Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, January 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Vincent Villella,	Supervisor
Christopher Kent	Councilman
Philip Cardinale,	Councilman
Mark A. Kwasna,	Councilman
James Lull,	Councilman

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Villella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Leona Yousik.

Supervisor Villella: "Robert Gottschalk, please, and your family. Can you please come down?"

Councilman Kent: "I'll-- the following resolution.

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Leroy Barnes, Jr., the position of Assessor exists in the Town of Riverhead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective January 1, 1998, Robert Gottschalk be and is hereby appointed to the position of Town Asssessor at an annual salary of $48,710 to be paid biweekly.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Robert Gottschalk at the Assessor's Office and (inaudible)."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale; yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The resolution is duly adopted."

(At this time, Robert Gottschalk was duly sworn into office by Town Clerk, Barbara Grattan).

Barbara Grattan: "Duly sworn in."

Supervisor Villella: "Town Clerk, would you read the Reports, please?"

Barbara Grattan: "we have to approve the minutes first."

Supervisor Villella: "Didn't we approve the minutes?"

Barbara Grattan: "No."

Supervisor Villella: "I'm sorry."

Councilman Lull: "I make a motion to approve the minutes of December 16th and the Special Board Meeting of December 24th and December 31st. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; and Supervisor Villella, yes. Minutes are duly adopted."

Supervisor Villella: "Do you want to read the reports, please, Town Clerk?"

REPORTS:

Juvenile Aid Bureau	Monthly report for November, 1997
Police Department	Monthly report for November, 1997
Town Clerk	Monthly report for December, total collected, $8,970.60
Receiver of Taxes	Total collections, $2,244,273.98
Building Department	Monthly report for December, 1997 total collected, $120,539.00
Open Bid Report	Disposal of solid waste generated in offices and facilities owned and/

	or operated by the Town. Bid was opened on 12/22/97 at 11:00. One bid was received: Crown Recycling Facility

APPLICATIONS:

Dressage at Sunny Acres	Dressage horse show at 959 Middle Road, commencing in April until November of 1998

CORRESPONDENCE:

Girl Scouts in Troop 14	Nine letters received addressing the Town Board to become involved in the Town Democratic procedure
Town of Southampton	Adoption of resolution 1346 adopted on 12/9/97 and the adoption of resolution 1401 and 1430 and 1432 which were adopted on 12/23/97
Suffolk County Dept. of Public Works	Notice of order from the NYSDOT to lower the speed limit on Eileen Circle in Jamesport to 30 MPH

Supervisor Villella: "Correspondence are closed. We still have a few minutes-- the way we're going to be doing the Town Board meetings are these cards that we had out there are for you to write on there if you want to speak (inaudible). So we have time to take one. Sandra Mott, can you please come up, please?"

Sandra Mott: "Good evening."

Supervisor Villella: "State your name."

Sandra Mott: "Yes. My name is Sandra Mott and I live in Riverhead. I'm here to formally request that the Town consider making the animal shelter that we currently have into a no kill shelter. This would be able-- this would provide safe and full life term for each animal that the Town takes into its custody. I would also like them to formally consider the relocation of the shelters

as it is in a very isolated and sometimes inaccessible location difficult for volunteers and potential adopting families to locate. I feel that if a no kill shelter was considered by the Town, it could be provided by volunteer building and volunteer donations comprable to the Habitat for Humanity. It could be considered a habitat for innocence.

Previously there have been many, many issues of the Town. There is a volunteer group who have done an extremely, extremely difficult and wonderful job of trying to help but I think that the Town needs to support them financially as well as emotionally. And in order to do that I would like to help, knock on every door of every merchant who would like to contribute a pen or some sort of particular material. Or even themselves to help build this. I think that it's done as I said for humans and I think the most we can do for our innocent animals of the Town would be similar.

You could obtain additional information from other groups such as the Kent Animal Shelter, Bide-A-Wee animal shelter, ARF, North Fork Animal Welfare League that oversees Southold and a number of other agencies and groups as to the actual construction of a no kill shelter. It's a more timely and more costly approach but I think it would be a better approach for the animals.

