

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, October 17, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Erick Lewin, Supervisor of the Day
Joseph F. Janoski, Supervisor
Louis Boschetti, Councilman
Robert Pike, Councilman
Denise Civiletti, Councilwoman

Also Present: Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk

Absent: John Lombardi, Councilman
Patricia Moore, Town Attorney

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Civiletti.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 1989 were hereby dispensed and approved without objection.

The vote, Boschetti, yes, Pike, yes, Civiletti, yes, Lombardi, absent, Janoski, yes.

The resolution was thereupon duly declared adopted.

Supervisor of the Day, Lewin, "Reports."

REPORTS

Manorville District-1990 Budget (revised 10/12/89) Filed

Planning Board-Approves sketch condominium map of William Hubbard with recommendations for final map. Filed

OPEN BID REPORT - Parking Field at Roanoke & Griffing Filed

Bid Date: October 16, 1989
3 Bids Submitted

#1 **NAME:** Riverhead Cement Block
ADDRESS: Riverhead, NY

#2 TOTAL BID: \$207,177.50
 NAME: Grimes Contracting
 ADDRESS: Montauk, NY
 TOTAL BID: \$211,770.00

#3 NAME: Southfork Asphalt Corp.
 ADDRESS: East Hampton, NY
 TOTAL BID: \$234,800.00

Supervisor of the Day, Lewin, "Thank you. Applications."

APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS

Parade Permit-Riverhead High School-October 21, 1989. Filed

Petition-15 Residents petition the Town Board for public water along Route 25 between Mill Road & Raynor Avenue. Filed

Site Plan-Hazeltine Corporation to construct 80' tower. Filed

Site Plan-Kevin Mayo to convert house to business and residence, Union Avenue. Filed

Drainlayer's License-Preferred Plumbing & Heating. Filed

Roland Peterson-Requests town sewer service at 17 Madison Street. Filed

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Thank you. Correspondence."

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Goodwin-Requests a one year maternity leave of absence effective November 5, 1989. Filed

William Haugaard-Requests that site plan for Manor Associates be revised to the original plan submitted to release easement. Filed

Janyce Penn-Supports any action taken to alleviate loitering problems at Barbuka Deli. Filed

Riverhead Faculty-Notifying of plans to present their annual production and advising of advertising space in their program. Filed

Bancker Construction-Observing that they fell they are the lowest bidder of total amount on Ext. 35. Filed

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Thank you. I would recognize anyone wishing to be heard."

Henry Pfeiffer, Wading River, "I've got a couple why's for you Mr. Supervisor. At a civic meeting last week, two items came up that seem to be irking the people in the area of Northside Road in Wading River. One is that along the road on Northside Road there are abandoned mattresses, ovens, refrigerators and so forth. Some of which have been there for up to six weeks. The Highway Department refuses to pick them up apparently and I don't know if this is the responsibility of the town or not. Can we have an answer on that Mr. Supervisor?"

Supervisor Janoski, "We will talk to Mr. Bloss in the Highway Department. I don't believe that it is particularly his responsibility although we do have a twice a year clean up, and determine from him if we can clean up that problem."

Henry Pfeiffer, "The second item that came up was the fact that there are packs of dogs roaming the area and that one of the people there had call the dog manager or supervisor or whatever it is and was told that until somebody could put a leash on the animal and hold it there for the dog warden, etc. or it would not be picked up. Is there something that can be done about that?"

Supervisor Janoski, "I didn't quite understand what you said."

Henry Pfeiffer, "In other words, there are dogs roaming around there and the dog warden apparently will take no action unless somebody captures the dog."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, I don't know that that is the case but certainly we will check into that. We do have traps that we use in the case of dogs roaming free and that is how we pick up many stray animals such as that. Where is this? What are is this?"

Henry Pfeiffer, "It's in the area of Oak Lane, Beach Club Lane off Northside Road which is slightly to the west of Camp DeWolf. Right in that vicinity."

Supervisor Janoski, "I know where Oak Lane is."

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Anyone else wishing to be heard? Yes sir."

pension. Not showing up for eight years and now in two years he'll have a vested interest in a pension for never showing up. And how the Republican Party can pick this guy to run for councilman, I think they're getting soft in the head or the brain. The term is squash. Eight years of a no show councilman and you put him up for election again. And I'm a Republican and I'm ashamed to see this guy's name on the ballot. He doesn't belong there. Eight years and he never showed up and now you put him up for election again and I'd like to know why. Could you answer me that?"

