

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1960 AT 9:30 A. M.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM J. LEONARD, SUPERVISOR

OTIS G. PIKE
BRUNO F. ZALOGA, JR., JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

ELMER A. STOTZKY
ULICK BELL, JR., COUNCILMEN

ABSENT:

JACOB HARDING, TOWN ATTORNEY
THADDEUS ZEMBKO, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

COUNCILMAN STOTZKY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1960 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITT-
ED.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES,
JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD,
YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

MR. REUBEN RYAN, WADING RIVER, APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD
RELATIVE TO THE NEW PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY
WHICH WOULD ROUTE THE EXPRESSWAY NORTH OF THE GRUMMAN PLANT IN
CALVERTON.

HE STATED THAT HIS GROUP, THE "EASTERN LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY
COMMITTEE" STRONGLY OBJECTS TO SAID CHANGE IN ROUTE.

HE READ TO THE BOARD A THREE PAGE REPORT RELATIVE TO THIS
MATTER WHICH WAS ORDERED FILED.

MR. RYAN REQUESTED THE TOWN BOARD TO PASS A RESOLUTION OPPOSING
THIS PROPOSITION AND URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS TO ADHERE TO THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN LOCATING THE EXPRESSWAY IN
THE ONLY PRACTICAL PATH WHICH IS SOUTH OF THE NAVY PLANT IN CALVER-
TON, AND THAT ROUTE 25 NOT BE REROUTED BUT BE KEPT OPEN AND INTACT
AS AN IMPORTANT AND DIRECT ROUTE TO THE ENTIRE NORTH SHORE OF
EASTERN LONG ISLAND.

MR. WICKHAM TYTE, PRESIDENT OF THE RIVERHEAD INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
ASSOCIATION, APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD. HE STATED THAT HIS GROUP
ALSO STRONGLY OBJECTS TO SAID CHANGE IN THE ROUTE OF THE LONG
ISLAND EXPRESSWAY. HE READ TO THE BOARD A THREE PAGE REPORT RELA-
TIVE TO THIS MATTER WHICH WAS ORDERED FILED.

MR. TYTE REQUESTED THE TOWN BOARD TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN OBJECT-
ING TO THE NEW PROPOSED ROUTE.

JUSTICE PIKE STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PRIOR TO ITS DECISION, SHOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES AND THE LOCAL AND COUNTY PLANNING BOARDS.

JUSTICE ZALOGA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY JUSTICE PIKE.

WHEREAS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD HAS BEEN ADVISED THROUGH THE PRESS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, YIELDING TO PRESSURE FROM THE U. S. NAVY, PROPOSES TO CLOSE THE EXISTING ROUTES 25 AND 25A, AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE L.I. EXPRESSWAY, REROUTING THOSE ROADS NORTH OF THE GRUMMAN PLANT, AND

WHEREAS, THESE PROPOSED CHANGES OF MAJOR ARTERIES WERE MADE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING BOARD, THE SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE RIVERHEAD TOWN PLANNING BOARD, OR THE RIVERHEAD TOWN BOARD, AND

WHEREAS THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL MAKE ALL OF THESE ROADS SUBSTANTIALLY LONGER, MORE EXPENSIVE TO THE TAXPAYERS TO CONSTRUCT, AND MORE BURDENSOME FOR ALL OF THE TRAVEL OF THE FUTURE, BOTH PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL, AND

WHEREAS THE CLOSING OF THE EXISTING ROADS WOULD CONSTITUTE A TRAGIC LOSS AND BURDEN TO ALL OF THE LANDOWNERS AND BUSINESSMEN NOW LOCATED ON SAID ROADS, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD HEREBY GOES ON RECORD AS STRENUOUSLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REJECT THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND ADHERE TO ITS ORIGINAL PLANS.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, NOT VOTING, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

A PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RELATIVE TO THE DREDGING OF EAST CREEK AND GREAT PECONIC BAY, JAMESPORT, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND ORDERED FILED.

A PETITION DATED AUGUST 28, 1960 WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD REQUESTING IMPROVEMENT OF OLD NORTH WADING RIVER ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS FIRE LINE.

