

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 18, 1946, at 3:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,  
Frank J. Yousik,  
William J. Leonard,  
Henry M. Zaleski, Justices of the Peace

Arthur H. Lundberg, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on Wednesday, December 4, 1946 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

An application from the Patti Motor Coach Line for consent to operate a motor bus line in the Town of Riverhead was presented to the Board and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

It was the opinion of the Board that in view of the fact that other municipalities are involved, the above matter be deferred until further study can be made.

Justice Zaleski offered the following Resolution which was seconded by Justice Leonard

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead has brought three appeals against the County of Suffolk and the Board of Supervisors thereof against the Tax equalization tables and rates for the years 1944-45, 1945-46, and 1946-47 on the grounds that the said tables and rates were incorrect and inequitable, and

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead on said appeals claims a rebate due it from the Board of Supervisors of Suffolk County in a sum estimated to be approximately \$40,000. for the years 1944-45 and 1945-46, and

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead, as above shown, has likewise filed an appeal against the tables and rates for the year 1946-47, and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Suffolk has made an offer to compromise the damages claimed by the Town of Riverhead for the years 1944-45 and 1945-46 because of the aforesaid erroneous and inequitable tables and rates, upon the understanding that the appeal for 1946-47 would be withdrawn, all subject to the approval of said Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead after hearing the recommendations of Wm. J. Hattrick, its Special Counsel, and after due discussion and deliberation has decided to accept the aforesaid offer, be it

RESOLVED that the said Wm. J. Hattrick be and he hereby is authorized for and on behalf of the Town of Riverhead to accept the aforesaid offer to

settle these claims upon the allowance to the Town of Riverhead of a direct reduction in its taxes of the sum of \$20,000., either all in the year 1947-48 or half in 1947-48 and half in the year 1948-49, and be it further

RESOLVED that the said Wm. J. Hattrick as Special Counsel herein be and he hereby is authorized and directed to take all further steps to settle and terminate the aforesaid appeals in accordance with the terms hereof. The Vote Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Zaleski Yes, Supervisor Kelly, Yes, Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the position of Secretary to the Receiver of Taxes in the Town of Riverhead be established at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum and that the Receiver of Taxes has the right to appoint such a secretary in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and further Resolved that this Resolution be retroactive as of December 15, 1946. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Zaleski Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead request Harry T. Tutthill, County Superintendent of Highways to release the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Highway Reserve Fund, Item #1, Town of Riverhead. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Isidore Scheinberg, Special Attorney, ~~and~~ advised the Board in regard to the progress made to date on the proposed Town Parking Field along Peconic River, east of Peconic Avenue.

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

WHEREAS, the members of this Town Board sincerely believe that the Town of Riverhead through the death of Assessor Charles B. Jones have lost a true and faithful servant, and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board have appreciated his efforts and enjoyed his fellowship, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Board extend to Mrs Charles B. Jones and family their expression of deepest sympathy, and further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread in full on the minutes and a copy be sent to the family. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

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 Saturday, December 28, 1946 at 10:00 A.M.

*Harry J. Kratoville*  
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.