

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, October 10, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Allen M. Smith, Supervisor
George G. Young, Councilman
Francis E. Menendez, Councilman
John Lombardi, Councilman
Antone J. Regula, Councilman

Also present: David P. Fishbein, Town Attorney

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

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 P.M.

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of publishing and posting public notice that a public hearing will be held on October 10, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. to hear all those interested in suggesting possible programs of work for the "Small Cities" application and commenting upon the Town of Riverhead's Housing Assistance Plan.

The affidavits were ordered to be placed on file.

Supervisor Smith: "Ladies and gentlemen this is the second of two hearings that are required with reference to the preliminary approval of our "Small Cities" application for the next three years and would run 78-79, 79-80, and 80-81. For those of you who have attended prior meetings realize that this application was the subject of two earlier hearings when we submitted an application at that particular time we were applying for \$650,000 per year. That was back in June of this year. Since that time, our appreciation has been approved to the extent of \$450,000 per year and we had a hearing last Tuesday where we listened to the general input of the public with reference to those projects that should be selected and continued in the final draft of our application and those projects which should be removed.

I will read for you, sort of summarize for you the changes that have occurred in the application from the \$650,000 per year to the \$450,000 per year figure. The major items that have been removed from the earlier proposal — the \$650,000 proposal are a Job Training Program. The Town Board in considering what should be removed has been very mindful of those programs that are fundable in other ways.

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Supervisor Smith continues:

The Jobs Program is currently being conducted by the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce under a grant and our intention was that if we were fully to the \$650,000 amount that we would supplement that Jobs Program. In that the program does exist in the Chamber of Commerce and has every prospect of continuing under the Chamber of Commerce auspices that is one of the major programs that is removed.

The other major changes occur in Year III of the program and those were the underwriting of a Senior Citizen Rental Project in Year III, which would have been 81-82 and the underwriting of an Industrial Site in Year III. Those are the major changes. There are changes between the years in which particular proposals will appear.

Mr. Scheiner have you given out copies of the new proposal. While you people read it, I will briefly review each of the three years. The Administration figure in Year I is reduced and what was a Land Acquisition Program of \$100,000, now becomes a program of \$80,000. Riverhead Loan Program which was broken into three distinct parts, those distinct parts being \$40,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000 now becomes a Loan Program of \$20,000, \$20,000, and \$25,000. The Water Extension Project for Horton Avenue was listed at \$100,000. We have increased the estimate of the Horton Avenue Project on the advice of our consultant. The Drainage Project which was at \$100,000 is now \$60,000. Townscape Program at \$25,000 and then some other Administrative and Contingency Items.

Year II again Administration and again Land Acquisition. Water Extension for the Bell Town Area. A re-location fund should it be necessary with reference to the work being done on Horton Avenue. Demolition and Acquisition Fund, a Single-Family Rehabilitation Program at \$60,000. Townscape and again Administration Expenses.

The last of the three years is Administration, Park Improvements, Industrial Site Acquisition, Loan Program, Commercial Parking Park Improvements at \$60,000 and Townscape at \$15,000, again with Evaluation and Contingencies.

The purpose of this evenings hearing is to listen to anyone that would choose to address the Town Board on any of these proposals for the three year program. Are there any questions?"

Shirley Smith, Calverton; "Supervisor Smith, Members of the Town Board, I'm addressing you this evening on behalf of a number of citizens of this community, who for the past four years have concerned themselves with the image of their Town. This group has not just put forth ideas nor bemoaned that someone should do something. These people have been the ones who suggested planter boxes and helped build them.

PUBLIC HEARING - continuedShirley Smith continues:

The ones who on Sunday morning each spring, summer, and fall while most of us are still asleep, place new plant material in these boxes, sweep up behind themselves and are finished by 9:00 A.M., They organize and conduct the annual clean-up day in April. This same group thought up the Riverhead Country Fair and has just held the third successful event. A conceptual design plan for the business district of this village known as Townscape is now in use by the Town directed by volunteers by this group under the direction and guidance of the Community Development Office. This is, but another example of the dedicated and devoted efforts that are being expended. All these projects did not happen simply because of these individuals. They happened with the cooperation from all facets of this community and the good offices of this Town Hall, In particular with cooperation from our Supervisor, Allen Smith, Members of the present Board and the previous Town Board, the people of this community have been asked on numerous occasions to support the projects of which I speak.

The Country Fair along has raised \$11,000 in the past two years. That doesn't count for the funds that we have not yet counted from the most recent fair. Approximately \$6,000 has been spent to date in landscaping the Peconic Avenue entrance to the River parking lot and the area of the Taft Candy Store. Two thousand in addition will be spent in landscaping the Morrell Property and the entrance to Grangebel Park.

Image, yes, these efforts and many many others all directed by these individuals to ensure that image. These monies raised are minor, indeed, when compared to the funds that have been awarded to the Town to the efforts of our Supervisor and grant it under the Federal Community Development Act.

In the plan for the utilization of these funds, is the expansion and redesign of the Peconic parking lot and necessary new landscaping, Stotsky Park, the Jamesport Recreation Facility, areas in all parts of the Township and from Wading River to Laurel will receive attention to be sure in the form of trees and shrubs and bushes and plants and sod paid for through Community Development Funds.

I spoke of an image. Certainly each of us wishes for our Town a good image. My remarks tonight have been as an appeal to continue in the continuation of this image and for the protection of the same. Therefore, we respectfully request the Town Board to seek out and hire a qualified and experienced individual to supervisor the overall maintenance of the landscape projects and parks in this Town. Thank you."

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Supervisor Smith: "Is there someone else who wishes to address the Town Board or ask a question?"

John Langhorn, Box 71, Horton Avenue; "Do you have a date when you're going to start?"

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Langhorn, I have made it my policy not to give anybody any dates. That way nobody gets disappointed. I would tell you that there is a resolution with reference to the Horton Avenue Area that is on later on this evening. In fact, there's a couple resolutions with reference to Horton Avenue and as my friend to my right over here says the proof of the pudding is in the eating and at such time the bulldozers hit the ground up there, then that's the time it will start."

John Langhorn: "Thank you."

Bob Tooker, Riverhead; "Mr. Smith, I had a question about Year I, Riverhead Loan Program 3C. Was that increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 which is the maximum loan which can be made to a business under the interest subsidy."

Supervisor Smith: "The current program is a program that — Bob is increased . . ."

Robert Scheiner, Community Development Supervisor; "The present commercial program is \$20,000. The Home Improvement loan is \$10,000."

Bob Tooker: "The current program then is \$20,000?"

Supervisor Smith: "That's right."

Bob Tooker: "The program for home loans — this \$20,000 in the first year is only a one-year program. You don't intend to carry that into the second or third year?"

Robert Scheiner: "We presently have additional HUD funds that are going to be spent on this along with some County Funds. It will be approximately about \$100,000 that will be

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in that loan program and we felt that the \$100,000 in the Home Improvement portion was enough to carry the program for two years and then in the third year of Community Development there is an additional \$40,000 in the program to get more money if necessary."

Bob Tooker: "I understand then that the total funds available for assistance to people who wish to improve their own homes by utilizing the reduced interest program would total \$140,000 over the next three years."

Supervisor Smith: "What happened, of course, is that we are leveraging the money so that the total amount — the amounts of the loans that become available thereby a way in excess of \$140,000."

Bob Tooker: "I understand we had the opportunity to speak last week. I spoke in regard to that program and I was most anxious to see it proceed and then I saw it was reduced in this. I'm delighted to hear that there would be that much money available because I think it will bear fruit many times over and I am delighted to hear there's \$140,000 available."

Supervisor Smith: "That's an approximation of the figures that are available to us."

Bob Scheiner: "There is an additional \$300,000 high rise loan pool that the County has received from HUD of which the Town of Riverhead will be able to also apply for. If we run short of our own funds, we can go to the County for additional funds or under that program as well. So there's far more in excess of \$100,000 in the program."

