

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 10, 1957 at 9:30 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 August 20, 1957, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Stark, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mr. Cedric Luce, Riverhead, appeared before the Board relative to the highway reconstruction on Sound Shore Road and Penny's Landing Road. He commended the Board and the Superintendent of Highways on certain phases of this work.

Mr. Luce objected to a large stone that was left alongside Sound Shore Road and also about a hump in this road which he felt should have been removed.

Mr. Luce also objected to farmers carting produce to the dealers on trucks bearing farm plates (\$1.00), which he said was in direct violation of the law, and he desired to have this situation corrected by police action.

Remarks of Mr. Luce regarding Sound Shore Road and Penny's Landing Road were taken under advisement by the Board. Matter of farmers misusing farm plates referred to the Chief of Police.

Supervisor's Report for month of August 1957 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Proof of publication in regard to a Public Hearing on the purchase of a two cubic yard Tractor Shovel, for the Town Highway Department, was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Leonard declared the Hearing open to anyone who wished to be heard in this matter.

No one wishing to be heard, Supervisor Leonard declared the Hearing closed.

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

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RESOLVED that Albert R. Summerville, Wading River; Harry T. Boden, Riverhead; Richard W. Schmersal, Wading River; Reginald G. Underwood, Jr, Riverhead; and Leonard Pavlakis, Riverhead, be and they are hereby appointed Police Patrolmen, Riverhead Town Police Department, for a probationary period of six (6) months as of September 10, 1957, per Suffolk County Civil Service Commission list dated August 26, 1957, at a salary of \$4000. per annum.

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

After being duly advertised, sealed bids for a two cubic yard Tractor Shovel, for use of the Highway Department were opened as follows:

Hodge & Hammond, Inc.	Net \$12,912.00
George Malverse & Co., Inc.	" 13,888.00
Edward Ehrbar, Inc.	" 17,400.00
United Tractor & Equipment Corp.	" 15,975.00

Bids ordered filed.

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

RESOLVED, that the bid for the two cubic yard Tractor Shovel, be and it is hereby awarded to United Tractor & Equipment Corp., New York, N.Y. at a total net bid price of \$15,975.00 as per bid and specification form submitted by the United Tractor & Equipment Corp. dated September 9, 1957, subject to the approval of the County Superintendent of Highways.

This bid being awarded to United Tractor & Equipment Corp. as their bid is the lowest that conforms to the bid specifications.

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

A petition signed by a large number of residents was submitted to the Board. This petition read:

We, the undersigned, hereby protest the stench originating from the starch factory, located on Raynor Avenue, Riverhead, L.I., N.Y., operating under the name of Philbrick Starch Company. It is undermining the health and clean living standards of our community, so we are appealing to you to help us in our effort to eliminate this menace. End.

Mrs Stanley Troyan, Mrs. John Shumejda, Mrs. Stella Babiar, Mrs. Mary Fialkowski, and Mr. Michael Futerko appeared before the Board in regard to this matter. They mentioned that odors coming from this starch factory are unbearable, that the factory operates at night causing a noise nuisance, that refuse is dumped behind the factory without being treated, that they have made personal calls on the factory officials in the hope that preventive measures could be taken, but have received no satisfaction, that one of the factory officials posed as a health inspector when approached.

They urged the Board to find a solution to this problem.

Mr. George Philbrick, one of the owners of this factory appeared before the Board. He said that he was anxious to eliminate the odors coming from the factory, that he had a labor problem to contend with, that a firm in the business of odor control was trying to find a solution to this problem, that he might have permission to dump potato refuse in the Town Dump.

It was the consensus of the Board that everything possible be done to clear up this situation and the Board decided to make a personal inspection of the factory today.

A letter dated August 22, 1957 from the Reeves Park Civic Association was read to the Board as follows:

A considerable number of the members of our association have complained about the laxity of the policeman in distributing the \$1.00 parking passes at Reeves Beach. Said Policeman does not question the operator of the automobile but issues the pass upon payment of \$1.00. We feel that only Residents or Taxpayers of Riverhead be permitted to buy passes and that the policeman be required to verify same before issuing the passes. The policeman discharges his other duties very efficiently. Your early reply will be appreciated. End.

Matter referred to Justice Pike. Communication ordered filed.