Supervisor Janoski, "I wish that Vic were here."

Felix Mackie, "I wish he were here too. He's like the invisible man. He's never here whether he's elected or not."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, I don't think that I have to defend Vic. Certainly he was here often enough to do his job."

Felix Mackie, "He might have been here at Town Board meetings but he says nobody influenced him. Nobody could get in to see him to tell him anything. He is no show Prusinowski."

Supervisor Janoski, "It could be Felix, that he heard you were coming."

Felix Mackie, "I didn't tell anyone I was coming. Nobody knew it."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, why don't you have this conversation with Vic?"

Felix Mackie, "I'll never see him. I tried to call him on the phone and you can't do that either. He's not listening."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm sure after your comments this evening he'll want to speak with you."

Felix Mackie, "Yes, I'll bet you he will."

Supervisor Janoski, "Thank you."

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Anyone else wishing to be heard? Let the record show that the hour of 7:57 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing."

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:45 p.m.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, October 17, 1989 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: Acquisition of Property on Middle Road for an Easement for the Riverhead Water District.

(See Water District Minutes)

Steve Haizlip, Calverton, "Mr. Acting Supervisor and the other Board members. At the last meeting Mrs. Graff gave congratulatory commendations to two workers; very nice. They do good jobs. They have to have commendations. Now, I would like to give commendation to one of the members of the Town Board which has been in attendance and on the Board for a long time. A member I believe was like people in private enterprise. They try to get promotions and sometimes they can't get promotions. They're knocked down along the way. In this particular case I understand and believe that's what it was that the man would like to serve us more but he was denied in a back room. So I am directing my comments, I guess you know by now, to Mr. Boschetti. Mr. Boschetti has been a very nice gentleman and has served the town well. He is very articulate. He explains something well and I think he carries himself wonderfully. And to tell you the truth, I'm going to hate to not see him around in 1990 here but I believe he will be back. So Mr. Boschetti, you've done a very good job and my hat's off to you and I believe the audience would applaud that too."

Councilman Boschetti, "Thank you Steve and thank all of you very much."

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Anyone else wishing to be heard?"

Felix Mackie, Riverhead, "I'm just a regular taxpayer but I've got to make a comment about what the Republican Party is doing. They nominated Vic Prusinowski for Councilman and here's a guy that was councilman in Riverhead for eight years from 1980 to 1987. I tried for eight years to get into see him. I never saw the door to his office when it wasn't locked and he was never around. And what got me was I saw in the Suffolk Life a while back which said that while Prusinowski was a member of the Town Board from 1980 to 1987, he made it his business to call or stop into my office to find out what was going on. Now I tried to see him for eight years and couldn't make it. After he was reelected the second time; I said to John Lombardi, do me a favor. I've been trying to see this guy for a long time and I never catch him in. Keep track of how many times he comes in. And this was like in his second year of his second term and for the next three years he never showed up once. So this guy didn't represent the people. I don't know who he did represent but he sure as heck wasn't representing us. And for him, I don't know where he gets the gall to run for reelection. He was beaten bad in the last election by a newcomer, Ms. Civiletti who is new to politics. But this is the last guy in the world to be up there running for office as a councilman. There isn't anybody in the world I'd rather see there than him, Republican, Democrat, man or woman, black or white, living or dead because having him there is having nobody. I'd rather see a dummy in that office with a recorded that you could go in and say something to. Because having him in that office, is having nobody. And the sad thing is that after eight years, if he gets elected now, he'll be entitled to a

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PUBLIC HEARING - 7:55 p.m.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, October 17, 1989 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding; Granting of a contract by the Water District to William Hubbard to install water mains.

(See Water District Minutes)

7:55 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:01

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Recognizing anyone wishing to be heard. Resolutions."

Resolutions #691-#723 found on pages 1145-1212 of the 1989 Resolution Book.

#710 AUTHORIZES SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH RIVERHEAD SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

#711 AUTHORIZES SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH RIVERHEAD POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Councilwoman Civiletti, "These two contracts. We have these two contracts. We're reviewing them. I looked at them. We were to discuss it on Monday but we put it off until Thursday."

