

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Wednesday, November 6, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Joseph F. Janoski, Supervisor  
Denise Civiletti, Councilwoman  
Vic Prusinowski, Councilman  
James Stark, Councilman  
Frank Creighton, Councilman

**Also Present:** Patricia Moore, Town Attorney  
Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk

Supervisor Janoski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited .

**Supervisor Janoski:** "We have with us this evening the winners of the Halloween Poster Contest and we will present them first with their awards. Jane Van Denthorn from the Recreation Department is here to help out in the presentations. I think I will get my glasses. The first group is the 3rd. grade and the 3rd. prize winner is Mike Stewart, from the Riley Avenue School. If you would step forward. We are also going to present these Town Seal Book Marks they are gold plated; they are the representation of the Town Seal (inaudible) long time in memory of this. The second place winner is a very familiar name, my son's name is Jarod, Jarod Hallock. Congratulations Jarod. The First place winner is Michelle Spano form Aquebogue School.

Now the fourth group. Second prize Erica Corbin from the Pulaski Street School. First prize Kristen Killiam from St. Isidore School.

The Fifth grade group. Third prize to Greg Luce from Pulaski Street School. Congratulations. Second place to George Kermit, Pulaski Street School. First place to John Petrovich, Pulaski Street School.

The Sixth grade group. Third prize to Lucasi Trinowski. Second place to Scott Hutchinson. First prize to Robin Chicanowicz.

Special Education group third place, Roy Stokely. Second place Antone Hubbard. First prize to Madelyn Sampler.

That represents all the winners in our Halloween Contest who are (inaudible) Town Board Meeting. We usually put on a good show here, but if you would like to go home and watch television we will wait for a couple of minutes for you to exit. We certainly welcome you to stay and be a part of what should be very interesting. They don't believe me.

For those of you who are here for the budget hearing there are summaries of the budget, they are the blue documents on both sides of the room."

May I have a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of September 17th and of October 1st."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "So moved."

Councilwoman Denise Civiletti: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Civiletti, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 YES

Supervisor Janoski: "Reports."

### REPORTS

Town Clerk            Monthly Report for October

Building Dept.      Monthly Reports for September and October

Supervisor           Preliminary Budget

Open Bid Report - Collection Districts/Solid Waste  
Bid Opened - October 31, 1991

#### District "A"

**NAME:**        Riverhead Sanitation & Carting

**AMOUNT:**    \$1,069,362.00

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**NAME:**        R.A.S. Carting

**AMOUNT:**    \$1,208,844.00

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**NAME:**        Maggio Sanitation

**AMOUNT:**    \$1,332,385.20

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**NAME:**        Russ Davis Carting

**AMOUNT:**    \$990,986.40

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#### District "B"

**NAME:**        Motion Carting

AMOUNT: \$1,568,784.00

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NAME: Riverhead Sanitation & Carting

AMOUNT: \$1,288,644.00

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District "C"

NAME: Motion Carting

AMOUNT: \$1,443,540.00

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NAME: Riverhead Sanitation & Carting

AMOUNT: \$1,185,282.00

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NAME: Peak Carting

AMOUNT: \$662,122.00

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NAME: Mattituck Sanitation

AMOUNT: \$1,677,440.00

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NAME: Maggio Sanitation

AMOUNT: \$1,549,596.00

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NAME: Russ Davis Carting

AMOUNT: \$1,078,236.12

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District "D"

NAME: Riverhead Sanitation and Carting

AMOUNT: \$1,359,162.00

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**NAME:** R.A.S. Carting

**AMOUNT:** \$1,474,817.40

**NAME:** Jet Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,352,408.40

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**NAME:** Mattituck Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,833,095.80

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**NAME:** Maggio Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,703,595.60

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**NAME:** Russ Davis Carting

**AMOUNT:** \$1,029,924.00

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**District "E"**

**NAME:** Riverhead Sanitation & Carting

**AMOUNT:** \$1,344,672.00

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**NAME:** Jet Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,384,423.80

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**NAME:** Mattituck Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,902,920.70

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**NAME:** Maggio Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,824,732.00

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**NAME:** Russ Davis Carting

