

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on February 20th, 1976 at 7:30 P. M.

Present:

Allen M. Smith, Supervisor
George G. Young, Councilman
Francis E. Menendez, Councilman
John Lombardi, Councilman
Jessie Tomlinson, Councilwoman

Also present: Peter S. Danowski, Jr., Town Attorney.

Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 P. M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Smith called everyone's attention to the poster that he had displayed entitled "Town Meeting - 1976", and encouraged everyone to attend this special program to be held on March 4th at 7:30 P. M. in the Holiday Inn.

He then stated that the tentative State Equalization Rate has been received for the Town of Riverhead, and it was not good news - set at 10.43 a complete one point drop - potential tax impact to community.

He continued by saying that he regrets that the state of the Town's finances have become an issue because it forces him to make a premature report.

He then stated that, at this time, the General Town Fund had a deficit balance for the year 1975 of \$112,474.54, and an anticipated income which fell short \$42,418.02. He continued by saying that these figures are compounded by the fact that in the 1976 Budget, \$150,000 surplus was anticipated from the year 1975, and "quite obviously if there is a deficit there can be no surplus", and those figures must be added to the figure already quoted.

He stated further that it came to his attention that the Senior Nutrition Program was not funded at all in the 1976 Budget and later in the meeting a resolution would be introduced transferring funds to finance this Program.

PETITIONS

Six (6) taxpayers being shareholders in the Reeves Avenue Farm Corp., state their opposition to the transmission lines as proposed by LILCO. Filed.

Three (3) taxpayers stating opposition to LILCO'S proposed tower lines through farms. Filed.

Supervisor Smith stated that he didn't realize that the two petitions opposing the transmission lines had come in and went on to explain about a meeting held with the Long Island Farm Bureau that afternoon, with reference to the transmission lines and further stated that they had already received 1300 responses through their inquiries.

REPORTS

Tax Receiver's, dated: January 30, 1976 and February 10th, 1976. Filed.
 Recreation Department, month of January, 1976. Filed.
 Recreation Department, Annual Report for 1975. Filed.

CLAIM

Goldie Levitsky -Slipped on gravel at walkway next to Lentins on Main Street, Riverhead, N. Y. -Fractured right arm. Amount claimed \$10,000. Filed.
 Copies of Claim submitted to Town Attorney, Insurance Carrier and Supt. of Highways.

OPEN BID REPORT- SURPLUS ITEMS -OLD TOWN HALL

Joseph O'Kula 427 Sweezy Avenue Riverhead, N. Y. 11901	#12 - Window Air Conditioner (Supervisor) #17 - Window Fan (Tax Receiver) Total Bid	\$102.00 23.00 <u>\$125.00</u>
William H. Martin Jamesport, N. Y.	#2 - Desk (Tax Receiver) #6 - Window Air Conditioner (Tax Receiver) Total Bid	\$ 10.00 26.00 <u>\$ 36.00</u>
Scheinberg, Wolf, Lapham, DePetris & Prusansky P. O. Box 599 220 Roanoke Avenue Riverhead, N. Y. 11901	#5 - Window Air Conditioner (Town Clerk) #6 - Window Air Conditioner (Tax Receiver) #8 - Window Air Conditioner (Justice) #10 - Window Air Conditioner (Justice) #12 - Window Air Conditioner (Supervisor) #16 - Air Conditioner (Tax Receiver) Total Bid	\$100.00 25.00 25.00 25.00 25.00 25.00 <u>\$225.00</u>
Mrs. Pauline Manning 60 Hubbard Avenue Riverhead, N. Y. 11901	#5 - Window Air Conditioner (Town Clerk)	<u>\$ 65.00</u>
(submitted two separate bids)	#8 - Window Air Conditioner (Justice)	<u>\$65.00</u>
Edward Jermusyk Calverton, N. Y.	#1 - Desk (Tax Receiver) #2 - Desk (Tax Receiver) #3 - Desk (Tax Receiver) #4 - Desk (Tax Receiver) #16 - Air Conditioner (Tax Receiver) #17 - Window Fan (Tax Receiver) Total Bid	\$ 5.25 11.00 5.55 17.00 27.25 5.10 <u>\$ 71.15</u>

The above bids were filed for the February 20th, 1976 Town Board Meeting

OPEN BID REPORT-FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT BID-NEW TOWN HALLEggert-Knotoff Associates, Inc. d/b/a McCabes

221 East Main Street

Riverhead, N. Y. 11901

Total Cost for 162 Items listed in specification form \$16,124.00*
(detailed list filed in
office of Town Clerk)

*A 5% discount will be allowed on the complete bid, conditioned upon the return of the four Modern Steelcraft Desks #H3-300 black with walnut top.

Filed for the February 20, 1976 Town Board Meeting.

PETITIONS

Donald and Joan Shwonik for Special Permit to erect a single family residence. Filed.

