

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 Tuesday, November 19, 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:** "Reports."

**REPORTS**

Town Clerk Monthly Report for October

Open Bid Report - Liquid Calcium Chloride  
Dated: November 14, 1991 One bid received.

**NAME:** James Reed Sales, Inc.

**ADDRESS:** Grahmsville, New York

**AMOUNT:** \$0.85 per gallon

**Supervisor Janoski:** "Thank you. Applications."

**APPLICATIONS**

Special Permit William Schulman (9 hole golf course and clubhouse)

Site Plan LILCO (substation on Tuthills Lane)

**Supervisor Janoski:** "Thank you. Correspondence."

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chamber of Commerce Supports funding of East End Arts Council and new Directions

Molly Roach In support of lighted signs in stores & requests less government interference. Also requests that Town reverse plans of child care facility program

Young & Young Thanks Town Board for allowing their involvement in Howell Reeve Park project & commends contractors for their work

Alex Hansen Hazardous parking on Hulse Landing Road

Rob Goldman Letter regarding how to get the most out of a National Estuary Program for Peconic Bay

Audrey Stupke Commending Raymond Wiwczar & Building Dept staff for their assistance in a crisis

Lawrence Berry As manager of Holiday Inn, unhappy that Councilman Creighton opposes the Cargo Port for Calverton

**Supervisor Janoski:** "Let the record show that the hour of 7:41 p.m. has arrived and the Deputy Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing."

**Deputy Town Clerk, Nadia Moore:** "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 Tuesday November 19, 1991 to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION OF TIMOTHY HILL CHILDREN'S RANCH TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.**"

**Supervisor Janoski:** "Thank you. Is there anyone present representing the applicant?"

**Marcia Hefter, Esq.:** "Good evening. I am here to speak for the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in support of their application for a Special Permit. Just to give you a little bit of the background of this application. The ranch has been in existence since, well the plans were started in 1977. The plans came into fruition in 1980. In 1977 the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead granted a special permit to the ranch and at that time the proposed use of the 106 acre parcel of property was for construction of ten detached homes housing not more than six children in each home with one adult, for a total of sixty children. The permit at that time also permitted construction of a group home care facility, a central administration facility, a barn and other facilities attendant to the barn and stables.

After the granting of that initial special permit the first

group home was constructed on the property on Middle Road and that first home was occupied by boys of the age of between 16 and 21. The Town Board at that time in 1977 specifically retained jurisdiction to amend in any way that special permit which it granted. And then in 1983 I came before the Town Board again in behalf of the Timothy Children's Ranch and the Town Board at that time modified the special permit to permit the construction of a second residence for boys and further to permit the second residence to house not more than 12 children so that all the homes at that point could house not more than twelve boys instead of the original six boys per home. Therefore there was still in existence a sixty boy limitation on the property. After the amendment of that special permit in 1983 the second home was built. Today there are twenty-one boys residing at the ranch.

We're now here in order to implement our ten year plan and we're back before the Town Board to ask for a further amendment of our special permit in order to permit us to construct over the next ten year period the homes that we envision. These homes will not increase the number of boys that we plan to reside on the property, in fact the philosophy is very much committed to a small home group family type of situation. Don Dennis who is the architect who has been retained by the ranch is here as is Jerry Hill the Executive Director and other members of the ranch facility to answer any questions and Don will go through the site plan with you and answer any specific questions that you might have. Essentially the improvements that we are proposing for the next ten year period will hopefully be completed in a seven phase sequence. The buildings total eight buildings. The first building that we would like to start in the spring of 1992 will be a third residence for boys not to house more than twelve boys in the residence.

The second phase would be for a frame garage for farming and storage purposes.

The third phase would consist of an administration and family service center which the ranch is very excited about, because they hope that this building will be able to be put to very good community use. They expect that perhaps anywhere from forty percent to fifty percent of it's use will be devoted to Riverhead and surrounding community for family counseling services which will fulfill a void that is very much evident in the community.

The fourth phase would consist of an independent living center which would be a little different from the existing homes in that it would house only four to five boys. They would be high school graduates with an adult supervisor and they would be working in the community and paying board. It would be a kind of a follow up facility for the ranch.

The fifth stage would consist of two buildings. A farm managers building and a relief parents building.

The sixth stage is a chapel.

The seventh stage also something that we hope will benefit the community. Mainly a gym, recreation and auditorium which would be available to the community for the community functions and use.

As I said the ranch has been in operation since 1980. It has been operating in the black. It has no obligations. No mortgages. No debts. It is very well funded by contributions from private sources over the country and it anticipates continuing its operations in that fashion. Since the program began approximately 140 boys have resided at the ranch and there is a waiting list. The average stay of the boys is two years. They are ten to sixteen years of age on intake and they can stay until they are twenty one years of age. There is a great need for the facility. There is no other facility in the area that fulfills this need. Therefore the plan we feel, the ten year plan, will be most beneficial in that it will take some of the boys off the existing waiting list. It will provide the community with a service that it very much needs in the family counseling area and in the recreation area. And further more we hope that it will create some jobs for people in the construction industry who are suffering in this economy, because certainly local contractors will be given preference.

I'd like to turn the table over to Don Denis who can answer any specific questions that you might have."