Supervisor Janoski, "The discussion that we were going to have to determine whether the written contract agrees with what we believe has been negotiated. This is authorization to sign said contracts when it has been determined that this is what we want to have executed. And I believe that we have the arrangement that I will not sign the contracts until a negotiator and the Town Board is satisfied with the words in the contract. This is just authorization."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "So I trust you. Have the contracts been distributed?"

Councilman Pike, "After our meeting yesterday afternoon in which we briefly discussed both contracts, they were distributed to the SOA and the PBA as they were distributed to you without the language change whatsoever. We have to, as to the final language of the contract, received any feed back from them whatsoever. If there is a discussion and a language change, we're probably going to have to reauthorize the contracts with the change. My preference would be that this be turned down on the substantive nature of the contract for the meantime. Since there seems to be majority supporting this contract, I would suggest that you table it until such time we're sure we've got a signable contract. As of this moment we're not."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "I have looked at both contracts and I am satisfied myself that they reflect what we agreed to as a Board. I don't whether or not the employees association will sign that but that's their prerogative. I for one don't have a problem with authorizing the Supervisor to execute them as they are. They do, I think, fairly reflect what we agreed to."

Supervisor Janoski, "I would disagree that this refers to any particular wording in the contract. It's just an authorization to execute a contract. And basically it's the authorization so that when the Town Board is satisfied and the two associations are satisfied, we can conclude the negotiations by signing. And believe me, I'm not going to sign them until I am advised that they are in fact the form that we desire."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "Is there a motion to table?"

Councilman Pike, "Motion to table."

(Motion to table did not receive a second)

Councilman Pike, "I just want to explain my vote here first. The contract that was the final offer of the Riverhead Town Board does not reflect the recommendation of the negotiating team. And a point of fact, we have in writing recommended to the Town Board that they not sign the contract and that the negotiations be brought to a new head. This was true in September when the Town Board, without consulting the negotiating team, made the offer. And it is increasingly true now as the Suffolk County Police Department contract has been signed. To make a large issue fairly simple, in our contract there is a 5% raise this year, retroactive to January 1st and next year there is a 7% raise. This year is relatively close to the cost of living. I believe next year's 7% will be substantially in excess of cost of living. The Suffolk County Police Contract settlement was at 5% the first year and 5.7% in the second year. If we were to take this contract arbitration, I think there's a fairly substantial chance that their contract would be brought into evidence and be dispositive and helpful to the town in making sure that our settlement in arbitration would be similar to their's. It's interesting because we use to avoid comparison

with the Suffolk County Police contracts because they were so much ahead of what the Town of Riverhead was paying its employees. If we adopt this contract tonight as it is presently on the table, at the end of this contract, the base salary of a starting police officer in the Town of Riverhead will be higher than the base salary of a starting officer in the Suffolk County Police Department and I think that's a mistake and I vote no."

Supervisor Janoski, "Mr. Mackie, you're out of order. If you'd like to be recognized after we take this vote, I would be happy to do that."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "Question. This is no doubt an expensive contract. It's unfortunate that Suffolk County didn't settle prior to our final settlement discussions. The thing that's most unfortunate is our failure to get an employee contribution to the health care plan, health insurance. I was present when the Town Board, I was there at the Work Session when we agreed to the list of items that are reflected in the draft contract that's before us. I've expressed my dissatisfaction with the failure to get the health insurance contribution but agreed to go along with that and to authorize this contract. I don't feel that I can go back on that agreement at this point after Suffolk County has settled. So with great reluctance, I vote yes."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm going to reserve my comments until I can analyze what is a graph here in this chart. I do have to say that the Town of Southold (I believe) settled its contract for 7% and 7% where we settled ours for 5 and 7. Easthampton was 7 and 9%. So percentages can be very deceiving and I really would like to take a look at the entire cost of a police officer and analyze that before I make any particular comment except to say that I vote yes."

**#721 AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH AND POST NOTICE TO BIDDERS
RE: MAIN STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Councilman Pike, "I'd like to inquire about the full details on this which all I seem to see here is lighting poles. What exactly is this going to accomplish?"

Supervisor Janoski, "I don't want to say that we've discussed this but we have."

Councilman Pike, "On of the things we've discussed is having a detailed layout of where the lighting poles would go relative to the existing trees there. Does that exist?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Yes it does. You can't go out to bid without that kind of information."

