

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 21, 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 May 7, 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.

Dr. R.W. Ralph and his father of Baiting Hollow, appeared before the Board. Dr. Ralph, who owns property near Woodcliff Park, voiced his objection to the operation of Woodcliff Park. He mentioned that certain sections of the Town Ordinance relating to trailer parks and camps, was being violated and that he desired corrective action.

It was suggested that Dr. Ralph sign a complaint against the owners of Woodcliff Park charging them with a violation of this Town Ordinance.

The matter was then referred to the Chief of Police and the ordinance enforcement officer.

Mr. Walter Schmidt of Wading River appeared before the Board. He objected to certain provisions of the present Town Ordinance relating to trailer parks and camps and procedures relative to the enforcement of this ordinance.

The matter was referred to the Chief of Police and the ordinance enforcement officer.

A letter dated May 3, 1957 from the State Traffic Commission was read to the Board. Attached to this letter was a State Traffic Commission order as follows:

"Rescinds its order dated September 13, 1956, which prohibits the parking or standing of vehicles on the west side of Peconic Avenue, Route 24, S.H. 8066, between Station 1139+25- and Station 1140+45-, a distance of 120 feet, in the Unincorporated Village of Riverhead, Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County." End.

Letter and order ordered filed.

A letter dated May 21, 1957 from L.Y. Robinson was read to the Board as follows:

"A few years ago when I built Ostrander Avenue and dedicated it to the Town of Riverhead, I promised a 50-foot strip of land at such a point that you might determine was proper for a roadway. I am in no particular hurry to have that matter decided, but so far I have sold lots up to within about 225 feet of where I think the south edge of the roadway should be. I do, however, have quite a bit of space to the north, but I can never know when a prospect comes along just which spot he might select.

I think at some future time, at your convenience, it would be nice to know where you think the road should go, or possibly you may decide not to want any road. In that event I could proceed at any time to sell lots in this particular section." End.

Communication ordered filed.

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

RESOLVED that Alden W. Young be engaged to prepare plan of road from Ostrander Avenue to Merritts Pond Road in accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Board at the time of the acceptance of Ostrander Avenue as a public highway.

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

A letter dated May 17, 1957 from the Department of Agriculture and Markets was read to the Board stating that there were 16 unlicensed dogs in the Town.

Matter was referred to the Town Clerk. Communication filed.

A letter dated May 16, 1957, from the State Traffic Commission was read to the Board as follows:

"This will acknowledge your letter of May 10, 1957, concerning the operation of Signal #82.04 which is located on East Main Street, Route 25 at its offset intersection with Maple Avenue and McDermott Street, in the Unincorporated Village of Riverhead.

In the light of your request, we will review conditions at this location. When the field work has been completed we will notify you of the Commission's findings." End.

Communication ordered filed.

A letter dated May 17, 1957, from the Suffolk County National Bank was read to the Board as follows:

"It has come to my attention that the Local Finance Law, Chapter 673, has recently been amended and now permits banks to make loans to municipalities in which an employee of the municipality is also a director, officer or stockholder of the bank making the loan at a rate of interest not to exceed 3 1/2%.

You will recall that in January 1957, our bank purchased from your Board five Capital Notes of \$3600. each bearing interest at 3% per annum and, subsequently, you notified us that we could not legally charge you more than 2 1/2% which we agreed to do.

Will you please advise us if it is now possible to charge the original amount (3%) on these loans." End.

The matter was referred to the Town Attorney. Communication ordered filed.

A letter dated May 8, 1957 from Jacob K. Javits, U.S. Senate, was read to the Board regarding the extension of the buffer zone around the Grumman Plant in Calverton.

Communication ordered filed.

A letter dated May 6, 1957 from Ben P. Gale, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, was read to the Board regarding the extension of the buffer zone around the Grumman Plant in Calverton.

Communication ordered filed.

Statements of Tax Collections from the Receiver of Taxes, Charles Allen Horton, dated May 16, 1957, was read to the Board. Communication ordered placed on file.

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

RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways be authorized to advertise for sealed proposals for 300 yards of 3/8" Dolomite for use of the Highway Department, subject to certain specifications and regulations as set forth by the Superintendent of Highways.

These proposals to be opened on June 4th, 1957 at 11 A.M.

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

A letter dated May 16, 1957 from the Retail Businessmens Association of Riverhead, was read to the Board as follows:

"As a newly formed organization we are planning to hold a two (2) day "Shop Riverhead" sale. The dates for this event will be Friday and Saturday, July 19th and 20th, 1957.

Our problem at this time is parking. Is there any way that we can advertise FREE PARKING in our ads? Realizing that that this will most likely bring more shoppers into the area, we as the Retail Businessmen's Association are willing to pay a cash fee to offset the loss in Revenue that this will mean to the Town." End.

It was decided by the Board members to work out a plan that would be desirable to this organization. The matter was referred to the Police Committee and the Town Attorney. Communication ordered placed on file.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 105 of the State Defense Emergency Act, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does hereby confer upon members of the Auxiliary Police, duly organized in said Town, the powers of peace officers, said powers so conferred being effective only during the course of their drill or training periods or during enemy attack.

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

A petition dated May 8, 1957, signed by a large number of residents on Sound Avenue, was read to the Board as follows:

"We, hereby, the resident taxpayers of the Hamlet of Baiting Hollow, in Calverton, who reside along Sound Avenue request that the Town Board of Riverhead designate a 35 mile speed zone from the west side of the Boy Scout Camp as far east as Osborne Avenue, included the curves by Linn Young Lumber Yard. Dated May 8th." End.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Stark.

RESOLVED that the State Traffic Commission be requested to make a traffic survey on Sound Avenue from the westerly side of the Boy Scout Camp in Baiting Hollow easterly along Sound Avenue to a point approximately 1/4 mile east of Osborne Avenue, in the Township of Riverhead.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the speed of traffic along this section be restricted to 35 MPH.

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

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

RESOLVED that Mrs. Mae Hallock be hired as a part-time clerk in the Office of the Receiver of Taxes, and to be compensated at the rate of \$8.00 per day.

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

Councilman Benedict offered the following which was seconded by Justice Zaloga.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Riverhead, pursuant to Section 218 of the Federal Social Security Act and Article 3 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, will provide old-age and survivors insurance coverage for eligible officers and employees effective on the following date June 16, 1956.

That the following official is hereby authorized to represent the The Town of Riverhead and is directed to comply with the regulations of the Director of the State Social Security Agency designed to extend old-age and survivors insurance coverage to positions of officers and employees pursuant to Section 218 of the Federal Social Security Act and Article 3 of the Retirement and Social Security Law:

Name and Title William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Address Town Hall, Town of Riverhead, Riverhead, N.Y.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to install lights in the Town parking field on Hamilton Avenue as per Long Island Lighting Company letter and sketch, dated May 10, 1957.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to install street lights in Wildwood Hills, Wading River, as per Long Island Lighting Company letter and sketch, dated May 8, 1957, with the exception that street lights on Locust Road be placed on poles 1, 3, & 5, in lieu of poles 2, 4, & 6.

FURTHER RESOLVED that permission to trim certain trees in this area be granted by the Wildwood Hills Association, further, that this consent be filed with the Long Island Lighting Company.

The Vote---Justices Stark, 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---\$27,585.10, Machinery Fund---\$987.01. 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, June 4, 1957 at 10:00 A.M.

Anthony F. Gadowski
Anthony F. Gadowski, Town Clerk

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