**Donald Denis:** "The plans have been submitted to the Riverhead Town Planning Department. We've gone through two reviews. I believe at this particular point there might be some minor comments, but nothing that is of any major consequence. The buildings are all mostly residential with the exception of course of the chapel which is a religious function non-dimensional building for religious purposes and meditation. The administration building and the family counseling service building and this multipurpose building which will be a different type of construction to meet the building codes. If you are familiar with the property we are developing just basically the south end of the property and not the north end. The north end will stay open. The entrance now to the property is on the easterly portion of the property and serves just the two homes that are there now. At the point of time when the home goes ahead and builds this administration building, it is our intention to move the entrance from that particular location to a point to the west which will make it more accessible to this building which will be, again as Mrs. Hefter said, opened to the public. Then following that in that line of development of the property would be this multipurpose building. So the intention there in the planning part of the thing was to keep the public out of the residential area of the property. There will also be some development of the open areas for softball and there are some basketball courts also on the property for the use of the boys. I don't know if I can say much more than that. I don't expect to have any problem with the Health Department. We will be making applications on an individual basis once we get through the Planning Department and this hearing for building permits and I'd expect no other problems to be presented to the development of this property. The whole project will probably be, as Mrs. Hefter said, phased over this ten year period. The total expenditure of money will depend, of course, on the speed of the construction.

It is pretty hard to project what building construction costs are going to be ten years from now.

I would be pleased to answer any question that you might have?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone present wishing to comment on the application?"

Alice Graff, Riverhead: "How do these children get recommended and from where are they? How many of them are from the Riverhead area?"

Jerry Hill, Executive Director: "Good evening. I'd like to introduce to you Mr. Michael Gerard my Deputy Executive Director. He also holds his Masters Degree in Social Work and is a certified Social Worker. Also standing with him is Sal LaVerde who also is a teacher at the Middle School here in Riverhead and serves as our Program Director. They can answer any questions that I can't answer that concerns our program. To the question that has just been asked. We at the present time have twenty one boys in our program and twenty of them are from Suffolk County. Almost 100% of our boys come from Suffolk County. Occasionally we will have a boy referred to us. We will have an opening from Nassau County. I would say that through the years there have been several boys from the Riverhead Community who have been in our program and several from the East End Community. I don't know at the present time exactly how many, but in a general way that's the best answer that I can give. Do you gentlemen want to add to that?"

Michael Gerard Deputy Executive Director: "Currently we have approximately three or four boys from the East End Riverhead community. In answer to the question related to how the boys are chosen and selected. The vast majority of our referrals come from the Department of Social Services and Probation Department of Suffolk County. There is an extensive evaluation and a great deal of team meetings to select boys before they are accepted into the program. We have a preplacement system where boys spend some time with us three days as a rule and then he is reevaluated and determined whether or not he is appropriate for the program and for the local school district."

Supervisor Janoski: "Why don't you perhaps grab some of these seats toward the front? Jerry a Member of the Board has a question."

Councilwoman Denise Civiletti: "I want to ask you this so that we get your answer on the record even though we've been through this a few times. I remember this being an issue this is a good place to put the statement on the record. When children come from other school districts or other areas is there a payment from the other school district to this school district?"

Jerry Hill: "Yes it is."

Councilwoman Civiletti: "The school district of origin so to speak to cover the cost of that child's education in the Riverhead School District."

Jerry Hill: "That is true. I think that through the years there have been many people in the Riverhead community who have not understood that a child who is placed at the ranch, his originating school district, whether it be Patchogue, Islip or whatever that district might be is billed by our school district here for his educational component and then our school district is reimbursed by that school district and this is a Statewide law. And so far as I know that is working perfectly."

Councilwoman Civiletti: "I'm aware, I just wanted that part of this record in this proceeding."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Jerry. Alice you know that the procedure is we give other people a chance, but I'll come back to you. Steve."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton: "I want to see if I got it clear in my mind Mrs. Hefter, I believe her name is, mentioned about this being done over a ten year period. Does this sound like it's an open permit for ten years as I decide to put up a house for six kids I just go ahead and do it. Two years down the road I decide to put up another one, I do ahead and do it, because don't the codes and the laws, etc. change frequently and then you have to keep up with them. I say maybe I've got to be cleared up. It's sort of the way I understood it."

Marcia Hefter, Esq.: "To answer your question directly it would be our intention everytime we were ready to commence construction of another phase to go to the Building Department and apply for a Building Permit and to comply with all of the regulations in effect at that time. We are asking now for a special permit to permit us to go ahead with these improvements. We are asking for site plan approval, but before construction of any one building was commenced we would appear before the Building Department with a Building Permit Application."

Steve Haizlip: "So it would be one section at a time then. Okay very good. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Town Board in the matter of this application?"

Alice Graff, Riverhead: "I was aware of the school thing in case there was a question about that, but what about the security especially since they are mostly from other areas. Do they contribute to the security? How is that handled as far as the cost to our Town is concerned?"

Supervisor Janoski: "What do you mean specifically?"

Alice Graff: "I suppose that anybody coming to Town has the right to the security of our Police Department, but in an area such as that is there usually more calls and are police called upon more than a general situation? Who pays for the extra stuff?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay. Thank you."

Marcia Hefter: "I'm not sure of the full nature of the question, but let me respond and hopefully I'll touch upon in some way the answer the question that you are raising."

I believe the statistics will show that the presence of the ranch on Middle Road in Riverhead does not create any greater security problems or any greater tax on any of the benefits that the Town has to offer to the community than any other organization or individual property owner would. As a matter of fact we have 106 acre parcel of property here with a density of 21 boys now living on it. Twenty-one boys and perhaps a live-in staff of three or five. So we are actually under-utilizing the density of the property and therefore under-utilizing the services of the Town that would otherwise be used if the property were developed for residential purposes.

