainly been concerned with real estate, I have no doubt of his ability to capably and faithfully serve the Town in the same efficient manner as his predecessors in office have. In my experience, I have found the work of Town Counsel to be mainly of an advisory nature. As a rule every Town Counsel finds it necessary to go into the law on every legal problem presented to the Town. This, I am sure, Mr. Lundberg can do, along with whatever other duties the office entails, to the complete satisfaction of those he serves.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that Howard A. Wells be and he hereby is appointed Attendance Supervisor of School Districts Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the Town of Riverhead, said appointment to fill the unexpired term of the late Lorimer M. Raynor, and be it further

RESOLVED, that his compensation be fixed at the rate of \$250.00 per school year, payable monthly, which compensation shall include all expenses other than those incurred when attending meetings outside of the Town of Riverhead, called by the District Superintendent of Schools, at which time actual expenses are to be paid by the Town of Riverhead. 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 Warner it was Resolved that the salary of John Doscinski, Chief of Police in charge of the Police of the Town of Riverhead be fixed at the base rate of \$2500.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly, retroactive as of January 1, 1944. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly No. Total Vote, Yes 4, No 1. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the salaries of Police Patrolmen George Cooper, Robert Leonard, William Shaddock, William Fleischman, Halsey Corwin, Chester Kowalski, John Bilski and Fred MacGlaflin be fixed at the rate of \$2000.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly, retroactive as of January 1, 1944. 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 Warner it was Resolved that the salaries of Walter S. Downs, I.S. Hendrickson and Alice Salamone, School Traffic Patrolmen be fixed at the rate of 75 cents per hour, retroactive as of January 1, 1944. 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.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Leonard

WHEREAS, this Board has learned with deep sorrow of the death of Lorimer M. Raynor, and

WHEREAS, during his many years of faithful service as a school

Attendance Officer and during his life long residence in Riverhead, he won the respect and esteem of all who knew him, and

WHEREAS, in the death of Lorimer M. Raynor this community has lost an upright and beloved citizen, now therefore be it ~~resolved~~

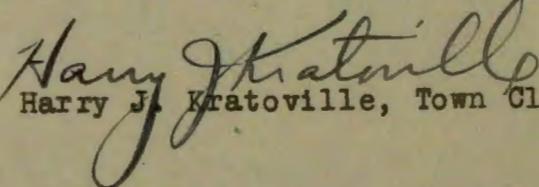
RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead extend our deep sympathy to his bereaved family, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting of this Board and a copy sent to the family of our deceased friend. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Welfare Committee submitted the Welfare Dept. report for the month of December 1943 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

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, January 19, 1944 at 2:00 P.M.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.