We also need a situation where people can have one location to call one phone number. That could be the shelter itself. If they lose their animal or it runs away or God forbid it be killed. At least they would have communication as to its circumstance.

To conclude, it's the New Year; we have a wonderful new administration. We have gentlemen previously who have listened; I've listened many times to your statements on previous issues at the Town Hall meetings not personally but on television and I know that Mr. Lull has done an outstanding job to try to oversee the previous administration's running of the shelter. I really do hope that you will consider this and I formally thank you and I personally thank you very much for listening."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you Sandy."

Councilman Lull: "Sandy, do you have a copy of that that you can give to Barbara? It would help a lot easier for the transcription

later. Thank you."

Public Hearing opened: 7:11 p.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Okay. Let it be known, the Public Hearing 7:11. Barbara, would you like to read the 7:11 Public Hearing?"

Barbara Grattan: "Sure. I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall Riverhead, New York at 7:10 p.m. on January 6, 1998, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the special permit petition of Clarissa Roesleer and Mary Louise Conti for the operation of a bed and breakfast facility in an existing dwelling located at 110 Lincoln Street, Riverhead

I have a letter here, Supervisor, which they want to be read into the record. It came on December 23, 1997. Town Board of Riverhead. Regarding the proposed bed and breakfast facility petition by Clarissa Roesleer and Mary Louise Conti.

Honorable Sirs:

As an immediate neighbor of the Corwin Corner at Lincoln Street and Washington Avenue, I am delighted to hear that an excellent use will be made of the grand home of the Corwin family.

I believe there is a need for accommodations of this type and there are several occasions each year that my family would benefit from the availability.

The nature of the neighborhood makes this a suitable use and it would restore and preserve a landmark home. Thank you.

Fred H. Fellows and Family, residence 712 Peconic Bay Blvd., Riverhead."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Barbara. Anyone would like to come up and speak?"

Clarissa Roesleer: "I'm Clarissa Roesleer. I think I have to

give Barbara some paper?"

Barbara Grattan: "Yes, you do. Two affidavits, is that what you've got? Okay, thanks. That's all I need."

Clarissa Roesleer: "I'm Clarissa Roesleer. And I know from the audience a few people who knew some of the Corwins, particularly my dad, and my sister and I are more interested in just preserving the heritage of the family, the house if we can, and it's been kind of a long procedure and, hopefully, we can hear from you soon about the results of the special permit.

If there are any questions, I would like to answer them. I have one more thing that may go with the plans that you have which I received from I believe the Town Clerk referring to the site plan as far as parking on the premises. I do have a diagram of that. If I should give it to you, I'd be glad to do so right now."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you. Anyone else like to speak? No. We close the Public Hearing at 7:15."

Public Hearing closed: 7:15 p.m.

Public Hearing opened: 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Let it be known that 7:15 has arrived. The second Public Hearing. Barbara."

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 7:15 p.m. on January6, 1998, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the consideration of a local law amending Chapter 101 entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Section 101-10.1 Parking, standing and stopping prohibited. Linda Avenue."

Supervisor Villella: "Bob, would you like to tell everybody about this?"

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Certainly, thank you. It does not require a lot of explanation. The notice is pretty much self-evident. What

happened was we received some calls from residents in Linda in anticipation of the Post Office being relocated. In light of the heavy traffic at or near that location, they were concerned about parking on the street and the possible traffic problems that may cause. As a result, a proposal has been put into the paper and what we have today is a hearing to discuss the addition in the Vehicle & Traffic Law Chapter which would prohibit parking on the street in front of the intended office that will be the Post Office in Linda Avenue, in Aquebogue, and that would be for both sides of the street."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Bob. Anyone like to speak on this? Jim?"

Jim Flood: "My name is Jim Flood, Linda Avenue in Aquebogue. I'd like to support whatever the Town Board can do as far as any parking, no stopping or standing signs in the vicinity of the post office. As you know, the post office is going to be active probably within a month or so. They've almost completed construction and the post office itself, if that was a normal-- if that was any other business but a business run by the federal government, it would not have been supported by anybody-- it would not have gotten any permits from the Town of Riverhead, from the last administration and I'm sure this administration.

