

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 16, 1957 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Otis G. Pike  
Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr., Justices of the Peace

John H. Benedict, Councilman

Absent:

Thomas M. Stark, Justice of the Peace

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

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on April 2, 1957, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict And seconded by Justice Zaloga, it was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote---Justice Stark, absent; Justice Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mr. Earl Granttham appeared before the Board in reference to the condition and further repair of Penny's Landing Road. He wanted to be brought up to date on this matter. He was informed that profile maps of Sound Shore Road and Penny's Landing Road were being prepared and that Superintendent of Highways, Myron C. Young, and Alden Young have had conferences with County Superintendent of Highways Cass, regarding the reconstruction of these roads.

The March 1957 report of the Supervisor was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Statements of Tax Collections from the Receiver of Taxes, Charles Allen Horton, dated April 15, 1957 was read to the Board. Communication ordered filed.

Report of Riverhead Fire Department dated April 4, 1957 was submitted to the Board showing votes cast April 4, 1957 for the Officers of the Riverhead Fire Department. Ordered placed on file.

A general discussion was held in regard to the desirability of zoning for the Town. After discussing developments in the Town since the referendum held in 1950, it was the consensus of the members present that an effort be made through the local press to obtain a sampling of opinion from the townspeople as to the desirability of drawing up a zoning ordinance at the present time. In the event that this poll indicated that the people were in favor of the project, steps would be taken in the further study of Zoning for the Town of Riverhead.

On motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that the Town of Riverhead enter into a contract with the Long Island Lighting Company for street lighting in the South Jamesport Lighting District, as per Service Classification No. 8. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated April 15, 1957 from the Town of Riverhead Planning Board was read to the Board as follows:

"WHEREAS the plan submitted by the Town Board to the Planning Board showing a change in alignment of Horton Avenue in a straight line southerly to Osborne Avenue would cause a junction with Osborne Avenue at a very acute angle and would cost considerable to construct road in that area, and WHEREAS the Town Board had also presented a plan showing an extension of Horton Avenue from Osborne Avenue to Old Country Road (County Road 58) with an offer by Mr. Harry Finkelstein to give 25 feet of his land for this extension, the remaining 25 feet to be acquired from the Riverhead Water District, and WHEREAS this Board believes that the cost to construct road in this area would be great NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead does not recommend this change in alignment and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board does not recommend this extension and acceptance of the offer from Mr. Finkelstein and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead." Communication ordered filed.

After discussion, the Board decided to accept this recommendation of the Planning Board.

Attorney Reginald C. Smith of the firm of Griffing, Smith, Tasker and Lundberg appeared before the Board. He outlined the decision of the Court of Appeals relative to the case of Grumman vs The Town of Riverhead and the authority to make application to take this case to the Supreme Court of the United States. He expressed a desire to be authorized to make application to the Supreme Court of the United States. On motion by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that a sum of \$1200. plus disbursements be authorized and approved for the firm of Griffing, Smith, Tasker and Lundberg, to pay for the application for the certiorari order to the Supreme Court of the United States, as regards Grumman vs the Town of Riverhead. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated April 13, 1957 from the Town of Riverhead Planning Board was read to the Board as follows:

"RESOLVED that Item No. 1, page 1, "Resume of Town Conference", "Appointment of Detective and Ordinance Enforcement Inspector" should be considered immediately and put into effect, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead."

"WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead has referred to this Board a plan for Trailer Court by Donald B. Warner, located on Hubbard Avenue, Aquebogue, N.Y. and WHEREAS this Board finds the plan conforming to the requirements of the Town of Riverhead Ordinance No. 10, Ordinance Defining and Providing for the Regulation of Tourist Camps.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board recommends the approval of the plan, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead." Ordered filed.

