

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 1953 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

- Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor
- Austin H. Warner
- Frank J. Yousik
- Charles W. Gatz
- William J. Leonard, Justices of the peace

Thomas M. Stark, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, were also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on March 17, 1953, and minutes of a special meeting of the Town Board held on March 25, 1953, were read and on motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard, it was Resolved that the Supervisor be empowered to employ Richard Johnson of Waterview Terrace, Jamesport, N.Y. and William Housner, Jr. of 209 Fishel Avenue, Riverhead, N.Y. as life guards at the Riverhead Town public bathing beaches for the summer of 1953, each to be compensated at a salary of \$45.00 per week, their duties and hours of employment to be determined and fixed by the Supervisor. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead enter into an agreement with the New York Telephone Company for the lease of the New York Telephone Company property on the East side of Griffing Avenue, in Riverhead, New York, for public parking field purposes on a month to month tenancy at the monthly rental of \$60.00 per month, said tenancy to continue from March 1, 1953, until terminated under the same terms and conditions as contained in previous lease and that the Supervisor be empowered to execute said agreement on behalf of the Town of Riverhead. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead shall accept the highways known as Tut's Lane, Doug's Lane and Fourth Street on Map of Great Meadows at Jamesport, N.Y. as public highways when and if the same have been completed in accordance with the regulations of the Riverhead Town Highway Department. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz, and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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A communication was read from Mr. Francis M. White of the Van Rensselaer Skidmore Post No. 2476, Veterans of Foreign Wars, advising the Board that they shall play host to the Twenty-first Suffolk County Council Encampment which will be held in Riverhead on May 17, 1953. The local Post is soliciting ads for a Journal, 9 x 12 to be issued in conjunction with the Encampment, and would be grateful for anything you may do to help make our Journal a success. The Communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead subscribe for a full page advertisement in the Journal to be issued by the Van Rensselaer Skidmore Post #2476 in conjunction with the Suffolk County Council Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to be held in Riverhead on May 17, 1953, at a price of \$40.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead purchase for the use of the Receiver of Taxes one (1) Burroughs Receipting Machine Style 101031 for delivery on or before December 1, 1953 at a price ~~not to exceed the sum of \$900.00~~. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication dated March 25th from the Long Island Lighting Company was read advising the Board that their operating division is rebuilding the pole line on West Main Street from Mill Lane for a distance of approximately 1500 feet. At the present time, there is now in operation four (4) 100 c.p. aerial lights, and in order to conform with your future plan of installing mercury lighting throughout the district, we were wondering whether or not at this time you would entertain our proposal of removing the four (4) 100 c.p. aerial lights and installing five (5) 400 watt (15000 lumen) mercury lights. This improvement would cost the lighting district approximately \$308.20 a year. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead hereby consent to the removal of (4) 100 c.p. aerial lights and the installation of five (5) 400 watt mercury lights by the Long Island Lighting Company in the Riverhead Lighting District on West Main Street, in the area covering a distance of 1500 feet from Mill Lane,

And further Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company proceed with the installation of mercury lighting on West Main Street between the westerly terminus of existing mercury lighting near Raynor Avenue and the above Mill Road area as soon as is practicable. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from the New York Telephone Company in regard to filing an objection to the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment on rates. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

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A communication dated April 1, 1953 was read from Gordon K. Ahlers, President of the Jamesport-South Jamesport Civic Association requesting that the word "School" be painted in white letters on the pavement of Route 25 on either side of the Jamesport School area. This matter had previously been referred to the State and County Highway Departments but has been refused since the school does not face Route 25. We feel that something must be done to reduce speeding and to safeguard young lives. The matter was referred to the Highway Committee.

A communication dated April 1, 1953 was read from Gordon K. Ahlers, President of the Jamesport-South Jamesport Civic Association was read to the Board with a request that a patrol car be posted at the Jamesport traffic light or vicinity, to apprehend consistent speeders and traffic violators, thereby reducing the dangerous conditions that now occur. The period requested is 30 days with the hours from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The communication was ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Police Committee.

A communication dated April 2, 1953 was read from the Long Island Lighting Company advising the Board that on March 21, 1953, one (1) 100 c.p. aerial street light was placed in operation on pole #16 on Howell Avenue in the Riverhead Lighting District, as indicated on enclosed sketch, and a communication dated March 27, 1953 was read advising that on March 1st, 1953 three (3) 600 c.p. aerial street lights were removed from the Griffing Avenue Parking Field in the Riverhead Lighting District, as indicated on the enclosed sketch. At the same time, poles #215 D and #215 E were removed as noted. The communications were ordered placed on file.

A petition was read from Lee Hollingsworth of the WKBS Radio Station relative to radio advertising. The Petition was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Otis Pike, representing the First Congregational Church of Riverhead addressed the Board in regard to Benjamin Place, also known as Cat Alley. He informed the Board that this right-of-way has been used by the public for so long that no one could ever close it. He said that there are several adjacent property owners who own a partial fee in the road. The First Congregation Church, Al Sigal, Benimore Meyer and Mrs. Ethel B. Fisher have all agreed to turn their rights over to the Town if the Town would keep the said right-of-way in good repair. The matter was referred to the Highway Committee.

A communication dated April 7, 1953 was read from Supervisor Joseph V. Kelly certifying that he has received from Charles A. Horton, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Riverhead the following sums of money on account of tax collections of the 1952-53 Tax Warrant as follows: School District-\$30,000.00, General Town Purposes-\$30,000.00 and Maintenance of Highways-\$15,000.00. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor's report for the month of March, 1953 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

The Police report for the month of March 1953 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

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On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the Town Board will approve and accept property from the Riverhead Union Free School District #5 for the widening and extension of Griffings Path to the North end of the School property and Westward to Hartison Avenue, if and when the dedication of said property is approved by the School District at their annual meeting. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town bills to date the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund-\$9450.60 and Highway Machinery Fund-\$9949.39.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 21, 1953 at 2:00 p.m.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk