

Minutes of a Chapter 54 Public Hearing held at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Dawn Thomas, Attorney at Law, Town Attorney
Bruce Johnson, Fire Marshal

Barbara Grattan, Town Clerk

Public Hearing open: 1:05 p.m.

Barbara Grattan: "The time is 1:05. And I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York at 1:00 p.m. on February 24, 2000 regarding Chapter 54 Unsafe Buildings and Collapsed Structures, property owned by Harold Mason located at 343 Maple Avenue, Riverhead, tax map number 0600-126.00-04-052.00."

Dawn Thomas: "Bruce Johnson, the Fire Marshal. Bruce, would you raise your right hand, repeat after me. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

Bruce Johnson: "I do."

Dawn Thomas: "Okay. Do you have a statement?"

Bruce Johnson: "Yes, I do."

Dawn Thomas: "Would you please read that into the record?"

Bruce Johnson: "Okay. Statement of qualifications for today's hearing. I was appointed as the Town Fire Marshal, Fire Marshal I, on April 13, 1998.

I'm a certified New York State Building and Fire Prevention Code Enforcement official, certification number is 0299 7031A.

I've performed hundreds of commercial building and general fire safety inspections in accordance with the New York State Code and National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards.

I'm a certified New York State Fire Cause and Origin Investigator

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My education includes a Bachelors of Accounting degree from Dowling College in Oakdale, New York. A Masters degree in Finance and Real Estate from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelors degree in Fire Service Administration from Empire State College.

I hold numerous training certificates from National Fire Academy, New York State Fire Academy and Suffolk County Fire Academy in Firefighting, Building Construction, Safety Management, Incident Command and Hazardous Materials.

My experience includes 18 years experience as a volunteer fire fighter including five years as a Chief Officer.

I'm an Adjunct College Profession for the Fire Science program at Empire State College and a training instructor for the Suffolk County Fire Academy."

Dawn Thomas: "Thank you. Okay. This hearing concerns property owned by Harold Mason, 343 Maple Avenue, Riverhead, New York. Mr. Johnson, would you tell us about that property?"

Bruce Johnson: "Okay. On January 12th of 2000, at approximately 2:05 in the afternoon I had the occasion to inspect the property and found two unsafe structures on that parcel. The first is a two story residential house and the second was a detached garage. Both were found to meet the criteria for unsafe structures.

In a subsequent inspection and also on an inspection that was performed to day at approximately 12:30, I confirmed that the two story house has been properly boarded by the owner. That house right now is considered to be secure and safe."

Dawn Thomas: "Okay."

Bruce Johnson: "What remains as an unsafe structure is the detached garage which was observed to be in a partially collapsed and unsafe condition and the property still contains some hazardous rubbish and debris including some propane tanks, some flammable liquid containers, four 55 gallon drums and some other miscellaneous equipment that is either under or near the collapsed garage structure on the property."

Dawn Thomas: "Okay, Mr. Johnson, based on your inspections of those properties on those- on January 12th and also on today, February 24th, 2000, could you make a recommendation as to those- as to that structure that is still in that dilapidated condition?"

Bruce Johnson: "Yes. I would recommend that the Building Department notify the owner that we would request he file a demolition permit for that structure within two weeks with the Town, and I recommend an additional six weeks following the time of issuance of that demolition permit to demo and remove the structure and all the hazardous debris and rubbish that's on the property."

Dawn Thomas: "Okay. Do you have anything further you'd like to add?"

Bruce Johnson: "Not at this time."

Dawn Thomas: "Okay. And- is there anybody else that would like to testify with regard to this property? With no further testimony, at 1:09, the hearing is closed."

Public Hearing closed: 1:09 p.m.

Bruce Johnson
Town Clerk

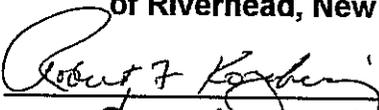
**WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT
OF SPECIAL MEETING**

We, the Undersigned, being all members of the Riverhead Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk, and State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, place, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, to be held at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York at 2:30 P.M. on the 24th day February of 2000 and do consent to the holding of such meeting for the purpose of:

- RES. #177 TERMINATES EMPLOYMENT OF P/T ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER IN THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT.
- RES. #178 AMENDS RESOLUTION #172.
- RES. #179 APPOINTS AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TO THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Dated: February 24, 2000,

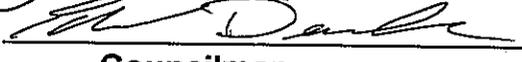
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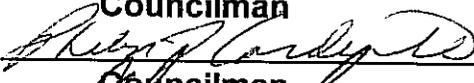
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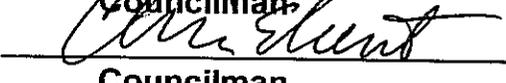
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Media Notified: Town Board Meeting of February 24, 2000
Suffolk Life
Times Review
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

February 24, 2000

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kozakiewicz at 2:50 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Kozakiewicz
Councilman Densieski
Councilman Cardinale
Councilman Kent
Councilman Lull

Also Present:

Town Clerk, Barbara Grattan

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "The time is 2:50 p.m., I call the Special Meeting of February 24, 2000, to order. We are here to deal with 3 resolutions. The resolution we are starting with is what, Barbara?"

Barbara Grattan, Town Clerk:

Resolution #177

TERMINATES EMPLOYMENT OF P/T ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER IN THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Lull moved the resolution, Councilman Densieski seconded the resolution.

Councilman Densieski:

"Because of the comments of the department head, and from some citizens whom I have spoken to personally, I will vote yes."

Councilman Cardinale:

"I know we have recently appointed this guy, I had not heard one way or the other whether he's doing well or poorly. Apparently not very well since he's about to be fired. Either this is a wonderful thing we are doing today, in which case because we have finally found that we have an incompetent employee, and we are letting that employee go before they become a permanent employee (civil service), or we are doing something not correct, and unfair, I wouldn't know, because I am not close enough to this situation, so, appropriately, I would like to abstain."

Barbara Grattan:

"This is the resolution we are voting for."

Councilman Cardinale: "You hired this guy, Chris."

Councilman Kent: "Why are we doing this?"

Councilman Cardinale: "I didn't know, so I abstained."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "He has been a problem. We have been having problems. We have had numerous instances where he has been a problem."

Barbara Grattan: "Kent?"

Councilman Kent: "Yes."

Councilman Lull: "Yes."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Yes."

Barbara Grattan: The resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Resolution #178 AMENDS RESOLUTION #172

Councilman Densieski: "That is resolution #172, which is the starting date for ah, Trina Miles, which brings it to February 28. So moved."

The resolution was seconded by Councilman Cardinale.

Councilman Densieski: "Yes."

Councilman Cardinale: "In view of the fact that I didn't vote for the decision, it would be somewhat inconsistent to vote to start early, I will vote no."

Councilman Kent: "Yes."

Councilman Lull: "Yes."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Yes-this should have been the effective starting date. I ah, we had spoken about this before the meeting, and we had failed to change the amended resolution, rather, or change the resolution from the meeting of February 15th to reflect the correct starting date."

Barbara Grattan: The resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Resolution #179APPOINTS AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
TO THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT.

- Councilman Kent: "This appoints Andrew Baldelli- he was in the other day because we forgot his resolution. We talked about Highway, too...(inaudible)"
- Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "I've talked to Mark...."
- Councilman Kent: "There were 2 vacancies."
- Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "That's correct."
- Councilman Kent: "Ok...so moved."
- Councilman Lull: seconded
- Supervisor Kozakiewicz: moved and seconded
- Barbara Grattan: Councilman Densieski?
- Councilman Densieski: "Phil makes a good point about needing to know if someone should be replaced, that is a good point. But I did contact Department Head Mark Kwasna, and he strongly feels that this person should be replaced. So I will vote yes."
- Councilman Cardinale: "My concern has always been as just was indicated that there should always be some kind of review process. My understanding is that the Supervisor has looked at this. That he believes there is a need and also that Department Heads are spoken to and that he sees that there is a need. An I know that Jim and I have spoken, and he feels, as being a member of the personnel committee, so I am gonna vote yes, hoping that one day we will find a job that doesn't need to be filled."
- Councilman Kent: "Yes."
- Councilman Lull: "Yes."
- Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Ah, yes. As indicated, I did speak with the Highway Superintendent about this particular position. Ah, in light of the weather we have had in the past week or so, there

was definitely a dire need for this person to be employed. Also, I think that what will happen is that Mark Kwasna has indicated the desire to that utilize the Highway crew in the fashion were they will be doing much more than they have in the past couple of years. In fact, he has indicated some desire to undertake some of the drainage projects by utilizing highway personnel instead of contracting out that work entirely so, I think in light of his goals he will utilize the crew in a much more dire fashion, and based upon his comments to me during the question whether this person was necessary, I vote yes."

Councilman Cardinale:

"I just want to ask Bob, was there a dire need to be employed his or the Towns?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz:

"Well, it was, it was, it was initially Towns, then a reason why was because of what we had asked Mr. Baldelli to do. Yeah."

Barbara Grattan:

The resolution was thereupon declared to be duly adopted.

Supervisor Kozakiewicz:

The meeting is closed.

The Special Town Board Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Barbara Grattan
Town Clerk