Bob Tooker: "Thank you. I have one other comment. I would like for the record to share the thoughts of Mrs. Smith. I believe that a great deal has been done by the Board and by the Community to improve our image. I think that the projects suggested have a thrust in that direction as well as the very needed physical improvements to such places as Horton Avenue and I am glad that you retained those projects which are going to make us a more attractive area in which to live and to work. I think that your revisions make good sense and as I said earlier, I'm particularly pleased that you did assure that the 3% Home Improvement Loan Program was preserved."

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Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Sir."

Charles Crump, Riverhead: "I didn't follow you on the Horton Avenue Project. On item 4 I see we have \$65,000 for water extension that stay in tack. Is that correct that wasn't reduced? I'm concerned about the drainage problem. We have \$100,000 appropriated for the drainage and you indicated it is now \$60,000 based on the advice of the engineers."

Supervisor Smith: "It's \$100,000. I'm sorry. It stayed the same. I read the Capital Improvements to Parks instead of the Drainage Problems on Horton Avenue. Now with reference to Horton Avenue, I guess it's not coming through. The Town Board sent a messenger into our bonding council this afternoon. We have picked up papers that I just gave to Mr. Grasso and we are authorizing today our own bonds and not waiting for the federal thing to come through as part of the overall Drainage Improvement Project that the Town Board started in the earlier part of this year for the dual purpose of acquiring a parcel of land that is proposed to be a shallow but large funding area and some additional monies to create that ponding area, hopefully such that before November freezes set in, that we'll be able to do something down there."

Although this program sets forth these figures and we have to wait for some approvals, we're going to be proceeding with it now and I'm sorry for the misstatement. Quite frankly, what I was doing before, was trying to complete the legal which arrived here shortly before I did such that Mr. Grasso could get it in the paper on Thursday."

Ernest Langhorne, 33 Phillips Street: "Once again I would like to commend the Board for an excellent effort in terms of seeking these funds and I think once again that your final plan shows a cross section of the community and shows also a cross section of the needs in our community and I think once again it shows that Riverhead is indeed a unique community. I'd like to thank you for your effort."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Langhorne. Is there anyone else?"

Mike Peretta, Wading River: "Mr. Supervisor on the Year III, Item A - Capital Improvements to Town Parks, does that \$40,000 acquisition for the Community Center still stand?"

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Supervisor Smith: "Yes."

Mike Peretta: "At one of the previous meetings, I had made a suggestion that on account of the inflationary costs to the way things are — prices are rising today, I had made a suggestion to add another \$40,000 for the Community Center."

Supervisor Smith: "We recognize that Mr. Peretta, and that was in your suggestions with reference to general revenue sharing. We've indicated that quite likely, projects such as Wading River Community Center will have to be done on bonding such as we are doing this evening with reference to some portion of the Drainage Facilities on Horton Avenue and that still remains a possibility."

Mike Peretta: "Well I thought for the record, I had noticed that it wasn't set aside on the budget, so I thought maybe I'd repeat the proposal just in case. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Smith: "Anyone else?"

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Smith declared the hearing closed at 7:55 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS

#479

SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH EDWARD TRUSKOWSKI

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

WHEREAS, The Town Board has retained the services of Holzmacher, McLendon & Murrell to study certain drainage problems in the Town of Riverhead with specific emphasis upon the drainage problems on Horton Avenue, north of Middle Road, and

WHEREAS, The Town's consulting engineers have recommended the construction of a large shallow re-charge area on the easterly side of Horton Avenue, north of Middle Road, and

WHEREAS, The owner of the area proposed for the aforesaid facility has negotiated the sale of eight (8) acres, more or less, for a contract price of Three thousand seven hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$3,750.00) Dollars, per acre, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has satisfied itself that said contract price is fair and reasonable,

RESOLUTIONS - continuedNOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute a contract with Edward Truskowski for the acquisition of eight (8) acres of land, more or less, at a contract price of Three thousand seven hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$3,750.00) Dollars, per acre.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#480 AUTHORIZES SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT OF SALE WITH
LOUIS AND JACOB HARDING