The other response that I would like to give is that the boys who are residing on the property do contribute their time and efforts to the community. When called upon by the infirm or the elderly they do perform tasks for members of the community. Whether it be mowing the grass or taking care of their garbage. They are available to contribute their energies and their youth to the community. And furthermore after the time that our ten year plan is implemented the ranch will be able to be even give more back to the community by providing a recreational facility and a family counseling service for the use of the community."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Warren."

Warren McKnight, Wading River: "In my capacity with BOCES Community Outreach I went on several occasions to Timothy Hill unannounced. I was greeted and given a tour of the facilities and met the young boys there and spoke to the gentlemen here. On several occasions unbeknownst to myself at various school activities at Riverhead High School for one there are various shows. On youngster asked for a ride home, a polite youngster who was part of the show in the chorus, was a good student. Basically I drove the student, he was a member of the Timothy Hill Ranch. I met many of the children down there, they might have been in trouble with law some of them. Some of them have been abused. So as far as I can tell I've had nothing about a positive experience down there. The only thing that I'm concerned about is Riverhead has a big heart, we have so many different type of shelters for everybody, but we don't get the back up from the federal and state and county governments to do our job. So that's the only thing. But as far as Timothy Hill Ranch it's a very positive experience with the youngsters I've run into and the staff."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Warren. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Town Board in this application? That being the case and without objection I declare this hearing to be closed at 8:05 p.m. I would like to thank you very much for attending this hearing.

I will recognize anyone who wishes to be heard on any subject. Yes, Cathy Casey."

Kathy Casey, Wading River: "Congrats to those who deserve congrats. Good luck. Looking forward to a very congenial relationship. Mr. Creighton I would like to commend you for your criticism that you received with regards to the airport. I think it's wonderful. I think you should keep it up."

Councilman Frank Creighton: "Kathy I must be honest and tell you I believe Mr. Janoski received the same letter from the same individual so I can't accept all the credit for that."

Kathy Casey: "Oh I think they should blanket the whole Board. I think it is marvelous. Go for it. Which reminds me. I would like to go back to when we were campaigning here and if you recall there was quite a bit of mention with regards to the airport and regardless of freight, commercial or whatever and during the campaign it was indicated or stated that the Board essentially stands with many of us and I think the majority of us that oppose this airport and that you could pass a resolution making that very clear and what I'd like to know is has the resolution been passed indicating that the Town Board of Riverhead is opposed to the airport at Calverton?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Sherry Johnson at the last Town Board Meeting asked this question and quite frankly I didn't know what she was talking about, but I didn't think it was the proper time to say that golly Sherry what is it that you are talking about. What I have found out subsequently was that in Wading River at that Civic Association Candidates night the question of a resolution was raised and then at a particular point and time I left the room and awhile I was gone there was this discussion about would the Town Board support or sign a resolution. Well one does not sign a resolution, but the Town Board has agreed to construct a letter outlining the Board's concerns and position and that each member of the Town Board will in fact sign that. That is what we have agreed to do. And that position will be exactly as we have stated it publicly."

Kathy Casey: "Well I have to be frank. I admit to mental pause at times so I can't stand here and say that and I didn't tape the meeting, but sufficed to say what we are looking for is perhaps and I'll even give the benefit we kind of thought or interpreted what was said that this Town Board would institute a resolution showing that you stand with us in opposition to it. And therefore aside then from the meeting what I am looking to get from the Town Board, and I think we all are, is an overall commitment to stand with us in opposition to the airport and make

it plain to all aspects, county, state, federal, F.A.A. and business community members that you stand with us."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Kathy let me ask you a question. If they proceed with a study should we participate?"

Kathy Casey: "Well I'm not saying that you should not be disqualified. All I'm saying is that I see not reason for us to take a stand."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Oh I'm asking the question because----well I'm going to tell you something. The study is going to proceed so now we sign a piece of paper, pass a resolution which is paper, we send it to them, they ignore it, we're opposed to the airport, we're opposed to the cargo port. Should we participate in the study?"

Kathy Casey: "Why certainly. Any information you can get."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Okay. I just want to know that, because really it's easy to be abba-daba, but I think that we have to understand the study is going to proceed. We have a choice. We should be part of the study and at least have our input----you know what I'm saying. To often we take a principle stand around here and end up getting clobbered."

Kathy Casey: "Well let me say this to you. Even if that piece of paper is ignored, I think it is a vital necessity to show the constituency, the majority I think I speak for constituency in the Town of Riverhead that you stand with us. Now whether or not the government the F.A.A. is going to say file thirteen, garbagecan, that's neither here nor there."