However, the bottom line was the bottom line for the post office. I was here with site plans, site distances as far as the safety of children on bicycles, the average speed going down Linda Avenue. They listened to me. They told me they'd take it under consideration and they went outside in the lobby and signed the lease. So the whole thing was a charade. I spent many hours trying to get petitions signed. My neighbors were for the most part in agreement with myself. I know that it's going to be a nightmare over there when the post office finally opens up. No one can get out of that block as it stands now with just normal traffic.

In the morning when people come to pick up their mail and they come in droves to the Linda Avenue post office, they will come in droves just like in the regular post office. There's going to be many, many close calls at that location. I'd like the Town Board to consider even more stringent turning regulations so that people can't use Linda Avenue as an avenue to get to the post office. If the post office wanted a post office on Main Road they could have had one

however, I know that traffic is going to increase four or fivefold on Linda Avenue and there's a lot of children including my own that live in that-- and I'm concerned for their safety.

So I would hope that the Town Board would support this change for no parking and consider eventually no right hand turn from the south going into it and no left hand turn going out. The federal government, they laughed at us and they just disregarded the safety of the people in Aquebogue for the bottom line. And what they considered is now that the post office is on the westernmost part of Aquebogue, that they'll draw more traffic and that's part of their plan from eastern Riverhead to alleviate the need of-- to help with the traffic at the main post office. So not only are we drawing from the people in Aquebogue, we are going to draw the people from western Riverhead. Now everybody is entitled to get their mail, of course. However, this is not the location for it. It's a poor location and the bottom line was the bottom line for the post office and I just hope you'll support me in that. Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Jim, thanks a lot. Anyone else like to speak on that? Yes, Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. What is bringing on this situation that no parking can go out there on Linda Avenue? Is it bad planning? They didn't make it big enough parking lot to accommodate the cars for the people come in, want to go for the mail? Count them. We have plenty of parking space. They pull in; they go in the post office; get the mail, then go back out in the street. So the gentleman up here, maybe he's right that the federal government, somebody just said we'll stick it here whether the people like it or not and whether there's any room for parking or any parking spaces for the cars. So that's the only reason I can see is bringing this on. Am I right?"

Supervisor Villella: "You probably are, Steve. We could check into it. Thank you. Anyone else like to speak? No. Then we close the second Public Hearing. The time is 7:21."

Public Hearing closed: 7:21 p.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Before we go into the resolutions, I'd just like to make one announcement. Starting 5:00 tomorrow morning your enhanced 911 number will go directly into the Riverhead Town police department. It won't go into Suffolk County anymore. So we finally got the number and it starts at 5:00 tomorrow morning. So you can use your 911. Thank you. Resolutions."

Barbara Grattan: "Do you want to do resolutions or open for public comment?"

Supervisor Villella: "No. Public comment. Sorry. As a matter of fact, I've got-- I'm new at this. You've got to give me a break here."

Councilman Kwasna: "Excuse me, Vinny, can I expand on that a little bit so there's no confusion?"

Supervisor Villella: "Yes, I'd like Mark to speak on that, please."

Councilman Kwasna: "On the E911, just so there's no confusion. You always had 911 in the Town of Riverhead which did go directly to the police department. But E911 is now that when you call the police department, it will come up on a computer screen where you are calling from so they will know where you're located. And we've been working on this for a couple of years now to get this in the Town of Riverhead. Southold's had it for probably over 10 years now and they were probably one of the first towns in New York state to put in E911. You've been paying for it within your phone bill for the last few years as an extra charge, a quarter a month or something that you've paying for in your phone bills and that's what paid for all the computers, screens, training and everything to set it up in the Town of Riverhead. And that's what you are going to have. It's a better enhanced system like you see on 911 on television now we'll have in Riverhead, where if you call they'll know exactly where you are calling from and be able to respond quicker to your location."

Supervisor Villella: "Thanks, Mark. Okay. Next. Yes, George."

George Schmelzer: "I have a question about that phone business."

Supervisor Villella: "Yes."

George Schmelzer: "South of the river in Brookhaven Town-- "

Supervisor Villella: "Your name, please."