Another letter dated August 22, 1957 from the Reeves Park Civic Association was read to the Board as follows:

At the last meeting of our Association, the members were concerned about the fact that Reeves Beach is the only Town Beach on Long Island Sound that does not have a jetty. It is the considered opinion of our members that one or more jetties should be constructed on the Town Beach at Reeves Park. Said jetties would greatly improve the condition of the beach and, we feel, should be constructed without delay. The members would like to know what improvement plans are being formulated regarding Reeves Beach. Your early reply will be appreciated. End.

Matter referred to Justice Pike. Communication ordered filed.

A letter dated August 22, 1957 from Clair C. Duvall, was read to the Board as follows:

I hereby request that a curbing be placed along my property at the corner of Ostrander Avenue and Robinson Boulevard, Riverhead, N.Y. It is my understanding that the Town will do the work and I will pay for the materials used. End.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Superintendent of Highways be authorized to install a curb and gutter in front of the home of Clair C. Duvall, subject to rules and regulations for the installation of curbs and gutters as adopted on June 11, 1957.

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 September 3, 1957 from L.Y. Robinson, was read to the Board as follows:

A few days ago I met the Superintendent of Highways, Mr. Myron C. Young, and Mr. Alden Young while they were putting in the curb and gutter for Mrs. George Kaelin, and they suggested, and rather urged, that I continue this gutter to the north 150 feet in front of lots 48 and 49. I told them I was quite willing to do that and they said the approximate price for 150 feet would be about \$116.00 to purchase the cement used, they doing the labor in connection with it. I agreed to this proposition and I herewith petition your authorization to do this job. End. Communication ordered filed.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Superintendent of Highways be authorized to install a curb and gutter in front of lots 48 and 49 of L.Y. Robinson property on Ostrander Avenue, subject to rules and regulations for the installation of curbs and gutters as adopted on June 11, 1957.

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

Police Report for the month of August, 1957 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A letter dated September 9, 1957 from George A. Trutner, Riverhead High School Principal was read to the Board.

He requested a "Limited Parking Zone" in front of the High School for use of the school nurse, doctor and driver training car. Matter referred to Justice Pike. Communication ordered filed.

A letter dated August 27, 1957 from the Riverhead Savings Bank was read to the Board.

Recommendations were offered to the Board to improve the vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Main Street and Peconic Avenue. It was further recommended that a highway bridge be constructed across the Peconic River in the eastern part of the Town.

It was decided by the Board to invite the officials of the Riverhead Savings Bank, and Mr. Parsons of the State Traffic Commission to the next Town Board meeting at 10:30 A.M. on September 24th for further discussion in this matter.

Communication ordered filed.

Justice Pike submitted a report on the activities at the Riverhead Town Beaches during the year 1957. Report ordered filed.

A letter dated August 29, 1957 from the Public Service Commission, was read to the Board as follows:

Recent inspections of public grade crossings of the Long Island Railroad's Main Line show that approach warning signs are missing at Edward Avenue, Calverton, and Poor Lane, Aquebogue. Please arrange for the installation and maintenance of these signs in compliance with Article 3, Section 53a of the Railroad Law of the State of New York and inform this office upon completion of the work. End.

Matter referred to the Superintendent of Highways. Communication ordered placed on file.

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

RESOLVED that the Chief of Police be authorized to advertise for bids for one new 1957 or 1958 Police Car for use of the Police Department. These bids to be returnable at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 1957.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Chief of Police be authorized to advertise for bids for police apparel for use of the Police Department. These bids to be returnable at 10:15 A.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 1957.

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

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

RESOLVED that Bruno Niewadomski, Riverhead, N.Y. be and he is appointed part-time school traffic officer to be compensated at the rate of \$1.75 per hour, effective September 4, 1957.

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

Two letters dated August 26, 1957 from the Long Island Lighting Company, were read to the Board, whereby they informed the Board that they have installed lights in the Town Parking Field on Hamilton Ave. and in Wildwood Hills in Wading River. Communications ordered filed.

Letters dated August 28, 1957 from the Long Island Lighting Company were read to the Board, regarding their survey for street lighting on Hill Street, Hulse Avenue, Park Street, in Wildwood Acres, in the Wading River Lighting District. Communications ordered filed.

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

RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to install street lights in Wildwood Acres, Wading River Lighting District, along Hill Street, Hulse Avenue and Park Street as per Long Island Lighting Company survey dated August 28, 1957.

FURTHER RESOLVED that additional street lights be installed at the same time on Hulse Avenue on poles Nos. 6,9,11,13,15 &17.

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

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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---\$4,347.47, Machinery Fund---\$854.67, and Town Highway Garage---\$7,500.00. 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, September 24, 1957 at 9:30 A.M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

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