Councilman Frank Creighton: "Cathy let me interject here. When you say you stand with us. I've heard a number of different voices. The last one I heard and I think I can be corrected on this if I'm wrong, was that some of you, us, whoever you are speaking of, believe we shouldn't even participate in the study. That in fact, if I recall correctly, at the last Board Meeting the plea was for us to go on record prior to Cuomo's arrival here and demand that the study not even be conducted. And now I understand you're saying that perhaps we should participate in the study. What I want to point out is there isn't a clear unified position on this either from where you're coming from or where the Board's coming from. I went to some length in Wading River, as you recall, to clarify my position on it. In the SUFFOLK LIFE NEWSPAPER we were asked to answer yes or no to "Do you support a jetport or do you support a cargoport?" And I answered no in both cases. Because I don't know what it means. I have heard estimates from twenty thousand to a hundred thousand to two hundred thousand jobs. This is quite a range. I don't know what they are talking about. I've heard discussion, we're talking really about an annex to the J.F.K. a cargo operation. Well what does that mean? So I am strongly in favor of the study and our

participation in it, because I think we have to learn from it. It may have spin off benefits to tell us other possible uses for the Calverton operation, because I think it is quite clear that Grumman as we've known it will not be on Long Island or in Calverton as we've known it in the past. So we have this facility, we have this tremendous investment. What can be done with it? Perhaps awhile the Federal Government is going to pay for this study we ought to get whatever benefit we can from it to learn, to look at the factors to determine what the environmental impacts are. I don't believe the thing would be economically viable for example as a cargoport simply because of the transportation requirements and the problem with crossing Long Island Sound or getting through New York City. A study, I would think, would have to demonstrate that in order to argue positively for a cargoport. I'm not sure there is any real unanimity on standing with each other on this subject. I think there are different ranges of understanding and positions on this."

**Kathy Casey:** "So okay. Let me back up here. First of all let me simply understand. In essence you are saying that the Board cannot at this time at any rate let me put it that way, unanimously say that we are in favor or opposed to the airport. I'm not talking about the meetings that will be held and examinations and the possibilities and I agree. I think we should be part of it. I agree with you there is possibility that something can come out of that to give us another idea as to what could be beneficially used to as opposed to something that may be of what I firmly believe will certainly damage this area and devastate this area. I do not believe the sales pitch of twenty thousand let alone as I read by the year two thousand they estimate two hundred thousand jobs. My response to that is buyer beware. Be very aware. We went through this with the Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant and look what where that got us. Everybody has a sales pitch that'll touch on a nerve. But at any rate I would want to make sure that I fully understand that at this time the Town Board I presume has discussed and cannot come to a solid unanimous decision to stand in opposition to the airport as such. Is that what I'm understanding?"

**Supervisor Janoski:** "I don't know if that is true. The way that I have phrased it was that in a vacuum without any information I have to oppose this proposal. The minute that it came out several months ago I took the position of opposition. I believe that the result will be what you described it as. In the comments that I've made since the Governor's appearance on the Island leave me very perplexed, because it is the same State of New York that a doctor cannot be a doctor on Roanoke Avenue. And that a lawyer cannot have an office on West Main Street, but it's perfectly okay to have a jetport in Calverton. Now to me that doesn't make any sense at all. But I related it back to the State of New York's position that the Riverhead Landfill must be closed our little relatively small hundred ton a day operation, but it was perfectly fine to open a five hundred acre ashfill in

Jamesport. That's the way the State operates and I guess in all these years I've gotten used to it. I think the Board is unanimous in it's concerns and oppositions to what we view as a complete change to the character of the Town of Riverhead that would result from it. It is procedure on the part of any government body to go through a process of getting information and weighing the facts. That is really what we do on a special permit such as we just concluded. Let's find out what the questions are, what's being proposed and then logically take a position. I can take the position, I can sign letters that I'm opposed to it, I've stated publicly. I just told Grumman today that I'm opposed to it. I've told those who would be leaders in the study, Dr. Koppleman, the leader of the Long Island Business movement, but I have no problem with that. But officially I don't know what we can do. Pass a resolution sure we can do that."

**Kathy Casey:** "Okay we would like to see that, but let me ask it from the otherside of the coin. Is there anybody here on the Town Board at this time who is in favor or leaning favorable towards being favorable towards the airport?"

**Councilman Creighton:** "Would you describe it or what are we talking about? I don't know what you are talking about do you understand?"

**Kathy Casey:** "With the airplanes coming in over our homes, over our Pine Barren areas. Buildings being constructed to house materials that are being shipped out, shipped in. I'm talking about traffic on the roads. The roads can't handle our traffic right now and I'm talking about therefore the potential air pollutions. Water pollution and we all know the run off from the trucks. I'm talking about the fact that because of inclement weather you're going to have planes circling overhead at one time or another and especially if we've got inclement weather here you're going to have inclement weather at LaGuardia or J.F.K. statistically so they are going to come in and if they have it we're going to get it. This is what I'm talking about. I'm talking about noise pollution and believe me when I tell you I lived in an area where when those planes came over if you were talking to somebody on the phone you literally cannot hear them. And that's no lie. You can't hear your TV. You can't sit in the same room across from a table and hold a conversation. You can't. You can't I don't care how-----I've lived with it. I remember studying in high school on the phone with my friend and we couldn't hear each other."

**Councilman Prusinowski:** "Kathy the only reason why I started my conversation with you is that yes we are all against the airport. Yes, we are all against the cargoport. The thing is that I think what we are saying is that what I heard and I see Sherry back there that's why I'm asking this question tonight. I saw the NEWS 12 At Issue thing and it's great to say we don't want the study. I can tell you when you leave the Town of Riverhead there is fanatical approval for this airport in the

minds of a lot of people out there west, because they believe this is the secret weapon that's going to solve the economy on Long Island. Everybody's going to be able to sell their homes for \$250,000.00 and everybody's going to get a big job. Taxes are going to be nonexistent, because the business community who is desperate and then the Governor comes down lies to the people of Long Island by pretending that this is going to solve the mess that we are in on Long Island is a very unfortunate situation. I agree with the Supervisor by saying that we have a business on Kroemer Avenue that is going to go to South Carolina because of the Peconic River's Act, but it's okay to put the cargoport. What I'm saying is from the Town Board, yes we are on your side, but I think we should participate in the study. But you should put the emphasis on your congressman, the State Senators, the L.I.A. which is fanatical on making this an airport, cargoport or passenger port. That's really where the effort has to go. It's my understanding too that the federal government comes in here and imposes this airport on us, I don't know if we have that much to say about it."