**AMOUNT:** \$1,031,007.12  
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**District "F"**

**NAME:** Riverhead Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,240,344.00  
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**NAME:** Jet Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,276,552.80  
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**NAME:** Maggio Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,608,595.20  
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**NAME:** Mattituck Sanitation

**AMOUNT:** \$1,713,770.20  
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**Supervisor Janoski: "Applications."**

**APPLICATIONS**

Special Permit	25 East Realty Co. to lease portion of building for auto repair, Rte. 25
Special Permit	Vincent DellaSperanzo to add kitchen to create a two family residence
Site Plan	Doctors Officenter to convert interior into office, Route 58
Site Plan	Little Flower Children Services to maintain existing buildings
Site Plan	Cambridge Farms for eight greenhouses, Main Road, Jamesport

Change of Zone	25 East Realty Co. from Ag. to Bus. D., Route 25
Parade Permit	Lions Club for Christmas Parade, 12/8/91
Petition	Residents of Oak Hills request change from Riverhead Fire Dist. to Wading River Fire District
Petition	Forty two residents requesting that Jamesport Community Center remain open but not for profit and service organizations

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Correspondence."

CORRESPONDENCE

Karl Washwick	Urges funds for East End Arts Council be kept in budget
Elaine Kaldor	Requests funding for "Alternatives East End" be included in budget
Gail Gambino	Requests continued financial support for East End Arts Council
Marge & Bob Cramer	Requesting continued support for the East End Arts Council
Allene Carey	Asking support for the East End Arts Council
Judith Weiner	Asking support of \$10,000.00 for "East End Arts Council
Richard Winslow	Sending thanks to Maureen Polecki, Water Dist. for her courteous & prompt action
Florence Bush	Sends an article regarding Noise Ordinance laws
Leon Mildren, Jr.	Submitting notice of retirement as of 11/8/91
Islip Town	Copy of resolution regarding County sales tax
Riverhead Fire Chiefs Council	Two letters. One expressing concern regarding the Riverhead Town Emergency Disaster Plan. The other, opposing the dilution of Fire Limits in the Town Fire Code

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Let the record show that the hour of 7:45 p.m. and the Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing."

P U B L I C H E A R I N G 7:40 P.M.

Town Clerk, Irene J. Pendzick: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a public notice for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 7:40 P.M. on Wednesday, November 6, 1991 to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **The 1992 Budget.**"

I have five letters that were received today that didn't get on the agenda that go under this public hearing. One from Maryann McElroy's Music Center encouraging the Town Board to continue to support for the East End Arts Council for \$10,000.00. One from Steven Patterson, III supporting funding for the East End Arts Council. One from New Directions requesting continued support of \$2,000.00 in the budget. One from Williams and Company requesting that \$10,000.00 be retained in the budget for the East End Arts Council. And from HUGS Inc. requesting continued financial support for Alternatives Counseling Center."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. I will recognize anyone who wishes to address the Town Board on the matter of the proposed budget for 1992."

Linda Fleming, Executive Director of Alternatives: "Good evening and thank you for this opportunity. I'm here to urge to please continue our funding. I think the letter from Carl Washwick was also in support of Alternatives, the first one you read. I just hope you can support us. Alternatives in the past year has increased it's services dramatically in part, because of the wonderful direction of Gwen Branch our clinical director. Also because just because of the increase need and increased clients that have come to us. We have increased our work with schools dramatically. I think we will be working with twelve different groups of third graders this year as well as the other things we've been doing. Our staff's professionalism increases. Our needs increased dramatically each year and yet our funding form all sources does not."

Councilwoman Denise Civiletti: "I'm sorry to interrupt. What kind of work are you doing with the third graders?"

Linda Fleming: "With the third grader we are literally working with every third grader in Aquebogue School. We did that last year and are doing it again this year and the whole third grade in Roanoke. Self-esteem work. Working with them in terms of self-esteem, learning to work in groups. The third graders are then all going to go on to the next level school. And that's a very good time to get kids to be able to stand those pressures and adjust. We ended up with a very successful party in Aquebogue at the end of last year both for the teachers and the students."

It was very rewarding. It's drug abuse prevention, but more than in a very direct way.

