

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 19, 1944 at 3:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner

Frank J. Yousik

William J. Leonard

Frank J. Smith, 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 April 5, 1944 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Rev. Charles W. MacLean addressed the Board and stated that it is evident to all that local committees must be organized to work with County, State and Federal plans for the Post-War period. This Town, like other communities, has an obligation to provide every returning Serviceman with employment, and this can only be achieved when we have made thorough plans for the years following the peace. To this end a group of interested citizens have been meeting for the past two months to develop a comprehensive plan that might receive the whole-hearted support and cooperation of the business community of Riverhead. This plan is based, in part, on the plan of the Town of Albert Lea in Minnesota, working with the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank; now widely publicized by the National Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. He stated that their plan for action would be as follows: There shall be an overall Executive Committee of ten men who will be responsible to the community for the direction and continued organization of Post-War planning and Post-War action in this town. This committee will set up the necessary surveys to gather needed information and after this information has been secured and analyzed, it will be presented to the community. The second step will be to establish some system whereby a returning Serviceman may be brought together with his prospective employer both through a Community Employment Bureau and a needed Consultation Service. Mr. MacLean said that it is obvious that the task is enormous and detailed, however they feel that now is the time to prepare for the Post-War period and that he is here today to ask the Town Board to give its blessing and approval to their plan and appoint a committee to carry it out.

Supervisor Kelly commended Rev. MacLean and this group of men for their foresight and untiring efforts in developing this plan to meet the Post-War problems. He felt that if the plan is properly carried out it will alleviate many of the problems that will confront the Town after the war. He also called to Mr. MacLean's attention the fact that the Town Board has also been working on contemplated Post-War problems by cooperating with the New York State Post-War Public Works Planning Commission and that just recently the State Post-War Commission and the Town Board have approved a Townwide Sidewalk Project, the plans of which will be ready in order that work could be started immediately, if necessary, after the war ends.

Justice Warner also congratulated Rev. MacLean and this group of men

for undertaking such a huge and noteworthy task. He felt that the plan was excellent and that if it is properly carried out, will no doubt solve many of the Post-War problems which will confront the Town of Riverhead.

On motion made by Justice Smith and Seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved, that the Town Board appoint the following people to serve as an Advisory Committee to the Town Board for Post War Planning: George Cushman, Stanley Fowler, Ward McCabe, Isidore Scheinberg, Halsey Reeve, Rev. Charles MacLean, Henry Talmage, Laurence Scudder and Walter Stark. 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 Warner and Seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved, that Daniel R. Young C.E. of Riverhead, New York be retained to make the final surveys in connection with Post-War Public Works Planning Project #1944 (Townwide Sidewalk Project) of approximately 21 miles and appurtenances thereto in locations designated by the Town Board at a fee not to exceed the sum of \$3000.00 payable at the times and in accordance with the terms of contract #C5220 dated March 25, 1944 and entered into between the People of the State of New York acting by and through the New York State Post-War Public Works Planning Commission as party of the first part and the Town of Riverhead as party of the second part. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith Absent, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 4, Absent 1, 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 Supervisor transfer the sum of \$25.00 from the Current Surplus Account to the Town Board Expense Account. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

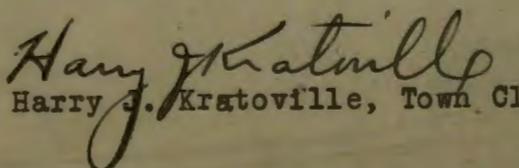
On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to borrow the sum of \$3000.00 for the purpose of paying the expense incurred by snow removal. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Supervisor's report for the month of March, 1944 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a report of the amount of taxes collected as of April 17, 1944 and on motion and vote the report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Town and Welfare bills to date.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, May 3, 1944 at 10:30 A.M. in the Suffolk County Board of Supervisor's Room, Court House, Riverhead, New York.

  
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.