George Schmelzer: "My name is George Schmelzer. That's what they tell me."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "If I call 911, we get Riverhead police. But that's Suffolk County area. Has that been changed or corrected?"

Supervisor Villella: "The mike's not on?"

Councilman Kwasna: "I'll check into that, George, it should have been corrected. We have the same problem in Laurel. In the past when you call 911 in Laurel you get-- if you live in the Riverhead town part of Laurel you would get Southold police. I believe through this system that's part-- one of the things that they corrected, George. At 5:01 tomorrow morning, George, make a call and see."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, okay. Also-- "

Councilman Kwasna: "We'll find out at 5:00 tomorrow morning, George."

Supervisor Villella: "You are the first one on line."

George Schmelzer: "Well, I'd call if I had something. I heard that in Wading River on the Brookhaven side they call 911 they get Riverhead. I mean it's all screwed down there, too, somehow. Maybe you ought to check that out, too. I don't know. Maybe I've got it backwards, I don't know, but something down there was that way, too, I heard. So it's been a big problem south of the river for several years. I thought one time the police department there could have a flip switch, flip 911 from the south side of the river to the county immediately without anybody making any more calls. Well, maybe you can look into it."

Supervisor Villella: "We'll check into it for you, George."

George Schmelzer: "Okay, thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you. Mr. Shulman, would you please

come up. Open comment. Bill Shulman. Okay."

Bill Shulman: "All I want to say is gentlemen, ladies and everything. The best of good health and the wisdom to serve this wonderful Town of Riverhead."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you very much. Mr. Tennenberg, would you please come up?"

Bob Tennenberg: "What I have to discuss was not (inaudible) for the Town Board previous to this one but I thought because of the nature of the Grumman property it will come under your jurisdiction. What I would like to see happen if you do get into this within the next year or so, that the airport itself remain an airport, whether it be for manufacturing, repair depot, an airport, whatever. What you do with the rest of the property I don't care about. You could put a raceway in, a hotel or anything. Just to give you an idea, last May I wrote to the Boeing company of which I'm a stockholder, and they said thank you for your letter to Ron Woodard (phonetic) dated May 8, 1997. We appreciate your interest and possible opportunities for the Boeing company in your community. This information about the abandoned Grumman plan and airstrip will be kept available for future facility considerations. At this time, Boeing does not have plans to expand current production capacity outside of existing sites. And that was a letter written to me in June. So that's all I have to say about that. I know you're going to be involved in that property sooner or later and I'd still like to see the airport an airport."

Supervisor Villella: "Thanks a lot, Bob. Ted Stagg."

Ted Stagg: "Ted Stagg, Riverhead. I want to know what is the-- I guess what I'm trying to say is how long does garbage have to sit by the curb before it's picked up? And before you answer, the reason I ask that is because in early December my brothers and I cleaned up our basement and it was only a small part of the basement and we put the stuff out by the curb for the carters to pick up and they came around the first week, they picked up a few items and then they left the rest and then they just went by the rest of the weeks. What do we have to do to get them to pick it up? Lasso them?"

Supervisor Villella: "The first thing you should do, Ted, is

get in touch with my office and I will contact someone to help you out with that. That's what we're here for. Don't let it sit on the sidewalk two or three weeks."

Ted Stagg: "Well, I didn't realize they were going to do that, but my brother had gone to-- I think he spoke to your secretary, Vinny, and he also spoke to Charlie Bloss' secretary and they both told him there's only supposed to be six items out there. But anybody who has ever cleaned out a basement or a house knows that you have many, many times six items. So you have to put six items out there every week? I mean that doesn't sound kosher."

Supervisor Villella: "You have six large garbage cans? Is that what you're allowed? Is that what you're saying?"

Ted Stagg: "I don't know what he meant but still even six large garbage cans is going to be filled up fast when you are cleaning out a house or a basement. So even if that was true, why couldn't they just stop every week and pick up a few items and come back next week and pick up a few more?"

Councilman Kwasna: "That's what they're supposed to do."

Ted Stagg: "They haven't been doing that, Mark. They've just been driving right by."

