

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 17, 1956 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Otis G. Pike

Henry M. Zaleski

Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr., Justices of the Peace

John H. Benedict, Councilman

Also Present: Samuel L. Hays, Town Attorney, Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, Stephen J. Grodski, Police Chief, Alden W. Young, Superintendent of Sewers, John Riesdorff, Assistant Superintendent to the Water District and Roselle Benjamin, Water Plant Superintendent.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on January 3, 1956, were submitted and on motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski, Zaloga and Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication dated January 3, 1956 was read to the Board from David H. Burns, tendering his resignation as school traffic officer effective January 3, 1956. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was RESOLVED that the resignation of David H. Burns as School Traffic Officer, effective January 3, 1956, be accepted. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from the Long Island Rail Road Company, Jamaica Station, Jamaica 35, N.Y. acknowledging receipt of our resolution requesting the installation of blinker lights at the railroad crossing of Cedar Avenue in Aquebogue. They advised that their studies did not indicate that Cedar Avenue was of equal importance with those programmed for 1956, and also that their funds for this purpose are limited. However, they will give this their consideration in formulating their 1957 crossing protection program. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Long Island Lighting Company advising that on December 8th one (1) 100 c.p. aerial street light was placed in operation as per sketch in the Riverhead Lighting District on Newton Avenue off Elton Street. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Long Island Lighting Company advising that on November 9th, one (1) 100 c. p. aerial street light and four (4) 100 c.p. aerial street lights were placed in operation, as per sketch, in the South Jamesport Lighting District on St. Mary's Drive and Peconic Bay Boulevard. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read to the Board from Thomas A. Kewin, Principal, Jamesport Public School, requesting that the Superintendent of Highways or one of his associates be authorized to meet and discuss traffic safety factors in relation to the front of the Jamesport School at dismissal time. They are primarily concerned with parking lines being painted, school signs, etc. The communication was ordered placed on file, and the matter referred to the Supervisor, the Superintendent of Highways and the Chairman of the Police Committee for their study and recommendations.

The annual report of the Jamesport Fire District Treasurer for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955, was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Riverhead, submitted a report of the amount of taxes collected as of December 31, 1955. The report was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from William J. Leonard, Supervisor, certifying that he has received from Charles Allen Horton, Tax Receiver, Town of Riverhead, the following sums of money on account of Tax Collections of the 1955-56 Tax Warrant: School Districts---\$176,536.44; Maintenance of Highways---\$15,736.00; Highway Machinery---\$10,220.00; Removal of Snow & Misc. Highway Purposes---\$5,400.00; Fire Districts---\$22,727.06; Town Welfare---\$11,000.00; General Town Purposes---\$4,000.00; Fire Protection Districts---\$6,000.00 and Lighting Districts---\$3,050.00. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor's Report for the month of December 1955 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

The Annual Police Report for the Year 1955 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Justice Zaleski made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike:

RESOLVED that the Police Report for the Year 1955 be accepted and placed on file and that this Board extend to the Chief of Police and to the members of the Police Department of the Town sincere thanks for the excellent manner in which these men discharged their duties in the protection of the people and property in the Town, resulting in the lessening of crimes committed over the previous years in our Town. The Vote--Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from Carl V. Warren, Supt. of Schools, Huntington, inviting the members of the Board to attend a conference on education this date in the Robt. K. Toaz Junior High School. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A letter was read dated January 12, 1956 from the Better Brookhaven Committee, Patchogue, N.Y. Attached was a resolution duly passed by this Committee. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Zaloga it was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Riverhead Town Board be held on Wednesday, February 1, 1956 at 10:00 A.M. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaloga and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was RESOLVED that the Chief of Police be authorized to solicit sealed bids for the purchase of police apparel for the Town Police Department. Sealed bids to be opened on Wednesday, February 1, 1956 at 10:30 A.M. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Zaloga made the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict:

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority granted in Section 150 of the Town Law, it is hereby Resolved that a police department is established in the Town of Riverhead, effective as of this date. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaleski:

Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 150 of the Town Law, it is hereby RESOLVED that Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr, be appointed Police Commissioner of the Town of Riverhead, and further

RESOLVED that a Police Commission be established consisting of Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr, Otis G. Pike and Henry M. Zaleski. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Zaloga it was RESOLVED that the Town Board meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday, February 1, 1956 to consider the purchase of one self-propelled soil pulverizer for the Riverhead Town Highway Department at a cost to exceed \$1,000 and that the Town Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held at 11:30 A.M. and the opening of sealed bids at 11:30 A.M.

on said day, relative to the purchase of said soil pulverizer. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Zaleski made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike:

Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, it is hereby resolved that Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Riverhead, is authorized to purchase materials, equipment or supplies, which would not aggregate more than \$1000 for any particular item per operating year, without advertising for bids; The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to place one mercury light, ^{on Cole Hill 6.5 NYT,} on the corner of Court Street and Cedar Avenue, Riverhead, N.Y. in the Riverhead Lighting District, to replace the present incandescent light. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaloga:

RESOLVED that immediate action be taken to widen Second Street from Roanoke Avenue to Griffing Avenue approximately seven (7) feet and construct arcs at the corners, and further

RESOLVED that Attorney William J. Hattrick be appointed as Special Counsel on this matter, with Alden W. Young, Engineer, appointed to act in conjunction with Special Counsel to prepare plans on the aforesaid matter.

The Vote---Justice Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaleski:

RESOLVED, that due to the critical traffic situation on Griffing Avenue, that parking be eliminated as an emergency measure and on a trial basis on the west side of Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, Suffolk County, N.Y., from Main Street to Railroad Avenue. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike made the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaleski:

RESOLVED that the Riverhead Town Planning Board make a survey of the general problem of traffic and parking in the congested areas of the hamlet of Riverhead, and that they consult with the existing traffic agencies, and report on their recommendations.

The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was Resolved that parking meters be installed on the North and South sides of First Street. The Vote---Justices Pike, Zaleski and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Supervisor Leonard, 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---\$3,617.24 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$1,996.27. On motion and vote it was Resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 1, 1956 at 10:00 A.M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk