

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 31, 1940 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Elmer J.B. Sawyer, Supervisor.

Austin H. Warner,
Fred H. Boutcher,
Joseph V. Kelly,
Henry M. Zaleski, Justices of the Peace.

Solomon Raffe, Town Attorney was present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on January 17, 1940 was read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Notice of Public Hearing on Fire Protection Contract.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, at the Town Hall in Riverhead, in said Town on January 31, 1940, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering the contracting with the Riverhead Fire District, Riverhead, New York, for fire protection to be furnished by said Riverhead Fire District to the Riverhead Fire Protection District, established in said Town and comprises all the territory in said Town outside of the Riverhead Fire District, upon the following general terms, to wit:

(a) The fire department of said Riverhead Fire District shall answer and attend upon all calls in said Riverhead Fire Protection District; (b) For such service said Riverhead Fire District shall receive \$250.00 per year; (c) The Riverhead Fire Protection District shall be responsible for payment of all claims for injuries to, or death of firemen in connection with said calls; (d) The contract shall continue for one year; (e) The Riverhead Fire Protection District shall pay for all charges for gas, oil and necessary repairs in connection with the fire apparatus which is to be purchased for said Riverhead Fire Protection District; (f) That should the occasion arise, the Riverhead Fire District shall have the right to use the fire apparatus which is to be purchased by the Riverhead Fire Protection District, in the Riverhead Fire District and elsewhere; (g) Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with such contracting.

All persons interested in the matter will be heard at such time and place.

Dated January 15, 1940.

Harry J. Kratoville,
Town Clerk of the Town of
Riverhead.

Proof of publication of the above notice was submitted to the Board and was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Sawyer thereupon declared the hearing open and anyone who desired could be heard at this time.

Mr. Reginald C. Smith, Attorney at Law representing (the) Roanoke Heights addressed the Board regarding the proposed Fire Protection

contract, stating that the residents of Roanoke Heights are interested in the establishment of zones within the Fire Protection District which can be done pursuant to law and that they are looking forward to be placed in a preferred zone for the purpose of obtaining a decrease in their fire insurance rate. He explained in detail how that could be accomplished, however, he stated the Suburban Fire Insurance Rating Organization is not satisfied with the proposed contract. He therefore urged the Board to make such provisions in the contract which will satisfy the Fire Rating Organization, as there will no doubt be other sections of the Protection District which would like to be placed in a preferred zone where sufficient water is available, either by hydrants or fire wells.

Mr. George H. Moore, Fire Commissioner was asked if a fire occurred in the Fire Protection District would other apparatus of the Riverhead Fire District be sent if necessary in addition to the one piece of apparatus owned by the Protection District. Mr. Moore replied that the one piece of apparatus will be used, but if the fire is large enough, another piece will be sent. He stated that of course all the apparatus of the Riverhead Fire District can be included in the contract, however, the Fire Protection District would have to pay for it.

Mr. Walter Stark, Mr. George Cushman, Mr. Stephen Tyte, Mr. William Stark, Mr. Frank Smith and Mr. Herman Aldrich addressed the Board respectively in regard to the proposed fire protection contract, fire insurance rates and preferred zoning with the Fire Protection District. They urged the Board to consider the matter carefully before any final action is taken, so that the final contract will not be made in such a manner that it would bar any section from lower fire insurance rates, if that particular section has a sufficient water supply.

No one else wishing to be heard, Supervisor Sawyer declared the hearing closed. He thanked those present for their cooperation and interest in the matter.

Communications were read from Miss Kathleen Craig and Miss Doris M. Van Brunt making application for a position in the Welfare Department. The communications were ordered placed on file.

The matter in regard to additional help in the Welfare Department was discussed by the Board and was referred to the Welfare Committee for investigation and report.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was Resolved that the Town dispense with the requisition system for the Welfare Department. The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes. Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from Congressman Leonard Hall, thanking Supervisor Sawyer for the fish fry application. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Long Island Fisherman's Protective Association, acknowledging receipt of a contribution of \$50.00 by the Town of Riverhead for a bay scallop survey. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Annual report of Harry G. Penny, Secretary and Treasurer of

the Riverhead Fire Department was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mr. George R. Wells, making application for the position of life guard at the Howell M. Reeve Park for the year 1940. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Sound Shore Club Corporation, requesting a street light at the entrance to their property on North Wading River Road. The matter was referred to the Lighting Committee.

A communication was read from the New York State Tax Commission in regard to the cost of an appeal of the Suffolk County Tax Equalization Committee, advising that an appeal would cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Justice Warner, former Town Attorney, recommending under the circumstances that the appeal be discontinued. The communication was ordered placed on file.
On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that the Town Attorney be authorized to discontinue the appeal filed with the State Tax Commission. The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski Yes. Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from the Dept. of Audit & Control in regard to placing the employees of the Riverhead Water District and the Riverhead Sewer District under the New York State Retirement System. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

Bids for an additional oak desk for the office of the Receiver of Taxes was opened as follows:

S.L. Cavanaro	\$99.75
S. Harding	124.50
Jacob Meyer	125.00
McCabe's Central Store	98.75

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that an oak desk be purchased for the office of the Receiver of Taxes from McCabe's Central Store, the lowest bidder, according to specifications submitted for the sum of \$98.75. The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes. Supervisor Sawyer Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Warner offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Justice Boutcher,

WHEREAS: Wading River Road is a Town Highway extending in a generally northerly direction from the Peconic River in Manorville to the Riverhead-Greenport Road at Wading River Station, and

WHEREAS: the County of Suffolk desires to take and include the said Town Highway into the County Highway system and make it a County Highway, and

WHEREAS: the change of the highway from a Town Highway to a

County Highway seems desirable, and the Town Superintendant of Highways is agreeable to said change,

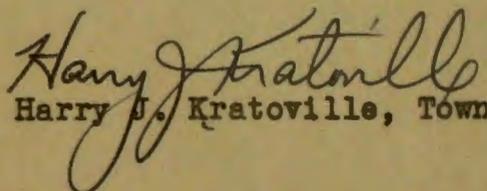
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board and the Superintendant of Highways of the Town of Riverhead consent that said Wading River Road be taken by Suffolk County as a County Highway, The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes. Supervisor Sawyer Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from Mr. George Creighton requesting the Board to replace a monument at the corner of his property on Riverside Drive and River Road, which was removed during the construction of the sewer system. The matter was referred to the Sewer District Committee.

The matter in regard to renting office space in the Goldy Realty Building was referred to the Welfare Committee for investigation and report.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the bills to date.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 7, 1940 at 2:00 P.M.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.