148 Signatures to lower speed limit and requesting caution light or patrolman-Tenant's Organization, 821 East Main Street, Riverhead, N. Y. Filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

State Department of Environmental Conservation, dated 1/29/76, relating to Public Hearing Notice on Hearing to be held in the Suffolk County Legislative Meeting Room, County Center, Riverhead, on March 1st, 1976 at 2:00 P. M., for the issuance of Permits on project site located in Peconic Bay at the foot of Dunlookin Lane, South Jamesport. Applicant purposes to construct bulkhead with 12 ft. return - claims bulkhead is necessary to control erosion and a financial hardship will result if permit is denied. All persons wishing to be heard must file a Notice of Appearance in writing and in duplicate, specifying precise grounds of support of or opposition to the petition, with the Tidal Wetlands Permit Administrator at Bldg. 40, State University at Stony Brook, N. Y. 11794 on or before the 24th day of February, 1976. Filed.
Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Long Island Lighting Company, dated 1/1/76, submitting authorized listing of supervisor personnel to be contacted in the event of any gas emergency. Filed.
Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Town of Riverhead Planning Board, dated 2/11/76, submitting resolution adopted by its Board regarding Baiting Hollow Knolls, Section 1 plat located at Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow.

Said resolution approves the preliminary plat and directs the Secretary or Chairman to affix signature to the endorsement prescribed upon the final plat, as:

1. The subdivider to deposit a cash payment with the Town Board of Riverhead in the amount of \$1,350. for park, playground and other recreational purposes.
2. The subdivider to file a performance bond with the Town Clerk in the amount of \$24,000.
3. The subdivider to submit a deed or proper instrument showing that Baiting Hollow may be laid out over and across the 15 foot strip which is owned by another or others, and further

COMMUNICATIONS continued: (Town of Riverhead Planning Board)

That the bond for the construction of the roads shall remain in effect until such time as notified by the Planning Board that the improvements have been made to this Board's satisfaction or until such time as the roads shall have been dedicated to the Town and accepted by the Town Board and laid out by the Supt. of Highways, etc., and

FURTHER that this bond may be used in lieu of securing and furnishing another bond required in the Rules and Regulations for the Dedication of a Public Highway.

Also requesting that the Town Board notify the Planning Board of its approval of the performance bond. Filed.

Copies to Town Board, Town Attorney, Bldg. Dept. and Board of Appeals.

Town of Riverhead Planning Board, dated 2/11/76, submitting resolution adopted by its Board regarding Century Farms, Section 2, located at North Country Road, Wading River.

Said resolution approves the preliminary plat and directs the Secretary or Chairman to affix signature to the endorsement prescribed upon the final plat, as:

1. The subdivider to deposit a cash payment of \$5,100 with the Town Board of Riverhead for park, playground and other recreational purposes.
2. The subdivider to file a performance bond with the Town Clerk in the amount of \$142,000.

That the bond for the construction of the roads shall remain in effect until such time as notified by the Planning Board that the improvements have been made to this Board's satisfaction or until such time as the roads shall have been dedicated to the Town and accepted by the Town Board and laid out by the Supt. of Highways, etc., and

Also requesting that the Town Board notify the Planning Board of its approval of the performance bond. Filed.

Copies to Town Board, Town Attorney, Bldg. Dept. and Board of Appeals.

The Town Clerk was directed to send a memo to the Town Planning Board, saying "that the drainage system has not been approved by Mr. Horton. Further that reconsideration of the preliminary plat, after consultation with the Supt. of Highways would be appreciated. "

Edward R. Munson, Department Head, Building Department and Zoning Inspector, dated 2/19/76, notifying the Board of his retirement effective at the conclusion of the week ending March 26th, 1976 and requesting all emoluments and benefits due or to become due in accordance with the contract with the CSEA and the Town of Riverhead in 1976. Filed.

Charles E. Raffe, dated 2/13/76, making complaint on a very large black dog owned by people residing on East Main Street, outlining causes for the complaint and citing Ordinance No. 29 of the Town of Riverhead dealing with restrictions of dogs running at large and violations thereto.

COMMUNICATIONS continued: Charles E. Raffe)

Mr. Raffe further states that the New Town Hall will be opened in this area and he is sure the members of the Town Board will not want to be molested by this animal, nor the public visitors at the Town Hall.

Mr. Raffe requests that the Town place the owners of this animal on formal notice and that Ordinance 29, Section 8, be invoked if the dog is allowed to continue running at large. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Supervisor Smith stated that there have been numerous complaints about that dog and several others in the same area and the Dog Warden will have to be contacted.

N. Y. State Cooperative Extension, submitting data on Information Meeting on N. Y. S. Agricultural District Act. The meeting scheduled for Riverhead, will be held at the Cooperative Extension Building, 246 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1976 from 2 P. M. to 10 P. M., and on Friday, February 27, 1976 at 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. This schedule and meeting places for Southold and Bridgehampton are posted on the Town Clerk's Bulletin Board. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

N. Y. State District Corps of Engineers, dated 2/13/76, relating to Public Notice No. 8376, on application of South Jamesport Boat Marina, Inc., 154 Merritts Pond Road, Riverhead, for an Army Permit for maintenance dredging at Hawks Creek, Great Peconic Bay, South Jamesport. Any person having an interest in the issuance of this permit may submit in writing to the District Engineer within 30 days of this dated request for public hearing. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

A. Lloyd Case, Secretary, Riverhead Fire District, dated February 18th, 1976, advising that Fire Chief Stephen Mazura has called to the attention of the Fire Commissioners the parking problem at the Roanoke Plaza Shopping Center on Route #58, Riverhead, also that the fire apparatus would be hindered in reaching the scene of a fire at the center.

In response to the Chief's report on the parking conditions there the Board adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Chief of the Riverhead Fire Department did report to the Board that:

1. The parking in the Roanoke Shopping Plaza Center would hinder fire apparatus reaching the scene of a fire at the center.
2. Mr. Paul R. Slayton had requested of the Town Board that fire zones be established within the Roanoke Shopping Plaza Center.

Therefore Be it Resolved, that this Board requests the Town Board to establish fire zones within the Roanoke Shopping Plaza Center by the Secretary sending a copy of this resolution to the Town Board. " (End) Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

Supervisor Smith stated that there are several problems with Mr. Slayton regarding this shopping center that are connected with the Hearing coming up tonight and as soon as the hearing is over they will deal with the other problems within that center.

REPORTSHIGHWAY DEPARTMENT -NoneTAX RECEIVER - NoneUNFINISHED BUSINESS

Codification - Supervisor Smith stated that there were Public Hearings tonight dealing with this matter.

Supervisor Smith recessed the meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:00 P. M.

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of publishing and posting Public Notice on proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 (maximum building area in % in the Business B District, to be held February 20th, 1976 at 8 P. M.

The affidavits were ordered to be placed on filed.

COMMUNICATION

Suffolk County Department of Planning, Hauppauge, N. Y., dated 1/26/76, relating to amendment to Zoning Ord. #26, Max. Bldg. area in Bus. "B" District, stating that the decision of local determination should not be construed as either an approval or a disapproval. Filed.

Supervisor Smith stated that he felt he should educate the press and the people present as to what was being considered in connection with this Hearing.

He continued by saying that at the present time, the lot area coverage is 15% in Business B and in Business C which very often approximates where the Bus. B Districts are, it calls for 30%.

He then stated that this change was considered by the prior Board and was subject to quite a bit of consideration by the Planning Board on prior occasions.

He continued by saying that the proposed amendment would allow an owner in the Bus. B District to improve his property, as a matter of right, to a lot area coverage of 15%. If he wished to exceed the 15%, he had to apply to the Town Board for a Special Permit.

John F. Coffey, Esq., 130 North Franklin Street, Hempstead, N. Y., representing the Island Federal Savings and Loan Association, spoke of his client's wishes to build a savings and loan branch in the Riverhead Shopping Plaza, owned by the West Side Realty Company.

He further spoke of the building regulations regarding the parking schedule and stated that 50% of the present parking lot has never been used.

He then requested that the Town Board either amend the Ordinance or amend the parking schedule, so as to provide a scale or ratio of parking commensurate with the size of the center itself.

He concluded by saying that he was basically in support of this proposed recodification of the Ordinance and he commended it to the public.

Supervisor Smith then asked Mr. Coffey if he could give the Town Board some hints on what he might suggest as a distinction between the small neighborhood shopping center and the large shopping center and the particular square footage ratio to the parking spaces.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8 P. M. continued:

Mr. Coffey replied: "I could put it in terms of black and white ratio as to size in relation to the number of parking spaces. If you had a 1200 sq. ft. building, obviously the 1 to 120 sq. ft. ratio would be proper. What you have to consider in terms of parking requirements is really what is used during the peak hours of the particular unit. Where you have a variety of units, for example, the delicatessen's may have its peak hours on Sunday, between 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., whereas the peak hour of a department store would be completely different and the peak hours of a supermarket would be different and their peak hours would be usually on Thursday and Friday evenings. I think it would basically depend upon how many particular units you can get into a shopping center. "

Supervisor Smith asked him if he could give any suggestions as to square footage.

Mr. Coffey stated: "For example, if you had a 20,000 sq. ft. structure, I would say that the 1 to 120 sq. ft. ratio should apply, because there you have the possibility of a single user. Where you exceed the 20,000 sq. ft. of building space, you're going to start to develop different traffic peaks. So I would say that you should start at 1 to 120 for 20,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and grade it up to a minimum parking requirement, such as they have in regional shopping centers such as Smithaven Mall or Roosevelt Field. The ratio there should be 1 to 250 sq. ft., but anywhere between the 120 to 250 sq. ft. should be the gradation. "

Charles Cuddy, Esq., representing Paul Slayton and Co., the owner of the A & P - Pergament Center, echoed Mr. Coffey's remarks and recommended approval of the amendment to extend the % of building area.

Supervisor Smith made suggestions about landscaping the entrance to the A & P - Pergament Center.

Jacob Harding, Property owner of a business in downtown Riverhead, spoke at length on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and then asked about the size of the proposed building, water and sewer requirements, materials to be used in construction.

He then asked the Town Board to give much consideration to this amendment and further reminded the Board that there are pitfalls to watch out for in this type of amendment.

Supervisor Smith stated that if Mr. Harding wished to pursue the matter further, the plans and application of the Island Federal Savings and Loan Company were on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Smith recessed this Hearing to hold another Public Hearing scheduled at 8:15 P. M.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:15 P. M.

The Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Public Notice calling Public Hearing re Local Law to Provide for the Regulations and Licensing of Shows, Exhibitions, Carnivals, etc., and Penalties for Offenses to be held on February 20th, 1976 at 8:15 P. M.

The affidavits were ordered placed on file.

Thereupon Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

No one wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing closed at 8:16 P. M., and re-opened the Public Hearing scheduled for 8 P. M.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8 P. M. continued: (proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance #26, Max. Bldg. area in Bus. "B" District)

Supervisor Smith asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

Mr. Cuddy spoke again and commented on some of the remarks made by Mr. Harding regarding previously denied applications concerning the same amendment.

No one else wishing to be heard and no further communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Smith closed the Hearing at 8:20 P. M., and re-opened the meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Kenneth Ross, Principal of Riverhead School District, asked the Town Board to consider changing the first monthly meeting to another night, as it conflicts with the monthly meeting of the school board.

He then stated that if the Town Board would not consider this request, he would certainly ask the school board to change their meeting day, so that people could attend both.

Supervisor Smith said that the Board would see what they could do.

Dr. Alfred Smith, Sound Shore Road, speaking for the Open House of the Narcotics Guidance Council gave an outline from the beginning of the Narcotics Council to its present day operation.

He stated that the Council developed on its own, with no help or direction from the Town Board.

He continued by speaking about the athletic programs sponsored by the Open House and further spoke of how much they helped the kids in the Town.

He then spoke of the amount of money allotted for this Open House in the 1976 Budget and further commented on the monies coming in from the County, United Church of Christ and other organizations.

He concluded by saying that Reverend Adinolfi has been the spearhead of this Council and has worked many long hard hours to keep it going. He further said that if the program was kept, but not Reverend Adinolfi, the program would do down the drain and everyone's hard work would've been for nothing.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Supervisor Smith asked Dr. Smith if he was indeed endorsing Reverend Adinolfi's capabilities as Director of the Open House.

Dr. Smith reiterated his previous remarks about the merits of the program and Reverend Adinolfi's leadership.

Supervisor Smith recessed the meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:30 P. M.

The Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Public Notice Calling Public Hearing on the matter of Local Law to Regulate Traffic and Parking in the Town of Riverhead and Fixing Penalties for Offenses to be held February 20th, 1976 at 8:30 P. M.

The affidavits were ordered to be placed on file.

Supervisor Smith then declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

No one wishing to be heard and no communications having been received there-to, Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing closed at 8:32 P. M. , and re-opened the meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Grace Marano, Reeves Park, read a statement urging the Town Board to keep the Open House Program going and the Center Open. (Statement filed in the Town Clerk's Office).

She then continued to tell the Town Board of the drug counselling work and other redemptive work that the Center has accomplished and the many kids troubled with drugs that the counselling has helped.

Richard Bakker, Minister of the Old Steeple Community Church in Aquebogue, voiced his support of Reverend Adinolfi's work with the Open House.

He stated that he and Reverend Adinolfi have not always agreed on everything, but he greatly respected him and especially respected his work regarding the Open House.

He concluded by urging the Town Board's continued support of the Open House Programs.

Mrs. Marano spoke again and commended Reverend Adinolfi for his leadership, his sincerity and (the rest of the sentence is inaudible).

Peter Erickson, Deacon in Reverend Adinolfi's Church, stated that the Open House is one of the few things that takes place in the Town of Riverhead that really supports the youth of this community and urged the Town Board to support this program and not let it die out.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE continued:

Jacob Harding spoke as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Riverhead saying that the Kiwanis Club, like the Rotary and Lions Club, paid the rent for the Open House for many months.

He went on to talk about the many ex-G. I's that still need help with drugs and the youth of the Town that are addicted to drugs.

He then stated that the drug program is essential and the Town can't let its youth down. He further stated that the budget could be reduced to save a few dollars, but stressed that the program should not be eliminated.

He concluded by stating that Reverend Adinolfi is a fine man.

Roy Hooper stated that the Town could get out of debt by cutting expenses drastically at the Town Dump and further by reinstating Alex Horton as its operator.

Supervisor Smith stated that those suggestions will be considered.

Supervisor Smith recessed the meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:45 P. M.

The Town Clerk submitted affidavits of publishing and posting Public Notices Calling Public Hearing to be held on February 20th, 1976 at 8:45 P. M., on the matters of Amending Ordinance #19 - Traffic Violations Bureau, Amending Ordinance #21 - Dangerous Buildings and Structures, Amending Ordinance #5 -Docks and Wharfs, Amending Ordinance #9-Junk Dealers, Amending Ordinance #33-Parades and Assemblies, Amending Ordinance #1 - Obstructions on Streets and Highways, Amending Ordinance #36 - Partial Tax Exemption for Property Owners Over 65 Years of Age and Ordinance to Amend Penalty Provisions.

The affidavits were ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Smith thereupon declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Charles Spitaliere, East Island Auto Parts, asked Supervisor Smith to explain Ordinance #9-Junk Dealers.

Supervisor Smith stated that if his question involved a personal problem, he would be glad to see him personally on Monday to discuss it.

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Smith closed the Hearing at 8:57 P. M. , and re-opened the meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Mary Jane White, representing the Political Action Group of the Combined Black Persons of Riverhead, spoke in support of Reverend Adinolfi's work in the Narcotics Open House Program in Riverhead.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Bernice Mack, representing the Clearview Civic Association, stated that they also helped to pay the rent for the Open House and further that she and her husband did most of the painting and the cleaning.

She then stated that she would rather see the budget cut, than have the Open House closed altogether.

Supervisor Smith then stated that he would like to express his concern as an administrator, and proceeded as follows: "I have been elected Supervisor of this Town and as such I have certain responsibility with reference to the programs that are under my control and direction.

Although I have attempted, through these past few weeks as your Supervisor, to concentrate on the fiscal books and attempted to straighten out those particular problems before I get on to the other many problems that we have in the Town, such as the LILCO transmission line and others.

I am deeply concerned about the administration of this program, I am not as concerned about the scope or the impact or the functions being performed by the program or the direction of the program, as I am with reference to the administration of the program and in particular, Reverend Adinolfi's control of the same.

I would hope that each of you have been provided by Reverend Adinolfi, in the pursuit of this particular matter, with the letter of resignation of Dr. Joseph Burger, who was the Psychological Consultant that was involved in the program in 1975.

Individually, each staff member, does his or her job well with integrity and with responsibility, yet there still remains a lack or sense of community, and a unity of purpose. I attribute this particularly to a void in leadership, etc.

On November 21st, 1975, at my office, I had an interview with a gentleman by the name of Robert McGilroy, a former Ceta employee with the Town of Riverhead, in the Recreation Department. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and he is currently working in the Town of Babylon, quoting: ' Adinolfi wasn't there much - needs more outreach - essentially a pool table program - seeing the same kids month after month, etc. '

On November 25, 1975, at the H. Lee Dennison Building, I had a conference with a Mr. Michael Schwegler, Mr. Richard Boarden and Mr. Larry Greenspan, the Administrators of the DAC Program. In part, they said: 'Karen, with reference to Karen Scaramucci - Karen is the whole program - keep Karen, do not retain Mr. Adinolfi. '

I have several other comments by other people involved with programs of that nature.

I have further concern with reference to the overall approach of the program on a limited basis. It has been suggested to me by Mr. Robert Schmidt of the L. S. Y. M. C. A. and his director in charge of this kind of program. Mr. Paul Arfin, in a conference on December 4, 1975, said that the better approach to this kind of thing is with an overall youth board arrangement whereby there is a coordination between this kind of a program, the Recreation Program and the N. Y. S. programs.

I feel as Supervisor, that these are legitimate concerns. I feel also that the current state of the budget with reference to this particular program and the filing of vouchers and claims with reference to that particular program is a legitimate concern of the Supervisor. We have a problem in that area. There are vouchers outstanding.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Supervisor Smith continues to say: "These are my concerns and my concerns deal more with what I have just stated than with the direction of the particular program. "

Sharon Hopkins stated that she would like to speak on the issue of the conspiracy between the buildings at 821 East Main Street - Puglisi vs. Quinton.

She went on to say that conditions are getting worse. One section is fixing up their buildings and the other side isn't doing anything.

She then stated, that she felt the Tenants' Group should work for the whole complex and not just one side.

Supervisor Smith told Mrs. Hopkins that the Town Board had met with the Tenants' Group from 821 East Main, Mr. Ulysses Edwards in particular and reviewed the problems and made some suggestions.

He then stated that there were 18 violations against the eastern buildings, involving the Puglisi family, that would come before the court on March 1st. He then suggested that these people follow the court action and not let Puglisi stall the court decision regarding these violations.

He then stated that possibly these people could protest any adjournments that might be requested by Mr. Puglisi or his attorney, which has been his practice in the past.

He continued as follows: "The mortgage being foreclosed in the western buildings is currently held by the John Hancock Insurance Co. The difficulty with the split is occasioned by the fact that the mortgage held by the European-American Bank is not being foreclosed. We have suggested to you that you petition and boycott if you chose and do those other things that are available to you as a tenant's group with reference to the European-American Bank, a Mr. James Smith and a Mr. Laderwager at the local level.

Lastly, I have spoken to Captain Palmer or rather Acting Chief Palmer and we will establish a meeting with the tenant's group to discuss some of the problems that were voiced, that are in his jurisdiction. "

Mrs. Hopkins then stated that the violations that they had against the other side are being fixed now.

Dr. Alfred Smith asked Supervisor Smith if he would read the letter that he received from Michael Schwegler concerning the qualifications of Richard Adinolfi.

Supervisor Smith stated that he didn't get a letter regarding that matter.

Dr. Alfred Smith then stated that he thought the Supervisor had received one that morning.

Supervisor Smith agreed that he had and stated that the letter was consistent with his position in that he felt the letter addressed itself to support of the program. He then read the letter as follows: "Dear Supervisor Smith - Subject: Town Drug Pro-

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

gram. In summarizing the meeting we had with you last week, I would like to point out that the Suffolk County Drug Control Authority is committed to serve the people of Riverhead with Substance Abuse Services. Even in our most pessimistic budget, we feel that monies should be recommended for support of this Town Program. The Program in your Town, though slower in growth, has reached the point where it is beginning to service a significant number of young people demonstrating drug related problems". (End)

Joseph Brandeburg, a member of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus spoke in reference to the Bicentennial Gift from the Knights of Columbus to Wading River, called the "Town Crier". He then read the following statement:

"Honorable Members of Riverhead Town Board": "The trend in this County has been to favor small well organized minority groups who can force their opinion on the majority. It is true that the silent majority do not come out to many meetings and take an active part in the decision making of various groups. But I as a concerned citizen must bring your attention to the fact that any person taking a leadership role whether it be in government or any other group or organization has a democratic responsibility to inform the majority with correct information so that the majority can make sound judgments and then given the opportunity to vote on these various issues. This represents true democracy. It is the intent of the Knights of Columbus to present, this gift in the true democratic spirit by requesting that the Town Board set up a referendum to give the people of Wading River an opportunity to vote on this project and proposed location. Thank you." (End).

Supervisor Smith elaborated on the above statement and explained the matter more fully.

He then tried to explain the legalities involved in having a referendum vote for one particular area.

Mr. Brandeburg stated that he was not familiar with Town Law and maybe he used the wrong terminology, but all they wanted was the chance for everyone in Wading River to vote on whether or not they wanted the Town Crier on that proposed location.

Supervisor Smith replied that part of Wading River was in Brookhaven and there was no way that the Town Board could take any action with reference to a referendum that also involved another Township.

Short discussion followed.

Supervisor Smith then stated that they would work on it.

Bert Rhodes representing the Wading River Civic Association read the following letter in response to the previous request for the "Town Crier":

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Letter from Wading River Civic Association, signed by President Charles H. Wood: (Read by Bert Rhodes).

"The Wading River Civic Association is opposed to the construction of a billboard structure in the vicinity of the Tricentennial Rock.

We seriously believe the structure would diminish the area's natural beauty. A beautiful tree covered hillside presently lies on the horizon behind the Tricentennial Rock. Can an 18 foot man-made structure be more beautiful than a naturally wooded hillside? Can the hands of man compete with the hands that created the hills and covered them with trees?" (End).

Mr. Rhodes then showed the Town Board a photograph of the area in question, as it looks today with a superimposed sketch of the proposed "Town Crier" building.

He then stated that he was not opposed to the idea of the "Town Crier" just the proposed location, though the idea of a large billboard was not too appealing to him.

Supervisor Smith asked Mr. Rhodes if he could suggest a location.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Civic Association would prefer it somewhere adjacent to a parking lot, either in the center of Town or on Route 25A and Wading River-Manor Road.

More discussion on location followed.

James F. Welch, Wading River, spoke about reaching the majority of the people to find out where they felt the "Town Crier" should be located.

He then asked if the Town could assign a segment of the Highway Department to maintain that area, why couldn't they assign a police detail to deter vandalism.

Supervisor Smith replied that these problems will be considered.

Peter Bendzlowicz, Wading River, stated that he was very receptive to the idea of the "Town Crier".

He then went on to say that in the beginning, Charles Wood and the Wading River Civic Association approved the idea, but not the location.

He added that when he first came to Wading River, there were only 600 people. Now there are 7,000 and the first few originals still think they run the community.

John Murtha, Wading River, presented a petition from the Senior Citizens Club of Wading River, containing 28 signatures, opposing the erection of the Bulletin Board on the Village Green.

He then stated that he was Vice President of the Wading River Historical Society and read the following letter: "Wading River Historical Society, Wading Riverhead, New York, dated Feb. 13, 1976, signed by President Miles R. Kucera."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

"Recently, the Trustees of the Wading River Historical Society became aware of a proposal to build a structure on a site owned by the Town of Riverhead in Wading River east of the ponds on the south side of North Country Road.

While the Trustees appreciate the purpose of the structure - to improve communications within the community - they feel that the selection of the site is ill-advised.

First, it is probable that at this location the structure will not achieve its goal. Second, this site constitutes a natural resource of the community and should not be misused. To maintain its present character, which is a natural one, it must remain free of structures, asphalt, signs, and other man-made objects.

It is felt that the Town Board must carefully consider all future requests for development of this area no matter how well-intentioned. I have been instructed by the Trustees to so advise the Town Board. " (End).

Mrs. Marie Hoff, speaking for a lady who had to leave early, asked if anything would be done about the Open House situation tonight.

Miss Joyce Miles stated that she was on the Tenant's Committee of 821 East Main Street and asked the following question: "Why does the Town want to destroy 821?"

Supervisor Smith stated: "Quite to the contrary, but would like to see that the tenants of 821 are given, at least what they are entitled to, by law and more accurately, more than what they are entitled to, by law.

There are violations and there have been violations of the health code that have existed in 821 that have gone uncorrected and in fact one of the Misters Puglisi was prosecuted for several of these violations. His time to pay the fines that were imposed by Justice Manning, expires today at 4:30 P. M. and Mr. Puglisi might expect action by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office with reference to that default, sometime in the first part of the week. "

He then went on to say that he had met with representatives of the Health Department who are concerned with the conditions in Building #6.

He continued by voicing his concern about the high rent being paid by the tenants in the most easterly buildings that is not being used to pay bills, such as the water bill, which resulted in the termination of services, earlier in the week.

Miss Miles then stated that she wanted to know why the Town Board and the public were against blacks.

She went on to say that because the Town is against Puglisi, the blacks suffer.

Supervisor Smith stated that he had no affection for Mr. Puglisi and made no bones about it.

Discussion followed.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Jean Porter, stated that she had lived at 821 for seven years and she had seen the place go up and down. She insisted that the newspapers all tell lies about Mr. Puglisi. She further said that she wants to know why the Town wants to get Puglisi out and asked what he had done.

Supervisor Smith stated that six months ago Mr. Puglisi told the old Town Board of his solution for 821 as follows: "His solution to the problem at 821 was the erection of wall around the place and the placing of barbed wire on the top and the further placing of armed security guards with passes for the various and sundry tenants. I don't think anybody should live that way, white, black, purple, that's your Mr. Puglisi. That's what he said and that's the way he feels about you as tenants. I took exception to it before the election and I take exception to it now. "

Sharon Hopkins stated that there are about 35 people who don't pay their rent and Mr. Puglisi was the kind of person who would give the tenants a break.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Supervisor Smith suggested that they ask Mr. Puglisi to fix up his side of the complex, as Mr. Quinton is doing.