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

WHEREAS, The Town Board has negotiated a contract for the acquisition of certain improved real property known as the Wilfred Beauty School Building on the north side of West Main Street, which structure is extensively damaged by fire, for a price of Twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, The structure has remained vacant for One (1) year, and no legitimate prospect exists for the renovation or rehabilitation of the structure, in part caused by the extensive renovation that would be required to meet current safety and building codes, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has available to it moneys under the Community Development Act for acquisition and demolition of blighted structures,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute a contract with Louis and Jacob Harding for the acquisition of the aforesaid parcel for a contract sum of Twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#481 AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH AND POST NOTICE

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Regula.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized to publish and post the following Public Notice relative to contracts to purchase land.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That, pursuant to Sections 220 and 90 of the Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of River-

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head by resolutions adopted October 10, 1978, authorized the execution of contracts to purchase land in the Town of Riverhead which are subject to a permissive referendum upon petition, as is provided by Section 90 et seq., of the Town Law. The aforesaid resolutions authorized two contracts between the Town of Riverhead and first: Louis and Jacob Harding, and second: Edward Truskowski, copies of which are available in the Office of the Town Clerk for inspection during regularly scheduled business hours.

The first agreement with Louis and Jacob Harding provides for the acquisition of certain improved real property on the northerly side of West Main Street, across from the Riverhead Savings Bank, said property formerly housed the Wilfred Beauty School and now is extensively damaged. The contract price is Twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars. Funds for said acquisition are provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of said acquisition is the demolition of the existing structures and improvement of the site, pursuant to a plan of work set forth in the Community Development grant previously made to the Town of Riverhead.

The second agreement with Edward Truskowski provides for the acquisition of certain unimproved real property on the easterly side of Horton Avenue, north of Middle Road. The contract price is Thirty thousand and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) Dollars, more or less, subject to an accurate survey. Funds for said acquisition are to be provided by a bond issue of the Town of Riverhead.

Supervisor Smith: "This is the public notice that we just gave to Mr. Grasso that permits us to do those two contracts that we just talked about."

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#482

RESOLUTION REGARDING TAX CERTIORARIS

Councilman Regula offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

WHEREAS, Certain tax certioraris against the Assessors of the Town of Riverhead have reached the Trial Calendar of the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, and

WHEREAS, Said certioraris are being conferenced, and proposed settlements are being discussed in conjunction with the Board of Assessors of the Town of Riverhead,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That Francis J. Yakaboski, Esq., hereby

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authorized and directed to sign stipulations of settlement and discontinuance in said matters upon consultation and approval with and by the Board of Assessors, and the Town Board.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#483 BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Regula.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 SERIAL BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$5,000 CURRENT FUNDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The acquisition of land located on the east side of Horton Avenue and on the north side of Middle Road in Riverhead New York, and the construction of drainage facilities to protect the Town from floods, freshets and high waters in and for the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$100,000, is hereby authorized.

Section 2. The maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is by \$100,000, and the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a) By the issuance of \$95,000 serial bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Further details concerning said bonds will be prescribed in a further resolution of resolutions of this Town Board.
- b) By the expenditure of \$5,000 current funds of said Town hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probably usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is thirty years pursuant to subdivision 3 of paragraph

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a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will not exceed five years,

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the News-Review, which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of said Town for such purposes, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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Before the roll call vote, Supervisor Smith stated: "It's untitled and I haven't read it through folks, so if there's errors in it, please bear with me. It's a resolution authorizing the acquisition of land and construction of drainage facilities in and for the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$100,000, and authorizing the issuance of \$95,000 serial bonds and the expenditures of \$5,000 current funds of said Town to pay the cost thereof.

I might add that the reason that it's split \$95,000 and \$5,000 is that that procedure will permit us in the future to extend the life of these bonds as we complete the total drainage picture for the Town and furthermore the \$100,000 is an outside cost at this time on this project it does not necessarily mean that will be letting the full \$100,000 cost."

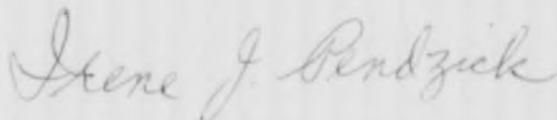
The vote, Regula, Yes, Lombardi, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith: "Is there anyone choosing to address the Town Board on any new matter?"

No one wished to be heard at this time.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.



Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk

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