**Kathy Casey:** "Okay let me say this to you. I don't doubt that you are possibly right on all aspects. I agree we should participate in the study. However, I think you along with us in everyway, in every means possible should make it resoundingly clear this is something we don't want. As far as the Long Island Businessman's Association is concerned, they can sing me their sales song till the cows come home and I don't believe one tenth of what they are telling me. I don't believe twenty thousand jobs and as I told you before how many of that twenty thousand jobs which now of course is up to two hundred thousand is anything more---are they lifetime jobs. Again as I said career oriented jobs as opposed to five year construction jobs."

**Councilman Prusinowski:** "Kathy it doesn't matter what the facts are it only matters what people think the facts are and if you live in Islip and you're out of work you're going to believe it that I can go out to Calverton and get a job. That's what you are up against."

**Kathy Casey:** "I know what you're saying is that anybody who is out of work, believe me I don't doubt this for a minute. Human nature is you're going to be vulnerable. If you hear something that says oh I'm going to help you pay your mortgage you're going to be in favor of it. The point still remains we should send every message in every direction to everyone possible as often ten times a day if we have to that we do not want something that we firmly believe is not going to be a plus for our area in any way, shape or form. It's a lot of bunk, it's going to ruin our area and we don't want to see that. There's other means we are sure and I agree perhaps the study will give us some ideas for that. But we would like to see, the majority of us, not the Long Island Businessman's Association. I'm sorry. These are just a lot of words that they like to put in newspapers."

Supervisor Janoski: "The study may very support the concerns that you have and that the Town Board shows. Also some support. But you know Vic brought up a business which has tried for six years to locate in the Town of Riverhead a nice acceptable manufacturing business for a clean industry. Outgrew its quarters in the Patchogue area and wanted to come here to Riverhead. The State of New York did everything they could to obstruct and block that from happening and yesterday they gave up. They are now going to North Carolina and this is a business that would eventually probably be two, three hundred jobs. So that there is the State of New York doing something that the Town government wanted to see happen in the Town of Riverhead. What are we going to do with twenty thousand jobs here in the Town of Riverhead? What's it going to do to the farms, the farmland, etc.? But we agree."

Kathy Casey: "Let's teach the New York State Government how consistent they can be by showing an example of how consistent we can be."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in our budget right now suing them on a regular basis which is a waste of taxpayers dollars to make that principle stand. I think is what you need is State Senators, Assemblymen and Congressmen to stand up who have really more influence in this process than we do to take a stand on our side. Those guys get away with murder. They love to play both sides against the middle because when they go to the west end of Suffolk County they tell them one thing. They come out here and tell us another. I know, I'm also in the newspaper business and I tell you what they tell us behind the scenes. Okay. We're on your side. But you've got to start directing your energies at the people that can do more for us. We have some guys who are elected to State Office that have years and years of seniority that have a difference. That can make a difference. We're on your side, but direct your energies also to those people that are not listening to us. Who gave us the Long Island Landfill Law for example. Who passed some of these schemes that we're now paying through the nose. Suffolk County is drowning in red ink and Nassau County."

Kathy Casey: "Let's stick together. We start with you and trust me when I tell you we are going beyond as well. Okay."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right! Exactly! There are a lot of guys out there telling----I know for a fact there are a lot of State Representatives telling both sides of what they want to hear in this particular issue. That is a fact. Because the LIE is under the impression that certain representatives are saying this and then they tell you a certain thing. Pin them down. They are coming up for election next November."

Kathy Casey: "That's just what I was going to say. We'll use a little wedge of vote or not vote so we will start with you and we're going----our wall is building. Our wall is building and we are starting with you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We're trying to survive here, we're cutting all day today we're talking about cutting staff and making some very painful decisions here and we're all trying to keep taxes down and in another segment of the government is running wild and crazy."

Kathy Casey: "You're our foundation."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I know and we are on your side."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Kathy. In the back there."

Ed Kemnitzer, Riverhead: "Same subject, but I want to back up a little bit. I want to back up to the grant application for the feasibility study. I have an open letter here and I just want to read it and then give it to the Town Board."

The commercialization of the Calverton Airport is being touted as an important piece in Long Island's revitalization puzzle. High profile organizations, including the Long Island Association and Long Island Regional Planning Board (LIRPB), as well as public officials, have forecast grandiose economic rewards from an active cargoport in our town. Recently, Governor Cuomo has made Calverton Airport the centerpiece of a Long Island recovery proposal. Clearly, formidable forces have united to bring the hub of Long Island's recovery efforts to Calverton.

I come before the Town Board not to pass judgment on the costs vs. benefits of a major jetport in our town but, rather, to ask the Town Board to fulfill its obligations to Riverhead residents and present our wishes to the FAA and other outside agencies. We, on the home front, should not let outside agencies dictate media promotion of this project nor should we permit outside agencies to interpret local acceptance or rejection of a Calverton jetport.