Debra Miles stated that she lived on the side that Quinton is supposedly fixing up and it took him three months to fix her broken -in front door and two months to repair the light switches, you can't take a bath and the ceiling is falling down.

She further stated that Quinton's side is no better than the other side. There are always police around, shooting, gambling, etc.

Further discussion followed.

Supervisor Smith stated that when he speaks to the Health Department about enforcing the code, he will ask them to be sure to inspect both sides.

Gordon Danby, Wading River, spoke at great length in opposition to the proposed Town Crier Project.

He further spoke of the historical aspects of the proposed location and protecting the natural beauty of the area.

Supervisor Smith noted for the record, several letters from youth groups in support of the "Town Crier Project", a petition containing 42 signatures of youth supporting the project and several letters from individual teenagers in support.

Supervisor Smith then recessed the meeting at 10 P. M. , for the purpose of changing the tape to record the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Smith re-opened the Meeting at 10:15 P. M. and asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Grace Marano referring to the point made that Mr. Greenspan recommended keeping Karen, but not Reverend Adinolfi, asked Supervisor Smith why he felt this recommendation was made.

Supervisor Smith responded as follows:

"As you know, the meeting took place on November 25, in the afternoon. My notes reflect that there was a concern with reference to have a dual directorship. They thought that the program would be better served by combing the functions then being performed by Dr. Burger and the functions then being performed by the Reverend Adinolfi. They recommended that the person have a Masters Degree in Social Work and that there be a subordinate major in Psychology.

They directed my attention to certain criminal justice funds that would be available, also they indicated, at that time, that the application for funding would be due in April, not March of 1976. That change has been explained by Mr. Shwagler in our latest conference which occurred one week ago today.

These are the context of my concern. I believe that they are concerns dictated to me by the position that I hold as Supervisor of the Township and quite frankly, I regret that the issue has been posed by persons other than myself, as a dislike, by myself, of the program.

I am not adverse, necessarily, to the program and the concerns of this particular population that is being served. I think that anybody that has been around me, when I worked on the YMCA, here in Town, realizes that. But I think I have been characterized in that position. My concern is with reference to the administration of the program."

Mrs. Marano stated that she took issue with the recommendations made by Mr. Greenspan because it is a known fact many young people run agencies, such as this.

Further discussion followed.

Mrs. Marano then stated that Reverend Adinolfi has been the spearhead of this program and she took exception to the accusations against him saying she felt they were unfair.

Arthur Penny asked what salary, Reverend Adinolfi received.

Reverend Adinolfi replied that he received \$6,600 for 17-1/2 hours per week.

Supervisor Smith asked him what the proposed salary was, under the pending application.

Reverend Adinolfi replied that the Suffolk County Drug Control Authority recommended a 10% increase in salary for him, as well as his other workers.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:Supervisor Smith then read the proposed salaries as follows:

Reverend Adinolfi	\$ 7,260.00
Mrs. Scaramucci	11,325.00
Mr. Johnson	8,968.00
Mrs. Biagini	8,002.00
Supervisor Counsellors	3,300.00
Mr. Mack	2,574.00

Further discussion followed.

Antonio DeGrasse stated he would like to go on record as saying that he took exception to the issue being blacks as opposed to the whites.

Reverend Adinolfi stated that salary was not the important matter with him and would work for whatever the Town Board felt they could afford.

He further stated that if they wanted to cut the budget anywhere, they could cut his salary.

(Resolutions follow)

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That Highway bills submitted on abstracts dated February 20, 1976, as follows:

General Repairs Item 1: Mobil Oil Corporation, bills dated January 23 and Feb. 5 and 10, 1976 totalling \$531. 39, Rason Asphalt, Inc., bill dated January 30, 1976 for \$803. 00:

Machinery Item 3: Municipal Machinery Co. Inc., bills dated January 28 and February 2, 1976 totalling \$1, 325. 28, Suffolk Tire Shop, bill dated February 4, 1976 for \$504. 81 and Tryac Truck & Equipment Co. Inc., bill dated January 28, 1976 for \$546. 13:

Miscellaneous Item 4: Barczak Nursery, bill dated February 3, 1976 for \$988. 80, Kenneth Schmidt, bill dated February 10, 1976 for \$1, 692. 00, Thurber Lumber Company, bill dated February 5, 1976 for \$762. 75 and Warner Engineering, bill dated February 6, 1976 for \$3, 094. 20; be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Highways be and is hereby authorized to pay time and one half overtime compensation for ice, snow and sanding operations for the period from January 29, 1976 to February 12, 1976 - a total of 366 hours in the amount of \$2, 786. 68.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, hereby requests the New York State Department of Transportation, to make a survey to establish a lower maximum speed limit of thirty (30) MPH on State Highway Route 25, in front of 821 East Main Street, Riverhead, New York.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith stated as follows: "I might point out that you saw one group this evening claiming to be representative of the tenants of 821 East Main Street. I would further point out that the group that came in this morning was a very different group. I was quite frankly more impressed by the former than I was by the latter. I would also point out that it has been said to me that the young lady in yellow was formerly an employee of Mr. Victor Puglisi, at his establishment in Polish Town. "

RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That the contract for furniture for the new Town Hall be awarded to McCabe's, at the amount bid with the discount for the items of furniture in the Tax Receiver's Office and that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a contract for the same.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