I would certainly welcome any questions, but I would also say that I think the number of clients that we saw between 1990 and the end of 1991 increased just about 300%."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "What is your request? Didn't we give you \$1,500.00 last year or \$2,000.00?"

Linda Fleming: "Twenty five hundred last year. I think my request was for \$10,000.00, but if you could put us back in the budget we would appreciate it very much. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you."

Bob Cramer, Board of Directors, East End Arts Council: "You may recall last year I said I'd be back. Well here I am. Not only do I represent myself as a proud citizen of Riverhead, but also have been on the Board of Directors for the East End Arts Council for four years. We certainly appreciate your support in the past and I also realize we are so quick to down and not give thanks where thanks is due and I'm so proud to read an article up here about the restoration revamping of the senior citizens hall and I personally went down to take a look. I think you should be very proud of what we are doing there. Furthermore I'm very proud that we offer the transportation to seniors to the various locations where they have to go and I realize that the fiscal needs are very important to everybody in the community.

But I'm here on another venue if you would and that is that of a cultural type. I think we have to support what we are bringing here at the East End Arts Council. We're making available to the citizens of Riverhead things that no other organization is bringing. That's why we're asking for more funding. You've been very supportive and we're most appreciative and we certainly hope that you continue that support for the East End Arts Council. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Board on the proposed budget? Barry."

Barry Barth, Riverhead: "I would like to speak to you about supporting the East End Arts Council. At least to the extent that you did last year and really I think that do to the cut backs the County and State have forced upon the East End Arts Council, I think that possibly the Town Board should think about funding it to a greater extent than you did previously. I had the pleasure of working on the Jazz Festival Committee and I found Judith Weiner and her organization was extremely frugal. There was no glitz and glitter involved in their operation and they work very, very hard to put the squeeze on people to try and get as much volunteerism and as much funding from the community as possible. The Town Board has been extremely receptive and worked very hard to improve downtown Riverhead and our group, The Riverhead

Merchants Association, has worked hard to make downtown Riverhead a better community and better place for people to work and shop and do business in. I think the East End Arts Council, because it is in downtown Riverhead is another asset to our area and they strive to bring things into the community that we wouldn't otherwise have. I personally would find it beneficial for all of Riverhead if the Town Board can consider at least increasing the amount of money that you do give the East End Arts Council. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Barry. Is there anyone present wishing to address the Board? Gwen."

Gwen Branch: "Good evening. This time last year I asked to make remarks on several groups and I'm afraid to sit down in between so I'm going to cover them all awhile I'm up here."

First of all I want to say that I've been involved with the East End Arts Council for almost six years. In that time I've seen the organization grow and the quality of programs rival that of any New York City theater. In Riverhead we are lucky to be able to see actors, musicians and artists appear on our stages at a small fraction of the city ticket prices. We don't have to drive very far. We don't have to pay for parking and we can afford to bring our children. These events are the soul of our communities. These events have also become a part of the inspiration of our community. I'm speaking now of gospel concerts. The gospel concerts are a marriage of the East End Arts Council and the East End community of churches. It is a rare opportunity for black and white neighborhoods to share cultural experiences that cross barriers. This is a part of our community experience that deserves to be supported with our tax dollars. So I ask the Town Board to continue financial support of the East End Arts Council. I want you to know that the Council is grateful for the support we've always received, but it is also the dollars that will enable the Council to bring to Riverhead the quality and the quantity of cultural events that will improve our lives and the vitality of our community. So I am requesting that you restore the funding to the Arts Council.

In addition to that as a clinical director of Alternative Counseling I'm asking that you also restore the counseling in our program. As Linda has said we have extended our programs greatly. One of the best programs that we are involved in now, and I've been with Alternatives fourteen years now, and one of the best experiences of my life was working with the children from Aquebogue last year in self-esteem and confidence and helping them to make better decisions for themselves. At the third grade level children are just starting to develop group activities and this is the time when they can learn to have a more positive identity for themselves to get along better with other children and to see other children in a much better light. And also at a much later age they are making decisions, which is not really a much later age by the seventh grade, many children have already made decisions about drugs and alcohol use, sexual

experimentation and the like. And so we think the work that we are doing at Alternatives is a very important part of the communities programs going on and in addition to that we're also starting an Addictive Mothers Program and a Grandparents Program which brings me to the next part of my request for support.