The Long Island Regional Planning Board has been granted \$486,000. to conduct a Calverton Airport Feasibility Study. They state, on page 37 of the grant application, opposition to the commercialization of Calverton will be "...in the name of environmental concern, or...from non-growth advocates who oppose virtually every proposal...". As a Riverhead resident, I resent their characterization of opposition forces. It could be equally said that forces in favor of a Calverton jetport would be supportive of any growth and not concerned, in any manner, about our environmental issue.

Clearly, the majority of Riverhead residents are not businessmen or environmentalists per se. The majority of us are concerned about the economic merit and effect of proposed growth and its effect on our rural atmosphere.

We've elected town officials to represent us by presenting our views and supporting our positions. I suggest the Town Board act quickly to formally protest the characterization of the opposition as presented by the Long Island Regional Planning Board. I know of no poll of Riverhead residents on which that characterization is based. Further, I believe the Town Board is

well informed as to the nature and wishes of this large segment of your constituency.

Economic times may not be the best, but we've already paid the bills for representation in government. Surely, it's only reasonable to expect our Town Board to correct misrepresentations and ignorance as fostered by outside agencies. By electing you, we've placed a valuable trust in your hands. We rely on you to direct the growth of Riverhead in directions ensuring our Town will continue to be a pleasant place to live and raise our families.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward J. Kemnitzer

Thank you. I just want to submit a copy of that."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Joe I just want to point out that tomorrow at three o'clock at the Riverhead Library Senator Ken LaValle is going to be having a Meet the Citizens Forum and I would suggest that everybody here who is interested on this issue should go there and read those same concerns."

Ed Kemnitzer: "If I weren't starting a new job tomorrow I would be happy to show up."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, okay then just send it to them in writing then."

Supervisor Janoski: "Henry."

Henry Pfeiffer, Wading River: "One I approve and I thoroughly agree with the thought of this Board participating in the study. Because it is there that your influence and your position can be made known where you can keep track of the input from other people and counteract them.

Secondly I think that this proposal to create an airport in Calverton, a commercial airport in Calverton, is about the most ridiculous thing that I've ever heard of. Some little while ago a similar type configuration was instituted at the Steward Air Force Base up in New York. At which place the infrastructure, the road network and the access to the west, the access to the north, to the south and all directions was there. Today after it has been in operation a considerable period of time it is operating lamely and uneconomicly. Before we could even consider having an airport out here a great deal of work would have to be done on the infrastructure here, road network, a ferry or a bridge and then basically and I speak from experience here because at one time I was director of U.S. Customs at J. F. Kennedy Airport, when it grew from a place that was receiving ten planes a day with thirty passengers apiece. Today one plane brings in more than that number. And I watched it grow and I watched the necessity for a great deal of additional structure and I watched the complaints of people who lived in the area regarding noise. I see you have a resolution here #660 regarding posting of a local law to establish a noise ordinance in the Town of

Riverhead. I would suppose this would also include the noise that would be created by aircraft coming in here. Well you might have read in the papers within the last month that the federal government has alleviated that is permitted a great deal more decibels of noise at the airports throughout the country then before they had the SST's and you also read in the paper, too, that the people in Cedarhurst in that particular area are up in arms about the aircraft coming in over their particular place. So what I'm saying there is take note of the many objections to this thing. To have a cargo airport out here means rehandling the cargo coming in here. You would have to go through custom service. You'd have to have an immigration presence out here. You would have to have cartage coming in there multiple handling of the cargo as well as the mileage here that increase the costs beyond reason. And for that reason I oppose this thing and I hope that in you representation you will continue to do so. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Sherry first."

Sherry Johnson, Program Coordinator for the North Fork Environmental Council: "Of course I agree with everything that has been said here tonight. I did want to say that we make a distinction between the business community and the builders when we talk. There is a definite distinction there. And also you may be surprised at the West End support for not having the cargo or any type of commercial airport at Calverton. I was in Deer Park Saturday with a meeting of many civic leaders who came from all across the Island the furthest one east was myself except one from Ronkonkoma and they are very appreciative of what we have out here and what they come out here to our Country Fair to our Polish Town Fair to Hallockville to enjoy. To the wineries and they don't want to see that lost and they will support this effort. That's all I have to say right now. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Warren."

Warren McKnight, Wading River: "I'd like to speak as Riverhead's member of the Long Island Pine Barrens Maritime Preserve Council in reference to the airport and what the council has done so far to date. As you know the deadline that was proposed by New York State on the L. I. Pine Barrens Maritime Reserve Council to complete its comprehensive management plan has come and gone. The date is gone. We haven't even met once. Furthermore at the present time the National Estuary status sought for the Peconic Bay is still virtually in limbo. Now they want to build an airport out here and protect the environment is utter insanity. I just don't believe this. It sounds like ALICE IN WONDERLAND or somebody's taking drugs. I mean is there any rhyme or reason for this."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Warren you know the Governor was present at the signing of the bill that the Commission that was created for you was on NEWS 12 prior to the last election, not

this particular election, so I guess everybody got the press release value out of it, but when it comes to the realty it's zippo."

Warren McKnight: "Furthermore the airport is located right at the source of the Peconic River itself the multiple leaks of fumes----just go down to Jamaica Bay in Queens and see that. It's utter insanity. The various types of jet fuel, everything, the runoff, traffic and everything else will just destroy this area ecologically. I mean it's just utter insanity. There is no rhyme or reason and then they are going to spend how much for the study? It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this is a waste of money just like the Shoreham Power Plant. Somebody has to have enough gumption to show leadership in this."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Are you going to the library tomorrow at three o'clock?"

