

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 16, 1953 at 10:00 A.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 June 2, 1953 were read and on motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, and Gatz, Yes; Justice Leonard Absent. Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Yousik:

WHEREAS it is the intantion of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to establish a Riverhead Youth Bureau and

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead is about to submit an application for such a project to the New York State Youth Commission for its approval, and if approved, to apply subsequently to the State of New York for partial reimbursement of funds expended on said project, as provided by Chapter 556 of the Laws of 1945, as amended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that such application is in all respects approved and Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor, is hereby directed and authorized to duly execute and to present said application of the New York State Youth Commission for its approval.

The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Gatz, Yes; Justice Leonard Absent. Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Supervisor be empowered to employ Edward Meier of Wading River, N.Y. as life guard at the Wading River Beach for the summer of 1953, subject to the rules and regulations of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, to be compensated at a salary of \$45.00 per week, duties and hours of employment to be determined and fixed by the Supervisor. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Gatz, Yes; Justice Leonard Absent. Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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A communication dated June 3, 1953 from R.C. Georger, Director, New York State Traffic Commission, was read to the Board in regard to the establishment of a one-way restriction permitting north bound traffic only on Roanoke Avenue between Route 25, Main Street and Second Street, suggested that parking be prohibited on the west side of Roanoke Avenue between Route 25 and Second Street. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the New York State Traffic Commission be requested to prohibit parking on the West side of Roanoke Avenue between the intersections with Route 25 and Second Street, in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, as shown on enclosed map; The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication dated June 3, 1953 was read from David Squires, Riverhead, N.Y. requesting street name markers on Sunrise Avenue, Route 25, Meadow Lane and Further Avenue. The communication was ordered placed on file and the matter of a street name marker for Sunrise Avenue was referred to Superintendent of Highways.

A communication dated June 4, 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: General Town Purposes: \$70,000.00 and Maintenance of Highways: \$15,000.00. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication dated June 12, 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 sum of \$427.88 for penalties in full on Tax Collections of the 1952-53 Tax Warrant. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Riverhead, submitted his report of the amount of taxes collected as of June 12, 1953, and the report was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead enter into contracts submitted respectively by Benhaco Management Associates, Inc. and Helen H. Smith and Charles F. Hallett for the purchase of real property, constituting a portion of the premises to be acquired on the South side of East Main Street for public parking fields, and the Supervisor is hereby empowered to execute said contracts on behalf of the Town of Riverhead and to pay to the respective parties the 10 per cent of payment required thereunder. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M.. All members of the Board present.

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On letter submitted to Board at morning session dated June 15, 1953 and signed by several members of the Riverhead Town Police Department, the name of David McKillop appeared, however it was later removed by said David McKillop.

The above letter received at the morning session was read as follows:

We, the undersigned, members of the Police Department of the Town of Riverhead, New York, do hereby respectfully petition the Town Board to investigate a well circulated rumor in the Town of Riverhead, that a member of our Police Force allegedly removed certain irrigation pipe from a farm at Calverton, New York, near the Federal project. We desire to call the Board's attention to the fact that all members of our Police Department are now under a cloud of suspicion and that each of us is openly and publicly being accused as the individual involved. It is for the purpose of preserving the integrity and reputation of each of the undersigned that we made this request. Signed by John J. Harris, Chester Romanski, Harold M Bowden, John R. McGoey, Francis White, George H. Skinkaytis, Robert G. Leonard and Fred H. Mac Glaflin. Letter was ordered placed on file.

Commander W. Bailey of the U. S. Navy Department, of the Peconic River Branch of the Grumman Project attended at the request of Justice Yousik and made the following statement:

"A rumor has been circulating and culminating in a letter accusing your Police Force of malfeasance with regard to property within the Government reservation. That rumor and allegation is not true because no member of the Police Force to my knowledge has removed, received or asked for any of that property.

In regard to the removal of pipe on the Bobinski property, that was done with the knowledge and sanction of my Office. No member of your Police Force was in any way concerned with this removal.

The inference of misconduct in this circulated rumor may be clarified by saying that at the time the items were removed, it was understood that settlement had been reached which included the buildings or irrigation systems, and that therefore, those items were disposable by the Government. Such understanding was based on agreement by only two of the board of three government negotiators. I have since been advised that no settlement has been reached so that those items in question are legally Government property.

The only items removed included a pump and several so-called hydrants. The irrigation system with this exception is still intact on the property."

The hearing was declared closed and the above statement placed on file.

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On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that sealed bids for the sale of the Riverhead Town Police Scooter will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at the Town Hall, 280 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, New York, until 10:00 A.M. Eastern Daylight time on Tuesday, July 7, 1953 at which time and place they will be opened and read, and further Resolved that the Town Clerk be authorized to publish said advertisement for bids in the official paper 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 Leonard and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be requested to remove poles and lights #14 to #19 inclusive to the new road line on the North Wading River Road in the Wading River Lighting District. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Yousik, it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to place one (1) 100 candlepower street light on Pole #57, also known as #50A on the North Wading River Road in the Wading River Lighting District. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the request of the Polish National Alliance to hold a carnival on the old Fair Ground property from June 15th to June 20th, 1953 inclusive be granted subject to the rules and regulations of the Riverhead Town Ordinance pertaining to circuses, carnivals and bazaars. 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 Alice Carey, Riverhead, N.Y. be and she hereby is appointed as a part-time clerk in the Assessors Office at a salary of \$8.00 per day, said Resolution retroactive as of June 11th, 1953. 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 Superintendent of Highways be authorized to purchase one (1) Massey-Harris--Mustang, Tractor and Mower, for the sum of \$2203.40. The Resolution subject to the publication of notice of consideration of purchase June 2, 1953 Pursuant to Law. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit, and

examined all Town Bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund---\$3411.01 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$908.05.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 7, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk

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