The Grandparents Program, because we don't have the appropriate facilities in terms of being able to provide daycare for these children awhile we are seeing grandparents or other members of the family that are offering care to those children whose parents who are unable to care for them because of substance abuse that we are venturing on a project this year that will involve the Riverhead Community Action Center which has a room where we are able to meet with grandparents in a support group and where the children will be able to be baby-sat by other members of the community. This is going to be a very worthwhile program. There are no other programs like this on the East End or as far as I know in Suffolk County. So we are asking that you be a part of that and to support both these organizations in continued funding and to support us in terms of fighting against the problems of substance abuse in our community. Thank you."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Gwen, just one question on the Grandparents Program. That's a separate item that you want us to address? Separate from the Alternatives."

Gwen Branch: "Alternatives is the sponsoring organization and we're cosponsoring that with the Riverhead-Southampton Community Center which will be provided space and advocacy services that will enable those individuals who do not know how to complete forms or find the proper care for those children or just a break from the everyday routine. Most of the grandparents have raised their children and now are taking on a second parenthood."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Do you have a dollar amount in mind for the Grandparents Program?"

Gwen Branch: "A dollar amount? I can give you some additional information on that at a later point."

Councilman Prusinowski: "At Alternatives you impact about how many kids in the community?"

Gwen Branch: "The children that we are doing just in the Aquebogue and the Roanoke Program will be approximately 144 children. We're also doing groups in the Middle School. But I don't have the numbers for that right now."

Councilwoman Denise Civiletti: "Something that strikes me that might be useful information for the Board in mulling this over. A couple of years ago I attended a C.A.P. Seminar out in Southampton. It was a weekend seminar sponsored by cap. And there were a couple of presenters there one of whom had all kinds of numbers regarding savings to municipalities such as ours. Every

dollar spent on substance abuse prevention and education especially among the young people, the estimated savings in law enforcement and the mopping up activities that have to go on when you don't have effective prevention like that. Do you know of anywhere where you could get some information like that to us so that we all have in front of us what I saw that weekend, because it was astounding? Do you recall the presenter who I'm talking about?"

Gwen Branch: "I believe that presenter was from New York State. The program now I can't think of the exact name."

Councilwoman Civiletti: "It was a guy on a Saturday morning portion of that."

Gwen Branch: "Yes. I don't have his exact figures, but I can just tell you this that I know since I've worked with Alternatives for a number of years that I had an opportunity to work with a lot of young people that I see now living productive lives in the community and contributing to the community. There are other children also that weren't so lucky that I've seen through the school system that are now hanging on the corner, because they did not get enough of the information that was needed or enough of the services that were available. Certainly in the services that you would gain from those individuals not becoming a part of the jail system. Because my understanding a great many of those young people over there are under the ages of twenty-five. And the money that we would save in terms in doing some preventive services rather than doing treatment later on where even in the jail system they are not getting adequate treatment and we're getting many people in the jail, I believe, I have no figures on this, but the largest majority and I would say over 90% of those individuals are involved in some kind of substance abuse. But if we can treat those issues awhile they are young and perhaps we would have an opportunity to save some of these people from going into this life-style. Also they are productive individuals they would contribute to our tax base. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Gwen. Yes."

Bernice Mack, Director of Riverhead-Southampton Community Center: "I've been struggling trying to keep the center open for the past year, over a year now. This past August has been a year that there are no funds. We have no budget at the center. I have kept the program open trying to wait for the Town to put us in the budget so we can have money to run that program. The program is a very good program. We have people who come in, you can't say that it is all people on Social Service. We have mothers that have come in who have lost their jobs, they have lost their homes and they are in the shelters. They come in to eat food. They come in for food baskets which we give them. And I'm the only person there that was from the center. Nobody gets paid. We have a person through the Senior Citizen Program Office of the Aging. We