PETITION ORDERED FILED.

MATTER REFERRED TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

A COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1960 FROM THE NORTHVILLE BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD REQUESTING A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON SOUND SHORE ROAD.

COMMUNICATION ORDERED FILED.

JUSTICE ZALOGA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

WHEREAS THE NORTHVILLE BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION HAS REQUESTED A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON SOUND SHORE ROAD, AND

WHEREAS SOUND SHORE ROAD IS LAID OUT WITH MANY DANGEROUS CURVES, AND

WHEREAS, IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY IT IS ADVISABLE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON SAID TOWN HIGHWAY,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BE AND IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO ESTABLISH A 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON SOUND SHORE ROAD, TOWN OF RIVERHEAD,

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS REQUEST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

COUNCILMAN STOTZKY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE 1961 DUMP TRUCK FOR USE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. ONE 1950 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK TO BE USED AS A TRADE-IN.

BIDS TO BE RETURNABLE UP TO 10:15 A.M. ON OCTOBER 4, 1960. SPECIFICATIONS TO BE PREPARED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

JUSTICE PIKE REPORTED ON THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF THE "CONKLIN" PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE JAMESPORT TOWN BEACH. HE STATED THAT THE VALUE OF THIS PARCEL COULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE ONCE EAST CREEK WAS DREDGED AND THE PURCHASE OF THIS PARCEL WAS NECESSARY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

COUNCILMAN STOTZKY STATED THAT HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS PURCHASE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ACQUIRING A RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER A PORTION OF THIS PARCEL.

COUNCILMAN BELL STATED THAT THE BOARD SHOULD FIRST CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF MORE BEACH PROPERTY. HOWEVER, IF THE PROJECT AT EAST CREEK WAS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO A MARINA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THEN HE WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF PURCHASING THE CONKLIN PARCEL AT THIS TIME, OTHERWISE, HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR.

MATTER TABLED.

JUSTICE ZALOGA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STOTZKY.

RESOLVED THAT THE LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO INSTALL IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING AS FOLLOWS:

1. POLE #13, POINT STREET, SOUTH JAMESPORT
2. POLE #21, EAST END OF SECOND STREET, RIVERHEAD
3. POLE # 1, GREEN STREET, SOUTH JAMESPORT.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

Mr. BRUCE STARK, Mr. WILLIAM BUZ, Mr. TERRY TUTHILL AND Mr. THOMAS COSTELLO, REPRESENTING THE RIVERHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD RELATIVE TO THEIR PRIOR REQUEST THAT \$7500. BE PLACED IN THE 1961 TOWN BUDGET TO BE TURNED OVER AND USED BY THE CHAMBER TO PUBLICIZE AND PROMOTE THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD.

COUNCILMAN STOTZKY ASKED WHAT THE CHAMBER EXPECTED TO DO WITH THIS SUM OF MONEY.

Mr. BUZ MENTIONED THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN IMPROVED BROCHURE, WORKING FUNDS TO PROMOTE A RIVERHEAD FAIR AND VARIOUS CONVENTIONS AND EXPOSITIONS, AND THE FOLLOW-UP ON VARIOUS NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ABOUT RIVERHEAD RECEIVED BY THE CHAMBER.

COUNCILMAN STOTZKY STATED THAT RIVERHEAD WAS NOT A GOOD CONVENTION TOWN DUE TO INADEQUATE HOUSING FACILITIES AND, AS A WINTER RESORT, RIVERHEAD HAD LITTLE TO OFFER, SO ANY PUBLICITY ALONG THESE LINES HAD LITTLE VALUE.

Mr. REUBEN RYAN APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AND STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE CHAMBER IS NOT INTERESTED TOWN WIDE AND THAT LOCAL CHAMBER MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY EFFORT TO PUT THROUGH VARIOUS PROJECTS.