Councilman Kwasna: "Well as soon as you see that happen, like Vinny said, make sure you call the office. Get ahold of somebody if you don't see action by the next week. Get ahold of another person because they're supposed to-- "

Ted Stagg: "Because our pickup for that is this Thursday. So should I wait for-- "

Councilman Kwasna: "It's Thursday pickup not the Monday pickup. And the Thursday pickup they should pick up six large items."

Ted Stagg: "Yeah, we've got from small to large out there because like I say, we cleaned out the basement and there's been stuff in there for years and years and years."

Councilman Kwasna: "If it's small stuff, you should throw it in

pails but large stuff they should pick up on the Thursday pickup."

Ted Stagg: "They haven't been doing it. They just been driving right by."

Supervisor Villella: "Ted, make sure you get in touch with my office then. We'll take care of it for you-- help you out."

Ted Stagg: "Should I come in to see you tomorrow?"

Supervisor Villella: "That would be fine. Is John here? John Reeve, is he here today? Okay, we'll take care of that."

Ted Stagg: "Okay, thanks Vinny."

Supervisor Villella: "Okay, thank you. George Schmelzer, didn't we just hear? Is this the same one or-- yes, George. You signed the card, George."

George Schmelzer: "I thought I was the last one."

Supervisor Villella: "No, we do things differently."

George Schmelzer: "I'm beginning to learn that, yes."

Supervisor Villella: "I have to give you preference; I like that."

George Schmelzer: "I'll remember that. I was reading in the News Review about this million dollars for the railroad station. To me it doesn't make sense to spend a million dollars on that. It would be better if we had a shuttle system from Greenport to Ronkonkoma. Stop at every station. Right now the train doesn't stop in Manorville, Calverton, Aquebogue, Jamesport and a few stations in Southold. But the Montauk line has good service; we don't. The business has been lost, people aren't going to go from Manorville to Riverhead to hop a train. If we took that money-- if they took the money-- it ain't our money, it ain't mine-- had a couple of self-driven coaches-- we used to have a (inaudible) car (inaudible) drive itself. You can hook two together or three together and drag from either end. And have two of them starting off. It will take a few years to build it back again the business,

stop at every station from Greenport to Ronkonkoma, including Manorville, Calverton, Aquebogue, Jamesport. In Calverton they took the station out, put a lean-to there be out of the rain. After a while, people get accustomed to it, they take the train. And would it relieve the traffic on the roads it would bring up the business of the railroads. And many other things could discuss with you on the railroad, too.

Now they are spending millions of dollars for the railroad station. It doesn't make sense. I don't know what you've got in your mind."

Supervisor Villella: "That's the MTA money; it's not the Town money."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, but still if they condemn land there, that's more land off the taxroll. I've noticed-- "

Supervisor Villella: "George, you're-- the MTA they're just doing the railroad station and the landscaping around it. It has nothing to do with the buildings behind it."

George Schmelzer: "But the railroad station there's nothing wrong with that. All it needs is to fix up the restrooms and maybe even give it a coat of paint. That's good enough. That's been there over 80 years. So I have a map I picked up at a local motel showing what stations are stopped at, which are not. I'll give it to the Town Board, you can take it from there."

Supervisor Villella: "That would be nice, George. Thank you. Bill Kasperovich."

Councilman Kwasna: "Does that mean we have to use the motel, too, George?"

Supervisor Villella: "Bill?"

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. I'd like to repeat one more time that I wish you newcomers a lot of Godly help and that I'm sure-- "

Supervisor Villella: "Bill, could you speak up. They can't

hear you in the back."

Barbara Grattan: "Is it on, Bill?"

William Kasperovich: "Can you hear me better now?"

Supervisor Villella: "I don't think it's on; I don't think it's working."

Barbara Grattan: "Tap it, Bill."

Supervisor Villella: "Yes, all right. Okay. You got good lungs, Bill, go ahead."

William Kasperovich: "All right. I don't mean this to sound like I'm dotting the i's and crossing the t's, but I want to just for good luck, to get off on the right foot. Okay. Resolution 19 appointing a man to fill the unexpired term of the Assessor. And the resolution doesn't say so. Well, the people that know the period and they know when was what-- when Leroy left, that's fine. But-- "

Councilman Lull: "You're absolutely right. It should mention that."