have a couple of people from the Labor Department. That's the only help we have their. We don't have money to pay the bills. We're behind in our rent now. We are behind in the fuel and we're trying to go to other sources to get funds, but they want to know if the Town's going to help us because they don't want to put their money out if the program is going to stand. We told them the program has been their for the past year that I have worked their without funds, without pay myself. I've taken my car to go pick up food, bread and whatever anyone will give us. I take my car, my gas and I go do it. So I feel like someone else should join in and help me try to give this service to the community that is needed. We have seniors that are shut-ins that need fuel oil. They need Medicaid Cards. That is some of the service that we give. We go to homes and we go to Social Service and represent those people. Also to the Social Security Office. Whatever we can do for seniors, we do. I would appreciate this year if you would put us into the funds, into your budget. I'd like twenty-five thousand dollars and we will be going to Southampton asking them for the same amount of money and to other sources we will be trying to get other monies to keep this program going. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Bernice. Way in the back."

Nick DiPirro: "Good evening. I don't mean to single anyone person out. But I would like to recommend to the Board that the Supervisor's salary be frozen at it's current rate of \$58,501.00, I believe it is."

Supervisor Janoski: "It is \$58,001.00."

Nick DiPirro: "Fifty eight one. Okay. If we go by the percentages, the 1992 salary based on the three percent increase that the Supervisor had for 1991 and the two and a half percent proposed increase for 1992 should bring that salary for the Supervisor up to \$59,121.00. That's approximately \$600 more than what the Supervisor is currently getting. That's peanuts really. This is why I'm recommending that the salary for \$620.00 we really don't need that. We all know that it will be \$60,000.00, but we're playing percentages by what I was reading three percent that was given for 1991. In reality that would bring the 1991 salary to \$57,681.00 not \$58,001.00. But in all due respect I believe that the Supervisor should take a leadership position in rejecting this salary increase. We already have had the Councilpeople reject and scale back their salaries quite considerably and I think the Supervisor should also do the same. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Dick."

Richard Carey, Middle Road, Riverhead: "I feel a little bit out of position here, because I don't normally come up and talk about more money, I generally talk about less. I did see a debate on television between Joe and Boschetti and I think the question

was asked about the East End Arts not included in the budget. I'm pretty sure I can quote you not directly, exactly, but you said that if there is a possibility for some savings it can be reflected before we make the final budget why we might be able to have some room for East End Arts. Something like that Joe? Even Boschetti agreed with you on that one score. So I would like to also put in a plea for East End Arts. As you probably know my wife was one of the organizers of that many, many years ago and we've been closely involved with it since then. Unfortunately I got involved, because I generally had to end up trying to keep them out of the red over the years and it's been a tough struggle and they are faced with a tough struggle now, because of the cut backs from the State and Federal and County aide. I believe they want this money for their operating budget. If you don't have money for your operation, you don't have an operation and that's going to be the end of it. So I think that it's fitting and proper and beneficial very much to the community and you should consider it.

By the way I went through the 482 pages of this budget. It's quite a document. I will compliment somebody, whoever put it all together, once you get the pattern of how it works, why you can find what you are looking for in it. Excepting when it comes to transferring of funds. I find that's a pretty difficult proposition to know just where they are transferring them and so forth, but in general----I did some figuring. Taking the line item that shows the actual expenses for the first six months of 1991 and doubling those expenses and then comparing with the budget. You come out with some very interesting figures. Now I know there are some areas that it doesn't apply to, for example, like Recreation, where you spend most of your money in July and August in the summer months. There are some seasonal aspects of it is different. Looking at a lot of your general operating departments we certainly have an awful lot of them, I didn't stop to count them, but there is a tremendous amount. It does give you a very good feel of the situation. I was talking with our Town Attorney today and I remarked to her that using that method I came up with an increase of \$6,000.00 in that budget for that department. She immediately explained to me that that was to bring her law books up to date. So you can show how closely those figures can be used. If I can be of any help in finding a place where we could provide the \$10,000.00 that they are asking for, why I would be very glad to."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well the one thing that I didn't hear that you found in going through it page by page was that \$500,000.00 I heard so much about in the last couple of months."

Richard Carey: "Yes. But I understand that that is a carry over surplus. I did find a figure though----anybody want to make a speculation on how much our benefits are? Our retirement?"

