

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Office on Wednesday May 27, 1931 at 2 P.M.

Present:-

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.  
William L. Miller,  
Everett M. Frederick,  
Albert W. Conklin,  
Robert Burnside, Justices of the Peace.  
Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.

Charles O. Downs, Town Superintendent of Highways was present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Board, held May 13th, 1931 were read and on motion and vote adopted.

A communication received from William F. Morell, Secretary of the Lutheran Church requesting that curbs and gutters be constructed about the church property was read and referred to the Superintendent of Highways and the Highway Committee.

A petition for a traffic signal at the intersection of Edwards Avenue and the State Highway at Calverton was read and referred to the Lighting Committee.

A communication was read from the County Treasurer, enclosing a resolution of the Board of Supervisors providing for an audit of the interest and penalties collected by the Tax Receiver to be made by the County Treasurer upon a resolution of the Town Board and this matter was held over for a future meeting of the Board.

The Lighting Committee reporting on the petition for additional street lights on the North Wading River Road recommended that the petition be granted and the lights be installed.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the Long Island Lighting Company be instructed to install nine 80 C.P. street lights on the North Wading River Road within the Wading River Lighting District.

The Board was addressed by Fred H. Tuthill, Mr Jennings and Mr. Hendrickson who requested that the Board take steps

to have the roadways oiled, which lead from Peconic Bay Boulevard to the cottages bordering on Peconic Bay.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That an opinion be obtained to ascertain if the Town has authority to oil roads other than public highways.

Charles Valentine and Mr. Henry Waeterling of Calverton addressed the Board advising that the new Forge Dam kept the water in the River at such a height that it was causing damage to their property.

The Board was addressed by Mr. Alfred G. Dale, President of the Calverton Company and Mrs. Jennie Schmelzer of Calverton who thanked and complimented the Board for the new Forge Dam.

The Highway and Bridge Committee was requested to investigate the complaint that the Forge Dam kept the water at a height as to damage property along the river and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board was addressed by F. A. Ludlum and C. W. Ludlum who stated that their place of business had been broken into and that the Police Force of Riverhead had not properly taken care of the matter. This matter was referred to the Supervisor and Justice Conklin and Justice Burnside for investigation.

A communication was received from the Riverhead Fire Department relative to parking of cars in front of hydrants and the Board was addressed by Carl F. Peterson, Fire Chief, relative to this practise in the Village of Riverhead.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the Supervisor and the Town Clerk be and they hereby are authorized and directed to borrow upon certificates of indebtedness, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to pay on account of audited bills of May 26, 1931.

The Board was addressed by a representative of the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation of Jamestown, New York, who advised that the voting machines owned by the Town of Riverhead are not large enough to be used in the Election of 1931 owing to the number of Supreme Court Justices to be elected.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was

Resolved, That the Supervisor and the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk, N.Y., be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to enter into a contract with the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation for the purchase of Seventeen (17) U.S. Standard voting machines of the 9 row, 40 column size, with hoist packing case at the price of Ten Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (1052.75) each, f.o.b. cars, Jamestown, N.Y., total amount of order Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-six Dollars and Seventy-five Cents, ( \$17,896.75) allowance for 17 old machines Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars ( \$12,880.00), net purchase price Five Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Seventy-five Cents ( \$5,016.75), and be it further

Resolved, That in payment for said voting machines the Supervisor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed upon receipt of said machines to pay to the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Thirty-eight Cents ( \$2,508.38) and one year from date of first payment shall pay \$2,508.38 without interest charges.

Attorney N. O. Petty, representing the Town in the matter of the Petition to the Town Board to hold an election for the purpose of establishing a Police District addressed the Board and asked that the Petition be filed as of this date May 27, 1930, and the Town Clerk was thereupon directed to file said petition.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved, That, pursuant to a petition of Jacob Zak and others filed with the Town Clerk of said Town on the 27th of May, 1931, for the establishment of a police district in that portion of said town described in said petition and the report of the committee of said board appointed for that purpose that the same has been signed by taxable inhabitants of the proposed district representing at least fifty per cent. of the assessed valuation of the property lying within such proposed district, an election be held, and notice thereof given by this board in the form hereunto annexed, on the 24th day of June 1931, at the office of the Town Board in said town between the hours of 1 and 4 P.M. day light saving time; that the said notice be published once in the Riverhead News and County Review, newspapers published in said town, at least ten days before such election; that the amount of \$21,500. be submitted to the electors as the amount of the appropriation to be raised upon taxable property in said district for its maintenance for the ensuing year 1932 and the balance of the year 1931; that Robert Burnside and Everett M. Frederick be and they hereby are appointed a committee of this board to supervise such

election and that printed ballots for use at such election be prepared by the Town Clerk in the form hereto annexed.

J. Harry Saxstien, Attorney for John H. Skinkaytis of South Jamesport in the Green Street matter, declined the offer of the Town Board of \$250.00.

An opinion of Almon G. Rasquin, Attorney, in the matter of Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes to pay damages assessed in Town Highway Proceedings was read and ordered placed on file.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on June 10, 1931 at 2 P.M.

*Milton L. Burns.*

Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.