

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 19, 1957 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Thomas M. Stark

Otis G. Pike

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

John H. Benedict, Councilman

Also Present; Jacob Harding, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on February 5, 1957, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Stark, it was resolved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A contingent of residents of the Town of Riverhead appeared at the Board meeting relative to the condition of Penny's Land Road, Sound Shore Road and Pier Avenue. This was a carry-over from complaints registered at the Town Board meeting of February 5, 1957, relative to this same condition. Summary of talks before Town Board follows:

Earl Granttham - Riverhead, N. Y.

"Town Board should sue Northville Dock Corporation for damage to these roads, in fairness to the taxpayers of this Town. A serious investigation of the evidence available would prove that the Northville Dock Corp. is responsible for the damage to these roads. These roads should be closed during times of the year when heavy trucks would damage them. Maintenance of that portion of these roads as agreed upon by the Northville Dock Corp. at the last Town Board meeting should be supervised by the Supt. of Highways and the Supt. of Highways should set high standards of maintenance so that all may use these roads."

Cedric Luce - Riverhead, N. Y.

"I am a substantial taxpayer of the Town of Riverhead. Northville Dock Corporation is also a large taxpayer and the Town Board should cooperate with them and not fight them. Northville Dock Corp. has negotiated with me for a parcel of land on which to build a road from their plant southerly to Sound Ave. I see no reason why the Northville Dock Corp., a taxpayer, should be forced to build their own road."

1958

Ray McKay - Aquebogue, N. Y.

" Northville Dock Corporation is a large industry and we should encourage industry to come to Riverhead."

Reginald Smith - Riverhead, N. Y.

" May I ask that the Town Board use its best judgement in dealing with the Northville Dock Corporation. If you close the access roads to this plant, the assessed valuation of this plant will greatly diminish and thereby a loss of taxation revenue."

Leo Saxstein - Riverhead, N. Y.

" I am also a taxpayer and I do not desire to be a beneficiary to the remarks of Mr. Granttham, whereby he states that he represents the taxpayers of the Town. There is no sense closing the roads as they cannot get any worse. The oil terminal is a good thing for this Town.. The Northville Dock Corporation is only in need of the maintenance of a short stretch of road and the Town should supply this service to them."

Norman Smith - Riverhead, N. Y.

" I could not get to my bungalow located on Sound Shore Road this past Sunday due to the condition of the access roads. Fearful of fire protection for these bungalows."

Myron C. Young - Superintendent of Highways

"Roads cannot be properly repaired at this time of the year, due to weather conditions."

Justice Otis G. Pike

" All taxpayers of the Town share the burden for the upkeep of these roads. I am not in favor of a law suit. A heavy duty road is necessary for the successful operation of the Northville Dock Corporation trucks from their terminal to Sound Avenue. The Northville Dock Corp. should share in the cost of building this heavy duty road."

After further discussion by the Board, Justice Pike offered the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the passage of large numbers of heavy trucks over certain of the Town roads of the Town of Riverhead has caused and continues to cause serious damage to such roads, creating uncomfortable and dangerous conditions for vehicles using such roads, now therefore, be it Resolved that from and after the date of April 15, 1957 and until the amendment or rescinding of this resolution, no vehicles exceeding the following gross weight or weights shall be allowed on the respective roads, hereinafter named unless a written permit for the passage of such vehicles is obtained from the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Riverhead.

Sound Avenue east of State Highway 25A to Southold Town
55,000 lbs. gross weight

1958

Peconic Bay Boulevard, Meeting Youse Creek Road and
Hubbard Ave. from Southold Town to State Highway 25.
55,000 lbs. gross weight
Pier Ave., Sound Shore Road, and Penny's Landing Road.
45,000 lbs. gross weight
Park Ave.
45,000 lbs. gross weight
Hulse Landing Road north of Sound Ave.
45,000 lbs. gross weight
North Wading River Road
45,000 lbs. gross weight

End of Resolution

Resident farmers in the audience objected to the maximum weights proposed in Justice Pike's resolution. Other Town Board members felt that Justice Pike's resolution had some merit, but needed further study. No Town Board member would second Justice Pike's resolution. Supervisor Leonard thereby closed the discussion on the matter.

The annual report of the Treasurer of the Jamesport Fire Dept. was submitted to the Board. Ordered placed on file.

A discussion was held relative to the acquisition of land for drainage areas. The Highway Committee was authorized to engage an appraiser to get appraisals of lands suitable for drainage areas.

A discussion was held with reference to a Town Conference. After discussion, it was decided to hold this Conference at the American Legion Clubhouse on March 12, 1957. This is to be a day and evening affair.

On motion made by Justice Stark and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company make a survey for street lighting on Elton Ave. from East Ave. Ext., easterly to Ostrander Avenue. The vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A Claim of John Kolenik against the Town of Riverhead, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways in the sum of \$554.25 was referred to the Board. The claim was ordered filed and the matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

A letter was read to the Board from the Planning Board, as follows, relative to two items.

Item 1,

BE IT RESOLVED that Mrs. Helen Guyer be re-appointed Clerk to the Planning Board at a salary of \$500 per year retroactive to January 1, 1957, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead.

1958

Item 2

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead referred a petition signed by many taxpayers and leasees of property on West Main Street, requesting consideration of a walkway from West Main Street, Riverhead, N. Y., to the Suffolk County building site at Riverside, Town of Southampton, New York, to the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead, for their recommendation thereon, and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the land owned by the Town of Riverhead, known as Grangabel Park, is just across the Peconic River from said County building site, and that there is one passageway for vehicles and pedestrians from West Main Street to Grangabel Park, which is located on West Main Street, approximately 300 feet west of Griffing Avenue, and

WHEREAS this Board finds that the main part of Grangabel Park is located southerly of West Main Street opposite to Griffing Ave;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board recommends to the Town Board that a 5-foot right-of-way be acquired from Riverhead Playhouse, Inc., to Grangabel Park to provide a passageway for pedestrians to the main part of Grangabel Park, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Board recommends to the Town Board that the cooperation of Suffolk County be secured for the construction of a foot-bridge and walkway from Grangabel Park to the new highway, known as "Center Drive", being constructed on the Suffolk County building site, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead.

No action taken on Item 1, salary of Helen Guyer, and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

The Board was fully in accord with the recommendation of the Planning Board, as regards Item 2 and the matter was referred to Justice Pike, Supervisor Leonard and Town Engineer Alden Young.

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---\$9,265.77 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$2,303.60.
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 Tuesday, March 5, 1957 at 10:00 A.M.

Anthony F. Gudzinski
Anthony F. Gudzinski, Town Clerk

1958