Councilman James Stark: "You already told me this afternoon."

Richard Carey: "Over four million."

Councilman Prusinowski: "That's with the payroll."

Richard Carey: "No, no that's not the payroll. Four items."

Supervisor Janoski: "Retirement, compensation, health insurance."

Richard Carey: "Hospitalization, retirement, social security, workmans comp. I come up with a figure of \$3,962,000.00."

Councilman Prusinowski: "That includes retirement."

Richard Carey: "All four items. It is divided between police, non-uniform, highway, scavenger waste, water, public parking, sewer, garage, solid waste, etc."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Dick what do you estimate that same package of retirement benefits in the school system the Riverhead Central School District would be? That amount would be there? Do you have any guess on a \$30,000,000.00 budget?"

Richard Carey: "On a what? How much million?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "What are they up to?"

Richard Carey: "Thirty six million. Someone in that area. No I don't know Vic. By the way you have on your blue sheets space for the fire districts and the school districts, but you don't show any figures. Now I believe those figures have been given to us haven't they?"

Town Accountant, Jack Hansen: "Mr. Carey is looking at a summary that was given out last Wednesday and since that time the school district rates have come in, the fire districts have not yet. The first couple of pages you will see the rates, what the school district is in there for all the school districts."

Richard Carey: "Okay. I guess I was just ahead of time. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you very much. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Board on the proposed '92 budget? Mr. Schmelzer do you wish to address the Board?"

George Schmelzer, Calverton: "All of you looked a little sheepish a minute ago. I don't know what you are ashamed of. You're no where as bad as the school is. I don't know why we should call it a school budget anymore. It should be another word I don't dare say. Maybe I don't know if it is possible to get a copy of that school budget. Do you think it is possible?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Sure. Absolutely. They have a clerk for the School Board just as we have a clerk for the records and that school district budget is there for your examination."

George Schmelzer: "Is the Town budget guided by the school budget?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Not at all."

George Schmelzer: "I thought maybe you got some of your ideas from the school budget. Well that's good. I don't want to say anymore. Instead of having three percent raises all over or about having two and a half to three percent cuts. The Town, the whole East End is in bad shape. Wouldn't that be in order?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Is that your suggestion George?"

George Schmelzer: "Yeh. Like some parts of the County or State have been laying people off. It would be better to give each of them a cut. They'll keep their jobs. Look at the guy in Connecticut is doing. The Governor is laying people off, State Troopers, instead of cutting their salaries a bit. They keep the salary the same and lay a lot of them off. I don't think that's a good idea. Well you can do what you want now. It's after election. Okay. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you George. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Town Board?"

Carol Ferguson: "I would like to congratulate Joe and Frannie for their victory. I notice that each one of the major parties in our Town, because of the economy and the problems in this community, county, state and country each one of them ran on a line that was either Tax Freeze or Cut Spending. I feel if you were sincere in your campaign, now that you are winners, I know the councilman already have deterred having raises, but I feel that if you were being honest and all the thousands of dollars that you paid in your campaign and ads that you would truly cut spending by refusing a raise. I feel as the other man mentioned that it would be wonderful if Joe set this example for our Town and I feel that the other elected officials should do the same and especially those like Tax Receiver and Town Clerk since they will be new people in those positions. I really truly feel that they should refuse a raise. I ran on that platform and I truly feel that this would be a great gesture done by these elected people who run our Town. There are many people out there suffering. Hazeltine has shut. Many people have lost jobs at the County Center people have lost jobs. We've been on four days. We are on delayed pay now. They are keeping our pay until 1997 and I feel that this Town could help a little also. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: Thank you Carol. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Board?"

**Rolf Kessling, Wading River:** "I congratulate you Mr. Janoski and Mr. Creighton. I was very pleased to see the line Tax Freeze and Cut Spending. I am in support of Mr. Schmelzer here, and Ms. Ferguson and I just want to back them up a little. A large portion of Riverhead are senior citizens like me. We are really hurting and I would like you to consider that on the line take a look how many Tax Freeze and how many Cut Spending votes you got. I went into that voting booth and I had to take a sheet with me and I was up and down and up and down and up and down. I just hope that you pay attention to the Tax Freeze and the Cut Spending, because I believe it's a big segment of the population that voted that way that normally would have voted----normally I would have voted up another line. I saw it down there and I zipped down to that line and I think there are a lot of people who feel that way. Thank you very much."