WHEREAS, It has been called to this Board's attention that appropriations were omitted from the 1976 Budget for the funding of the Senior Citizen Nutrition Program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the existing appropriation account A7610. 4 be renumbered A7610. 41, and that a new account A7610. 42, Programs for the Aging be created and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following funds be debited as shown:

A1010. 4 - Litigation	\$20,000. 00
A1990. 4 -Contingency	\$10,000. 00
A1430. 4 -Personal Services	\$12,500. 00

and that Account A7610. 42 Programs for the Aging, be credited \$42,500. 00.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

WHEREAS, Heretofore no Town Attorney's Office existed within the Town Hall and the Town Attorney has need of both a library and shelving,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$6,000 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account General to the Town Hall Capital Account and that he and the Town Attorney, consistent with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, take those steps necessary to acquire shelving and books for a price not to exceed \$6,000. 00.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

RESOLVED, That effective April 1, 1976, the official depository of the Town of Riverhead shall be the Suffolk County National Bank, West Second Street, Riverhead, New York, on the following stipulations:

RESOLUTION continued:

- (a) That all accounts be collateralized subject to the approval of this Board, and
- (b) Said bank provides this Board with a memorandum of agreement that it shall, for the period that it remains the official depository, bid upon the obligations of the Town of Riverhead and its subordinate districts when the same are offered for sale.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to advertise in the News Review, the official newspaper of the Town of Riverhead, for bids for the operation of the Jamesport Marina for the year 1976-1977, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and hereby is designated to open publicly and read aloud on March 15th, 1976 at 11:00 A. M. , at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all bids bearing the designation "Bid on Operation of the Jamesport Marina."

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That pending further action of this Board (to review the Duty Statement of the Chief of Police and to investigate the appointment of Roscoe Palmer as a provisional appointee pending examination in conformity with the Civil Service Law), Roscoe Palmer be and is hereby appointed Acting Police Chief at an annual salary of \$22,968.00.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young stated that he felt that the Open House Program should be kept going and further that the rest of the Town Board basically went along with that premise. He then said that he didn't think the Town Board was in agreement on the personnel for running the Program so that had been eliminated from the agreement.

He added saying: "However, if the program isn't started now, I'm afraid we will lose the County money and I feel that the program has done some good."

RESOLUTION

Councilman Young offered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead approves the continuation of the Open House Drug Treatment and Prevention Program for the fiscal year April 1, 1976 to March 28, 1977, and directs the Supervisor to file with the Suffolk County Drug Control Authority, the application for the Open House Program, striking there-from any reference to specific named personnel and amending the duty statements and simultaneously file application with the New York State Department of Youth.

Before seconding the resolution, Councilman Menendez stated: "I feel we have two programs in the Town and we can't afford to be without them - one is the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program, which is in danger of being canned and the other is the Drug Abuse Program. It may cost us a little money, but I think if it helps just one kid, it's worth it."

Supervisor Smith asked the following question: "When you direct me, the Supervisor, to file the Division of Youth application, do you mean, Mr. Young, that the stipulations that you attached to the filing of the application with the Drug Addiction Control people, also apply to the Division of Youth application, namely that it's a stipulation that we're not wed to any particular personnel under any particular job description."

Councilman Young stated that he didn't want to be wed to any particular personnel under any particular job description at the present time, and further stated that he felt that that should be worked out between them.

Councilwoman Tomlinson stated that she knew that Reverend Adinolfi has submitted a resolution regarding the Big Brother Program, but that was not included in this resolution.

Supervisor Smith made a further statement, as follows: "The resolution, as currently phrased, does not tie the hands of this Board in the evaluation of the performance of any member of the Open House Program. It does not, by the act of this resolution, wed us to anybody, who is not doing their job. I have serious concerns about the structure of the program and the administration of the program, internally, with reference to a dual directorship, externally, rather than taking the narrow view of this program, of coordinating this program with the other activities of our community, in the school district, in the recreation department and in the other communities beyond the downtown Riverhead area, that are currently being served.

My third concern, and it is a legal concern, is that no one in this program, on the last payroll, was certified by Civil Service. And I do not mean by my vote on this resolution to condone the retention of anyone on the payroll, of anyone that is not in compliance with the requirements of the State Civil Service Law.

Supervisor Smith then called for a roll call vote to be taken.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith asked Mr. Johnson if there was a deadline with reference to the Big Brother Program.

Mr. Johnson replied that he would not get paid, unless the Board passed a resolution continuing his services for the remainder of the present period.

He further asked if he should be on Civil Service regarding his position as Big Brother Program Director.

Reverend Adinolfi stated that the United Church of Christ has committed itself to this Town, to pay the salary of Sherwood Johnson, until the end of March.

He further stated: "I will be with the Suffolk Association of the United Church of Christ on March 2nd, with the approval of the Town Board, and I will try to receive funds to annualize Sherwood's portion of the salary, coming from the United Church of Christ to \$3,000. So \$3,000 of that \$6,000, will be coming from the United Church of Christ, the sum that is cited in the Budget for 1975."

Supervisor Smith, then asked both Mr. Johnson and Reverend Adinolfi to meet with the Town Board at 11:00 A. M. on Tuesday, February 24, 1976.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 P. M. , to meet on Tuesday Evening, March 2, 1976 at 7:30 P. M.



Helene M. Block, Town Clerk

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