

Minutes of Public Hearing held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Thursday, July 30, 1998, at 2:20 p.m.

Present:

Mark A. Kwasna,	Councilman
Christopher Kent,	Councilman
Vincent Villella,	Supervisor

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
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Absent:

James Lull,	Councilman
Adam Grossman, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Villella called the meeting to order at 2:20.

Supervisor Villella: "The meeting is now open, public hearing-- just put 2:20 on there instead of 2:15. Barbara, would you like to please read the public hearing?"

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 2:00 p.m. on July 30th to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the proposed use funds for local law enforcement."

Supervisor Villella: "Would anyone like to speak on this public hearing? Yeah, one of you has got to come up and say something."

Councilman Kent: "Come on, one of you has to at least submit the report."

Supervisor Villella: "Just submit the report. He was feeling comfortable for a minute."

Chief Grattan: "Gentlemen, this is a grant that we're applying for from the U.S. Department of Justice and we're seeking slightly over \$52,000. And we held a meeting here of the committee which is

a representative of the education in town, the Riverhead School District, Superintendent Bob Holmes, the District Attorney's office, one of the Justices from Justice Court, Lauren Kratoville, who's from the CAP Board member, and Charlene Cambria who represented the Accounting Department of the Town of Riverhead. And after our deliberations we would like to apply for that grant and divide it as follows: \$10,000 for Justice Court security. Justice Court security is very high on our list. We have a potential problem that may erupt. It's my own personal feeling, the girls who work in Justice Court in the clerical part of it are truly in danger and we'd use \$10,000 to-- in an attempt to rectify that.

We would like to buy an emergency four wheel drive vehicle. This will come to my department. It will be utilized by the Captain and it will be so equipped that it will be for emergency response and we find more and more need. This is predicted to be a heavy hurricane season. We also have the nuclear plant which-- Millstone-- that's been put back on line and this is a very big concern.

Not to make light of two other concerns that have just been brought to our attention, one being Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory and the other Brookhaven National Lab.

And as a third item, we have money that has been allocated to us by-- through-- a member item through Assemblywoman Patricia Acampora and we have directed that money toward the purchase of a video mug shot system, a state of the art. However, we are short \$10,000-- \$12,000. And we would use the remaining \$12,000 to supplement that. And that would be our \$52,000."

Supervisor Vilella: "Sounds good. Members are you ready to vote on this? Is there-- anyone else like to speak? No. Okay. Just keep on writing."

Councilman Kent: "Are we voting on something today? Is there a resolution before us or are we-- "

Supervisor Vilella: "No. There's no resolution. It's just a public hearing. We are just going to have to close it. The time is 2:22. We declare the public hearing closed. Thank you very much."

Public Hearing closed: 2:22 p.m.

Barbara Guttman
Town Clerk