**Councilman Prusinowski:** "Mr. Kessling I just want to make a point that we have cut spending and I think that message should go across to (I don't know what part of Town, I think you are Wading River-Shoreham School District or it's the Riverhead Central School District) the fact is that the school boards now have to understand that business as usual is killing us on Long Island. They have to find economies that are painful, tough decisions. They can't make everybody happy. The fact is they are over 60% of our tax bill. For Riverhead to cut spending, we also need the school district to cut spending. Then we'll get some tax relief in the Town of Riverhead. You cannot have somebody that adds less than 13% to your tax bill cut the spending then the next guy who's 60% of your tax bill increase spending and raise your taxes every year. Because for one I don't think there is much correlation anymore between throw the money at the school system and a better education. Unless somebody can show me this, it's time that all levels of government, the County is trying, they're laying off people. But the school systems on Long Island it's business as usual just cannot-----our school system gave a five and a half to six percent increase to their employees in a time of a deep recession. Part of that was supposed to be funded from the State of New York which Dr. Suprina said will reduce it down to three percent. Well the funding disappeared and the five and a half percent pay increase to the employees was totally absorbed by the tax rate of the Town of Riverhead. That's wrong in a recession. People losing their jobs. We're doing our part. I ask you people to go to the School Board and tell them to do their part. Together we can cut the taxes in the Town."

**Rolf Kessling:** "Well I went to the School Board Meeting and I spoke up at that time. I objected to some of the things that were in the budget. That don't belong into a school budget. As far as I'm concerned the budget is reading, writing and arithmetic."

**Councilman Prusinowski:** "The number one cost in all budgets, county and school is payroll and payroll is not mandated. What you pay your employees is not mandated from the

State Legislature. What you give out in salary increases is not mandated and there is a lot of times we would like to blame the State of New York and believe me they give us a lot of unreasonable mandates, but what you pay employees is the courage of the school board to negotiate it fairly and honestly not harshly with the unions. You have to understand that everybody has got to bite the bullet."

Rolf Kesslering: "Sure, but you know one thing you say mandate. They don't tell you what the mandate is. Right away we say cut so they cut the school busing. All the parents are up in the air to cut the school busing. There is a mandate to a certain distance. But they (whistled) everything. I went down to Rocky Point School on Rocky Point Road. School buses are pouring out. They are going up to 25A in a couple hundred feet the door opens up and kids walked out. Alright I know this has to go with the school budget, but I'll attend more school board meetings and we'll see what we can do. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kesslering are you aware that in my proposed budget the spending was cut \$685,000.00?"

Rolf Kesslering: "I know and I think you are doing a good job. Believe me."

Supervisor Janoski: "And then when the Board got done with it I think we popped up over \$700,000.00 in some of the things that have been done since then. So the effort is there."

Rolf Kesslering: "I know it's not an easy job and there are a lot of people that came up and spoke for money and they deserve it. The senior citizens and some of those things, yes there are a lot of poor people in Riverhead. A lot of them, but some people don't seem to realize---okay. Thank you again."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the board?"

Jim Divan, Bay Constable: "I am currently the full-time Bay Constable. I guess for obvious reasons and maybe some reasons not so obvious I would like to disagree with the proposed 1992 Budget for the Town Bay Constable where the full-time Bay Constable won't be here next year. I was hired in 1989, January and since that time I think that I've worked with the Board and Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor in establishing a decent well run Bay Constable Department. I feel there is a need for this department 365 days of the year. Boats are maintained. They need their ready to go all year long. We've acquired equipment to make cold water rescues. If we have someone fall through a lake in the ice, we can now make rescues there. Since I've come to Riverhead and become a resident, I wasn't a resident here prior to 1989, the Town has given me excellent training, the best training to be found probably on the East Coast as far as law enforcement goes. The Suffolk County Police Academy, through the Sheriffs Academy,