William Kasperovich: "It should spell it out because these are the records that go in the Town Clerk's office for posterity. It should be correct."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Bill."

William Kasperovich: "Okay, and good luck."

Supervisor Villella: "Appreciate that. Thanks a lot. Steve."

George Schmelzer: "I wasn't done yet but if you want me to come later-- I wasn't done yet."

Supervisor Villella: "Well, it's Steve's turn."

George Schmelzer: "Okay. I'll wait until later. Okay, thank you."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. Vinny, tonight I tell you. I feel good. It's like the man of the flying trapeze with the greatest of ease."

Supervisor Villella: "All right, I like that."

Steve Haizlip: "Now, Mr. Tedd Stagg when he was speaking about the garbage still laying on the street for three weeks, he did not give me a location. But I want to bring up-- I don't know if it's Northville Turnpike below Elton Street on the right hand side or not. There's one there-- that's it, okay, so I won't go no farther then. I just wanted to get it if the was the same one. So it's a shame that it had to stay there three weeks. I thought Friday-- I don't know if it's in this section of town or not, but Friday is like all kind of yard waste and so forth and pick up. But-- "

Councilman Lull: "It's Friday in your section; it's Thursday in his section."

Steve Haizlip: "Oh, I see. I don't have no trouble with it but the point I'm making-- I have no trouble, they pick up whatever you put there.

Now, I would like to inquire as of now, the beginning of the year, get a feeling as to how you feel and the public. This here going down to Jamesport and Wading River in the middle of the hot summer to hold these town hearings, I don't go for it because first off the rooms are so hot, the fans are roaring so much you can't hear anything, and it's a burden on the town records like the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney. They've got to gather up everything and all the records and machines and drag them over there and drag them back. This is an ample meeting room and it's air-conditioned, it's pleasant, and it's nearby, and I don't believe it would cause any hardship for any of our senior members in town to get here. Mr. Richmond (phonetic) gets here and he's in a wheelchair. All right.

One of the residents in the town has asked if I would deliver a picture to you tonight. It's an (inaudible) shot, the Village of Riverhead, we'd like for you to put it up on your office wall so you can see the wonderful village that you've got the reins on now."

Supervisor Villella: "Can you bring that up here, Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "He would insist that you open it and take a look with your other members."

Supervisor Villella: "Okay. Steve, you know when this was taken?"

Steve Haizlip: "Not exactly, Mr.-- it was back in the summer I'm pretty sure and Mr. (inaudible) from Greenport and Mr. (phonetic) they got together on this and taken it."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you very much and tell Gil also. I really appreciate this, Steve. It will be in my office. Thank you."

Steve Haizlip: "Right. A couple of other things right quick. At the last meeting there wasn't enough time allowed for everyone to speak like they wished to, so Mr. George Richmond he made a statement that I motivated him to start this parking and I know for the handicapped and so forth, and I'm glad that Mr. Richmond-- I can motivate him and get him started because he is the fellow as one of the foremen used to say in Grumman, for the job. And so I'm glad I could get him started on that. And, Mark, so far you're doing good on it.

Now, on January 2nd up at the Ramada Inn, we had a blood drive. Henry and myself were on the committee of that blood drive and we usually do around 55 to about 60 pints but due to the holidays falling like they did, we didn't-- we made 48. And so the past administration was very helpful in us attaining our goal and getting the word out to the public and the residents of the town through the paper and the radio and telephone and I would look forward that we could get that same support from this administration and I will be glad to talk with you any time and give you the details. Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Steve, we would definitely help you out with that."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay."

Supervisor Villella: "Thanks a lot. Eileen Miller? Eileen."

Eileen Miller: "I brought my soapbox with me. I'm Eileen Miller from Calverton. The first thing I want to do is welcome you, Supervisor Villella. Vinny Villella sounds good. Phil, Chris, congratulations and welcome. Jim and Mark, glad to see you tonight. Jim, you sound like you have the same problem I do. I'm not here to argue any point or discuss any point. I just want to remind you of why you're here. Okay. It's going to take me a little while. I wrote it out so I wouldn't mistake it.

