

Minutes of a Budget Hearing held in the Town Hall on Thursday,
October 26, 1944 at 8:00 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.

The notice of Public Hearing was read and ordered placed on file.

Proof of publication and posting of the above notice was submitted and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly thereupon welcomed all those present and declared the hearing open and anyone who wished could be heard at this time.

Former Supervisor Dennis G. Homan addressed the Board and stated that he felt that a raise in the Supervisor's salary should not be made during his term of office but should be made at the beginning of a new term.

A resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce was read as follows:

"Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce of Riverhead disapproves of the increases set forth in the proposed budget for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1945, unless the various department heads can justify their increases in the said proposed budget. We feel increase in taxes prevents new enterprises and retards the growth of the Town" The resolution was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Albert P. Warner asked for an explanation of the increase in the Assessor's budget.

J. Wilson Stout, Assessor, explained that the increase in their budget was due to the sharp increase in the number of transfers of properties in the Town which proportionately made additional work in their office.

Mr. Warner asked for an explanation of the increase in the budget of the Receiver of Taxes.

Forrest G. Downs, Tax Receiver explained that this was due to the increase of transfers of properties, the increase in postage from two to three cents and that this year he would have less time in which to send out the tax bills.

Mr. Warner asked for an explanation of the increase of the Police Budget for 1945.

Chief Patrolman John Doscinski submitted a detailed report of the amounts paid for Police salaries for the year 1945 and for what duties they covered.

Mr. Warner also asked for an explanation of the increase in the Item of Road Oil in the Highway Budget.

Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways explained that he had had some road oil left over from the year before and also that the price of oil had gone up, consequently there was an increase in that Item.

Mr. Albert Warner suggested that next year an amount be placed in the budget for the removal of the moss covered stones on the bathing beach at Howell M. Reeve Park.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Supervisor Kelly thanked everyone for being present and then declared the Hearing closed.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, November 1, 1944 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
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