Councilman Pike, "So where will we find that now?"

Supervisor Janoski, "You probably could find it in my office."

Councilman Pike, "I think the Town Board should have an idea of what they're doing to downtown Main Street before they do it."

Supervisor Janoski, "You know that's one of the problems around here is that we play and delay. We've talked about this over and over again. We know what has to be done downtown. We authorized the work to be done, the schematic to be prepared. Yes we did not get this until this afternoon. Should we wait until November before we authorize?"

Councilman Pike, "I'm just asking you to go get it now. We've got time."

Supervisor Janoski, "You don't want to move it, I'll move it. I guess there's no second to it."

Councilman Pike, "This is a project to redo the entire lighting system down on Main Street."

Supervisor Janoski, "It's not like we haven't talked about it."

Councilman Pike, "It has had various ideas of whether we lower the lights. I don't know if we're still going to do that. There was some objection to that. There was some question of exactly where the lighting poles would go. In some people's opinion, the trees would be in the way of the lights. The trees would have to be trimmed. I'd like to know the idea of that. Frankly, I'd just plain like to know what's going on before I vote on it. It's not much of a game not knowing. So if it's here, why don't we just trod it out."

Supervisor Janoski, "The lights have been moved to avoid the tree. It's been done in such a way that we can discuss the height. It's 14 feet right now but that can be lowered to ten if that's the desire of the Board. I don't know if I can find it but if you want to take a recess, I'll see if I can find it in my office. It was brought in late this afternoon and I know it was discussed with Howie Young and his engineer."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "I'd rather not wait until November but I'd also like to see what it is. Because last we heard on this, plans were going to be brought out and we were going to take a look at them."

Supervisor Janoski, "They came in today. If they came in yesterday, we would have looked at them. Let's have a short recess. I'll do my best to find them. We're going to have a recess now."

TOWN BOARD MEETING RECESSED AT 8:38
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Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "The meeting will come to order."

Councilman Pike, "I'm just going to offer an amendment in a slightly different form. Basically, there have been an initiative which the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce has been a fairly large part to increase the amount of effective lighting in the decorative lighting of downtown Riverhead. They are planning, we are planning rather, doubling up on the number of fixtures on poles so that we double decorative poles. There is an issue of whether they will be lowered. The Supervisor was unable to lay his hands on the actual configurations. So what I would suggest is that I will move this resolution doing that we approve the publishing and posting subject to the Town Board reviewing the actual layout so that this coming Thursday's work session and that we would sign off on it as we do sign off on site plans normally. And lacking that sign off it would not be published and posted. So that we can therefore control that. I would move 721 subject to the condition equivalent of site plan approval at next Thursday's work session."

#722 OPPOSES ABOLITION OF COUNTY PARK RANGERS

Councilwoman Civiletti, "This resolution opposes the abolition of Suffolk County Park Rangers which abolition is part of (apparently) the County Executive's proposed budget. Apparently he's proposed eliminating County Park Rangers as a cost cutting measure. It occurs to me that it's a lot more than that that I for one, would object to in the budget. But at the time at least, this is one that really hits us in the face because it would have a direct effect on what we would have to do to martial town resources to control some of the problems that the County Park Rangers now try to control. So I will move resolution 722."

Supervisor Janoski, "It is very true that there are some provisions in the proposed budget that we'll be commenting on. This one is a first move because what would happen is the Town Police Department would then become responsible for patrolling thousands of acres of Suffolk County Parkland. We would probably have to add five officers to the department in order to handle that which would represent a large expenditure. Yes."

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "I had a nice day being Supervisor. Thank you for being so nice."

Supervisor Janoski, "Thank you Mr. Supervisor for the wonderful day I had. I have to admit that I am tired out and I want to tell you that you are absolutely one of the nicest

winners of this special day that I've had the opportunity to have. I hope that you will remember it for a long time. And now through the magic of television, you will have on videotape, some news broadcasts of today so that forever you will have them. I thank you for the special day and I thank you for the marvelous job that you've done and I will forward to seeing you many times in the future."

Supervisor of the Day, Erick Lewin, "Now, without objection, this meeting is adjourned."

There being no further business on motion or vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

IJP:nm



Irene J. Pendzick
Town Clerk