through New York State Marine Law Enforcement courses, through other various courses through the Police Department. I would hate to see that go down. You have spent a lot of money and we both spent a lot of time and I was hired off of the Civil Service list as a full-time Bay Constable. That was the position I sought with the Town. Since I moved here I found that this is a terrific town. I want to continue to live here as your Bay Constable and as a resident. I would just hate to see the department cut down now when we have most of our equipment. Presently I'm maintaining the navigation lights. I've made a substantial savings in that department alone. Prior to my arrival they were spending over \$10,000.00 for that department. So far I've spent something like \$1,300.00. The remaining money that was left in the budget from 1991 I planned to buy three new lamps for our navigation lights, because the ones we have are falling apart. They're ancient. I can't even buy spare parts. The only reason they work is that I take them home. I take them apart. I clean them and I put them back together again. That's what I do in the spring. The job isn't something that can be done in six months of the year as a seasonal job. The equipment has to be maintained and I guess that's about all I have to say. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone else present? Larry."

Larry Taylor, Calverton: "I'm here in support for the Bay Constable and the job that you want to abolish. I honestly think that we are making a mistake if we are going to abolish this job. What the man has already done for the beaches in helping to keep these beaches clean and keeping the cars off. When we went to the \$75.00 permit to get on the beaches. If we didn't have this Bay Constable to do this, we would also have a lot we would also have a lot of problems on the beaches. With him there handing tickets out to keep the beach the way it is and they are going to abolish it I don't know how you are going to patrol it. I don't know if you are talking about putting on part time help and if you are I don't think that is going to work because the part time help is not going to be a dedicated person. It just a job. He is only there part time for getting the money which isn't going to help Riverhead. We would probably wind up back again, probably here in this room with these beaches the way we started from before. And I actually think that we keep the Bay Constable to keep the beaches the way they are and also the navigation what he says, plus our waterways, what bays that we do have so that we have some kind of control on it. I think we will have a runaway situation. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Larry. Is there any other comment on the proposed 1992 Budget?"

Jim Muscavich, Riverhead: "I'm also here to support the Bay Constable position. I'm a beach goer, a boater also. I'm going to tell you that the man has done a fine job. If you eliminate his job now we are going to have problems. As Larry said, I mean I see it every day. If he is not there, there's going to problems,

you know, the Police Department can only do so much. You need this man to do what he is doing and I think you should keep him on. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Jim. Is there anyone else who would wish to comment on the proposed 1992 Budget? That being the case and without objection I declare the hearing to be closed.

I will open the meeting to comment on any subject. Let us then take up the resolutions."

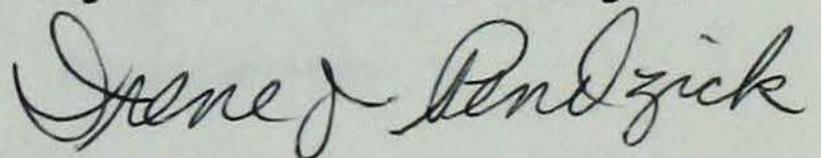
### RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Janoski: "Do you wish to address the Board?"

Sherry Johnson, Representing the North Fork Environmental Council: "I'm sorry you acted so quickly before. I was afraid you just didn't want George to get up again.

First I would like to say congratulations to Supervisor Janoski and Mr. Creighton. Over the years the only thing that I found that I like about election is the campaign promises. Two weeks ago in Wading River you pledged to adopt a resolution against the proposed jetport in Calverton. I know it is very soon to be calling in that pledge, but I feel that if you really meant to do it that it is absolutely imperative that you not wait. That the resolution be adopted as soon as possible. Particularly since Governor Cuomo is coming to the Island next Thursday to talk to the L.I.A. about his economic plan and that plan is expected to include support for the Calverton Jetport. I'd like to ask that you adopt a resolution and get it to him before he comes down. And if you can't get the resolution off quickly that you at least draft a letter and all sign it stating your intention and get that to the Governor immediately. Before he commits State funds to the project. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Let the record show that the hour is now 8:40 P.M. and without objection this meeting is adjourned."



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