Warren McKnight: "I have to work and sell display advertising otherwise I'm history. You know really it's tuff out there."

Councilwoman Denise Civiletti: "See Warren the problem is calling this a feasibility study. I don't think it is an innocent misnomer, but it is a misnomer. It's a justification plan. That is what this is really about. It is being sponsored by Lee Koppelman based on things that he said publicly, based on the Planning Board's track record. They've come out recently and said we are too overdeveloped when it comes to retail space on Long Island. But we need two regional malls, one which is also in the Pine Barrens. So if this is a feasibility study it is, I think intentionally giving it the wrong name. They're setting out to justify what they already intend to do with or without our blessing number one. I don't think that we ought to follow their pretense of being objective. If there is really and truly a feasibility study, I would say well let's be objective with the Assessors and take a look at it. I don't think that this is what it's about."

Warren McKnight: "This is their map of what has to be done and what are they doing about it. They give us a map and say we have to protect the environment and yet they are saying that we have to have an airport out here. It just doesn't make sense. I mean this is actually----I think I'm living in a mad society. Really!

We've wasted millions of dollars. How much for the study? Does anybody know how much the study is going to cost?"

Several Councilpeople: "Five hundred thousand. Four hundred twenty two thousand."

Warren McKnight: "A half a million dollars. Right. Well had better speak up and say this, because it is just ludicrous and our young people just don't believe us when we tell them anything. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Warren. Way, way in the back."

Frank Arcola: "I came to address the current bidding that they had on the sanitation. I'm a little bit puzzled on why it was a restricted bid to only Riverhead carting companies or people who held valid licenses in the Town. What was the reasoning for this."

Supervisor Janoski: "We're in litigation on that matter in court and I think that I would decide not to discuss it in a public forum. That is a case that is being decided in court. Are you one of the litigants?"

Frank Arcola: "Yes, I am. This is an improper forum for you to ask that question I would think, but I would defer you to the Town Attorney."

Supervisor Janoski: "I am correct the Town Attorney is telling me."

Frank Arcola: "I represent the company that was excluded from bidding. I didn't put the bid in because I didn't hold a valid Riverhead license. I'm a private company. I'm starting up a company. I've been in business all my life. I wanted to start a company and I seen an opportunity to put a bid in and I see ludicrous bids. I see all kinds of crazy things. I don't understand what's going on and I don't know why anybody was excluded from the bid. If it's a public bid it is in the public's interest to get the best bid from the person most capable doing the job. I don't know why it has to be restricted. I find going through other towns and seeing what's going on it's usually political patronage through the companies."

Supervisor Janoski: "Are you the guy that said that?"

Frank Arcola: "I am the guy that just hates to have political power being manipulated by big companies that have all the money. They make all the money."

Supervisor Janoski: "I would like to know how you come to that conclusion? Because I have to tell you that I was very deeply offended by that accusation. I thought it was irresponsible on your behalf if you were the person who instigated-----"

Frank Arcola: "Well I mean I-----"

Supervisor Janoski: "Wait a minute I listened to you, now you are going to listen to me. We went out to bid which means that the bids come in in sealed fashion. If you can demonstrate to me how I politically gained from going out to bid, I would be very, very much enlightened."

Frank Arcola: "Well what they can do is they can cut down the field of people bidding on ---there are a lot of legitimate companies out there that could bid and come in with a much better bid which is beneficial to the taxpayers. We're not talking ----"

Supervisor Janoski: "Wait a minute. You said something quite different."

Frank Arcola: "Well maybe I was -- I get a little bit -- because of what I've seen through my own experiences I seen where certain companies by cutting down the field it helps. If you cut it down to four people it's definitely beneficial to those four people that had the permits in that Town. It's definitely and more often as I've see somebody that's been operating in a Town a long time is given extra consideration, but that doesn't give the people extra consideration."

Supervisor Janoski: "I don't know that want to go any further."

Councilwoman Civiletti: "It's a misrepresentation to state that we've limited the bidding here to four carters. That's absolutely untrue. The reasons why we limited the bidding the way we did to people who held valid licenses to collect refuse in the Town of Riverhead are stated in our court papers and it's not in our best interest to discuss that right now."

Frank Arcola: "Well okay so we'll just leave it at that."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. And my apologies to NEWSDAY who called me gruff. I was not meaning to be gruff."

Kevin Driscoll, Riverhead: "Not in a effort to turn this into a big forum discussion about the airport, but unfortunately I have to disagree with some of these people here who do not speak for all the people of the Town of Riverhead. There are a great majority of us who are for the airport being here. Just four very quick points.

The first one in regard to air traffic in this particular area. Just in case people weren't aware. Right above our head is the main holding pattern for J.F.K. and LaGuardia. So air traffic is not really a consideration. We have it here anyway. So I don't think there would be too much more of an addition."

Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "Except, and I'm not trying to take, it's twenty to thirty thousand square feet."

Kevin Driscoll: "Right of air space. But I think if the F.A.A. is going to jam it down your throats to put the airport here then they would also make the allowance to increase the airspace for the holding pattern.

The second point regarding the jobs. Maybe twenty thousand is a little bit of an overestimate on the part of whoever is proposing the airport. Maybe more like two thousand to five

thousand. But still that's two thousand to five thousand more than to begin with. And perhaps if the Riverhead Town Board would consider putting in a proposal to forcing a certain percentage of that to be attributed to the residents of Riverhead it may benefit us in a long run.