On motion by Justice Pike and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was RESOLVED that this Board approve the plan submitted by Donald B. Warner for a Trailer Park on Hubbard Avenue, Aquebogue, N.Y., pursuant to further regulations as outlined in Town Ordinance No. 10, "Ordinance Defining and Providing for the Regulation of Tourist Camps", and FURTHER RESOLVED that a permit be issued when the applicant has constructed his trailer camp in accordance with his submitted plan. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion by Justice Pike and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was RESOLVED that Justice Zaloga be authorized to assign a man from the personnel of the Police Department, for duty as a Detective and Ordinance Inspection Officer. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Letter dated April 11, 1957, was submitted to the Board from Honorable Irving M. Ives, which acknowledged receipt of the Resolution adopted by the Riverhead Town Board, in opposition to the proposed taking of land in the vicinity of the Grumman Aircraft Corporation. Ordered placed on file.

Letter dated April 15, 1957, was submitted to the Board from Sherman Adams, assistant to the President of the United States, which acknowledged receipt of the Resolution adopted by the Riverhead Town Board, in opposition to the proposed taking of land in the vicinity of the Grumman Aircraft Corporation. Ordered placed on file.

On motion by Justice Zaloga and seconded by Councilman Benedict, it was RESOLVED that a parking meter zone be established on the east side of Roanoke Avenue between First and Second Street, with the exception of one Hospital Zone space in front of the Riverhead Sanitorium. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion by Justice Zaloga and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that Chief of Police Grodski, be authorized to attend "Traffic Safety Conference for Police Chiefs in New York University, N.Y. May 1, 1957 (one day)." The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion by Justice Zaloga and seconded by Justice Pike, it was RESOLVED that Chief of Police Grodski, be authorized to attend Chiefs of Police Association Conference in Schenectady, N.Y. July 22-23-24-25, 1957. Further RESOLVED that all necessary expenses be paid. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated April 3, 1957, from the I.M. Young & Co., was read to the Board as follows:

"We are planning to erect a migrant labor camp on the property as shown on the attached map. Would you advise me if it is necessary for us to secure any type of permit for the erection of this camp from the Town of Riverhead." Communication ordered filed.

The matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

Justice Pike submitted a printed report of the trip to Washington made by Justice Pike, Councilman Benedict, Town Attorney Harding and Assessor Stout, in regard to the proposed taking of further land by the Grumman Corporation.

Members present received a copy of this report and one copy was ordered filed.

Justice Pike reported that the Town had received from New York State a sum of money in excess of \$7500; this money being the Town's share of fines collected by the Riverhead Justices of the Peace over the past nine months.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict.

Whereas, the Navy Department has asked Congress for an appropriation of \$15,200,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring fee title to 210 acres of land adjacent to their plant at Calverton and restrictions covering 21,619 acres of land in the area extending from their plant all the way to Long Island Sound, and

Whereas, it will mean to the taxpayers higher taxes, and

Whereas, it means that the Navy and the Grumman Aircraft Corporation will have control of approximately one-third of all of the area of the Town, and

Whereas, these restrictions will reduce the value of the land restricted, thereby taxes of that land will be reduced accordingly, and the other taxpayers will be required to make up the difference, and

Whereas, if the perpetual restrictions now sought are put on the land, this loss of tax revenue in the area cannot be made up by new businesses, or new construction of other types, for all construction except farm buildings will be prohibited, and

Whereas, the tax burden on the remaining land for the purposes of schools, highways, police, and all functions of Town and County government will increase sharply, and

Whereas, we feel that an unfair burden has already been imposed upon the taxpayers of the Town by the taking of the original Grumman land (approximately 4,500 acres), and

Whereas, we feel that this new taking, if the taxpayers of Riverhead Town are again forced to foot the bill is intolerable, and

Whereas, Grumman is a private corporation, making fine profits, and there is no reason why other taxpayers should pay their taxes, and

Whereas, the Town Board feels that this taking should be stopped,

Now therefore be it RESOLVED that every effort be made to stop this taking and that all townspeople and other interested parties contact House Military Affairs Committee, Att: Chairman Rivers, Washington D.C.; Senate Military Affairs Committee, Att: Chairman Stennis, Washington, D.C.

Honorable Irving M. Ives, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C.; Honorable Jacob K. Javits, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C.; Honorable Stuyvesant Wainwright, Congress of the United States, Washington, D.C., and voice their protests. The Vote---Justice Stark, Absent; Justices Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, 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---\$6430.38, Machinery Fund---\$866.12. 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, May 7, 1957 at 10:00 A.M.

*Anthony F. Gadzinski*  
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

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