HE ALSO STATED THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO PREVENT BUSINESSMEN FROM INCREASING THEIR PRICES DURING CONVENTIONS AS HAPPENED DURING THE RECENT FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

JUSTICE PIKE STATED THAT THE CHAMBER HAS DONE A FINE JOB. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO MONEY BEING TURNED OVER TO THE CHAMBER TO BE SPENT AS IT SEES FIT. HE FELT THAT IF THE TOWN BOARD WISHED TO PUBLICIZE THE TOWN, THEN THE TOWN BOARD SHOULD DO IT AND TAXPAYERS MONEY SHOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER DIRECTLY TO THE CHAMBER.

Mr. WICKHAM TYTE APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD. HE OFFERED AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER THAT THE TOWN SET ASIDE ANNUALLY, A SUM OF MONEY FOR PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION OF THE TOWN, THEN IF THE CHAMBER PROPOSED A PROMOTION ITEM ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN BOARD, FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

Mr. TYTE'S IDEA APPEARED ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD. MATTER TABLED UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING.

A COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1960 FROM THE RIVERHEAD TOWN PLANNING BOARD WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION.

"WHEREAS, THE PLANNING BOARDS OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD AND THE TOWN OF SOUTHOLD DID HOLD A JOINT MEETING ON JULY 13, 1960, AND DID AGREE THAT:

1. GOOD HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION IS VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, INCLUDING THE TOWN OF SOUTHOLD AND THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD.

2. THESE TOWNS LACK ADEQUATE EAST-WEST ARTERIAL ROUTES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, FOR USE BY THE INCREASING NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION WITH WESTERN SUFFOLK, NASSAU COUNTY AND NEW YORK CITY, AND

3. THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS A MAJOR EAST-WEST HIGHWAY, CONNECTING THE WESTERN TOWNS OF SUFFOLK WITH NASSAU AND NEW YORK CITY, AND IS BEING EXTENDED AS FAR EAST AS RIVERHEAD, BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, THAT THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD RECOMMENDS TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD TO REQUEST THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXTEND THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY FROM ITS PROPOSED TERMINUS IN THE RIVERHEAD AREA EASTWARD ON THE NORTH FORK AS FAR AS ORIENT POINT, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD."

END.

COMMUNICATION ORDERED FILED.

MATTER TABLED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

AT THIS POINT THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE AT 2 P.M.

THE TOWN BOARD RECONVENED AT 2 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT.

COUNCILMAN STOTZKY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

WHEREAS, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS DOES STATE AND RECOMMEND THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SNOW REMOVAL, INCLUDING THE ERECTION OF SNOW FENCE AND PURCHASE OF SALT, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY, AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE TOWN BOARD TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAME,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FOR THE SPECIFIC OBJECT OF SAID SNOW FENCE CONSTRUCTION, SNOW REMOVAL PURPOSES AND PURCHASE OF SALT, THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD ISSUE A BUDGET NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00 TO FINANCE SUCH COST.

A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED RELATIVE TO THE NEED FOR THIS ADDITIONAL BUDGET MONEY FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME. IT WAS FELT BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT A CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD ON THIS MATTER WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS WHO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, NO, JUSTICE ZALOGA, NO, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, NO. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY DEFEATED.

THE MATTER OF THE PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION FUND AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EARLIER IN THE MEETING WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THAT THE TOWN ESTABLISH A PUBLICITY FUND AND THAT AN AMOUNT NOT IN EXCESS OF \$1500. BE PLACED IN THE 1961 BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE.

IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED THAT NO PUBLICITY FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

JUSTICE ZALOGA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION #64, PARAGRAPH 14, OF THE TOWN LAW, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD DOES ESTABLISH A PUBLICITY FUND TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE GENERAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WELFARE OF THE TOWN AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES AS SET FORTH AND PERMITTED UNDER THE AFORESAID SECTION OF THE TOWN LAW.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

THE TOWN BOARD CONVENED AS A BOARD OF AUDIT AND EXAMINED ALL BILLS TO DATE, THE TOTAL OF WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL TOWN---\$2,022.14 AND MACHINERY FUND---\$908.23. ON MOTION MADE BY JUSTICE PIKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS BE APPROVED AS RENDERED. THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS ON MOTION AND VOTE, THE MEETING ADJOURNED TO MEET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1960 AT 9:30 A. M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
ANTHONY F. GADZINSKI, TOWN CLERK

AFG:MVB