The point regarding the cost of the cargo in terms of whether it be ferry or rail or road is not really our problem. The cost of cargo is for whoever is shipping the merchandise back and forth.

And the fourth thing is I appreciate that the Board opposes the airport, but I do request you do look into the study and make sure that all the points are covered in depth before you make your decision. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Alice it certainly wouldn't be complete without a statement from you."

Alice Graff, Riverhead: "I oppose the airport, but I wanted to make a statement in relation to the garbage carters. I am very pleased with the garbage, local garbage carting company that we deal with. They are very good to me and I hope that the local man who live in the area can continue to have the program."

Supervisor Janoski: "Alice let me place on the record that thirteen licensed carters who could have bided at the time that we went out to bid. Steve do I see your hand up?"

Steve Haizlip, Calverton: "I want to put my two cents in about the airport. I don't know what is going to happen to the future of Grumman. I worked for them for thirty four years and things went along slow and smooth. Probably one or two planes a day that was about it. Now if the jetport comes along it will probably increase and maybe one every three or five or what have you. But what I'm leading up to is if there is \$486,000.00 I guess it has been allocated by the F.A.A. now we're getting back to being under domination from the State and the federal government. They look upon us as peons or pagans here because we are the big boys from the federal government and we are the big tycoons form up at the State. They just walk over us. What I would like to see done here and I'm putting my two cents in I would like to see the Town Board demand and ask to participate in this study. And if they tell you you aren't putting up any money, you've got no right to do no study with us then you'll get after them and say alright we want a copy of the study everyday that you study. We want it so our Town Attorney can review it and build a plan or what have you look it over. One other thing that I would like to see you know when Westhampton went under Southampton Town as far as I'm concerned I don't think that they were up and awake. They were asleep at the switch. Well I'm going to alert you what is on my mind so you know about it. If that field gets closed up becomes a commercial airport the Town government I think should have the first say in the reallocation or turning over or dedicating or whatever word you want to use when they get through with it it should come to the hands of the

Town Board the next government body that it's located in. If it is located in Riverhead Town I think it should come to this government body. Now if this government body can make their studies and decide how they want to handle it from there. That's my two cents."

**Supervisor Janoski:** "Thank you Steve. We did by the way pass a resolution I believe demanding the participation on the Study Committee. Now some of us were here eleven years ago. Steve you were here. Mr. Kasperovich you were here, Victor was here. I don't remember you Alice of what we went through with the proposal for a grass landing strip. I can imagine what this is going to be in the future. Having said that I'm going to recess this meeting.

Councilman Creighton has requested that the letter from the manager of the Holiday Inn be read into the record."

**Councilman Frank Creighton:** "I asked that this letter be read into the record because I received it, Joe received the same letter. I wanted it on the record. I had no idea that we would be getting into this depth of a discussion on the Calverton Jetport tonight. But since we have this is a viewpoint and I think it should be heard. Because you need to know the different viewpoints we are getting. Please read it Nadia."

**Deputy Town Clerk, Nadia Moore:** "It's addressed to Councilman Creighton.

As a candidate for public office I must tell you of my unhappiness with you voting no on the issues of supporting a cargoport at the Grumman facility in Calverton. The economy is not worth a darn and the proposal is to bring some 20,000 jobs to the area should make any candidate smile. I can't understand why anyone would even resist such an offer. It's a pretty sad state of affairs when an area that is considered the County Seat doesn't even have enough business to fill three properties totaling two hundred rooms. Long Island discovered Moglive and it shouldn't give it to someone else to prosper with. This is a sure way for our economy to come around. A way to keep our kids on the Island and be a leader in the global market place.

I would be very interested to hear your reasons for not supporting it.

Sincerely and God Bless,  
Lawrence F. Berry  
Manager, Holiday Inn"

**Supervisor Janoski:** "The teacher in me notices the poor sentence construction of that opening letter. And with that let the record show that the hour is 8:50 p.m. and we will recess until 9 p.m.

Let the record show that the hour of 9:21 p.m. has arrived and the meeting will return to order. We will take up the resolutions.

**RESOLUTION #640 - AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH AND POST NOTICE TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 108 "ZONING" AT SECTION 108-77 "FILING FEE" OF THE TOWN CODE**

Supervisor Janoski: "Let me point out that this resolution, this public notice will appear incorrectly tomorrow. We did catch this, but too late to stop it's printing. It is for a use variance not a use for area variance. The hearing will be held I believe on December the 17th instead of December the 3rd."

Supervisor Janoski: "Let the record show that the hour is now 9:35 p.m. and I'm going to recess this meeting until tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m."

**R E C E S S**

Supervisor Janoski: "Let the record show that the hour is 5:45 p.m. on November 20, 1991 and the Town Board Meeting shall reconvene. I would like to recognize Councilman Vic Prusinowski who would like to make a motion."

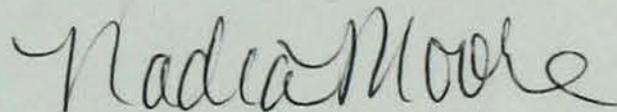
Councilman Vic Prusinowski: "I make a motion to adopt the 1992 budget."

Councilman Frank Creighton: "Second."

Supervisor Janoski: "It is moved and seconded."

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

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there any other business? Let the record show that the hour is 5:46 p.m. and without objection this meeting is adjourned."



Nadia Moore  
Deputy Town Clerk

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