Riverhead like the rest of the nation is politically a democracy. That means that in this town as in the nation, the people are the true rulers. They are the wielders of power. Because of the many differences among the people and to bring order to our diversity, we periodically choose a representative body such as yourselves to channel our powers and our tax dollars to those purposes which will serve not only our individual needs but the greater common good.

But the fact remains that while you sit here as the conduits of our power, the power belongs to the people. I think many people are reluctant to acknowledge where the power of government really lies because to admit to our power is to accept responsibility for its use. Most of us prefer to stay lazy, uncommitted and uninvolved, free to complain about politicians across the backyard fence, but never having to acknowledge our individual blame when government fails us.

In our complaisance we relinquish our power and instead of directing the course of government as we should, we allow those who govern to lead us like sheep to wherever suits their purpose until we find ourselves in unfamiliar places wondering how we strayed so far from our own ideal of the common good. Too often our elected officials choose to follow their own agendas which may have little to do with the common good. The temptations of their seemingly exhalted positions, self-enrichment, individual prestige, favoritism to unqualified colleagues, baseless compromise with special interests, payback for personal grudges. These can cloud their judgments and lead to loss of respect and even abandonment of duty.

Since it is humanly impossible for men to totally resist these temptations of office, governments will always be to some extent corrupt. It is up to the people then to be the watchdogs of government, to remind our chosen representatives that it is our agenda which they have been empowered and entrusted to follow.

On the last election day, the people of Riverhead answered the call to publicly assert their collective power. By a clear majority we expressed our belief that our elected officials were not following the people's agenda, that they were heedless of the power of the people, that they were leading us in a manner we were not so certain was directed toward our common good. So here is the challenge that this new Board must begin to face tonight.

Exactly what is the common good? How is it to be determined from so many divergent positions and how are you to fulfill your obligation to preserve, protect, and promote the common good as the people you serve determine that good to be?

As representatives of the people of Riverhead, to accomplish the purpose for which you have chosen it will be necessary that you listen with open hearts and minds to the voices of all the people. That you respect the validity of our opinions. That you consider the purity of our motives. That you weight the consequences of your actions and inaction against the good of the entire community. That you put aside any personal agenda and keep us informed and involved in the decisions we empower you to make for our benefit.

I ask you tonight to remember that despite our tendency to lapse into the complaisance of sheep. We the people hold the power to determine the course of our future. We enjoin you to serve us honestly, openly, with good conscience and dedicated vigilance so that you may discover from us and then act to ensure what is truly the common good as we determine that good to be.

Thank you."

Eileen Miller: "Eileen, thank you very much. And thank you for putting all that time and effort into that. I really appreciate that. Thank you. It sounds like you were doing our campaigning. The next person, Toni Littka."

Toni Littka: "Toni Littka, I'm from Jamesport. I want to add my congratulations as the former speakers and I'm sure the audience will agree. We were waiting for you for a long time. And now I just hope you will work with us *not* against us. Our concern is Lebanon. We want to know why that is put on the back burner. Maybe you guys can do something about it. We don't want to fight but we

are going to have to take petition after petition and sometimes that doesn't do any good. Maybe just talking face to face with you, you will clean up that mess there. We are sitting on a time bomb; we don't want to sit any longer. We are concerned with the water situation. I'm not up on all these chemicals and things but when I listen to these people talk, it frightens me. It's going to be bad for the younger generation, with all this chemicals here. Please do something about it. It's been too long on that back burner. Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Toni, I just want to mention today they were just working on it, Bob and Phil, both of them have been working on this. And I don't know if you have anything you'd like to say on this, Phil?"

Councilman Cardinale: "We are well aware of the concern in the community. Since my office is in that community, I have at least two or three people come in each day to talk about it and-- I've heard-- as I said, my office is in Jamesport and accordingly I hear from various people each day on this issue. I've spoken with Bob. The demolition order which was placed in October is still in effect. That's the town's position as I understand it from Bob. There is a -- it has not been proceeded upon, it's not totally clear why, but we intend to look into that. We also intend to make it very clear by correspondence that the use that they maintain still exists on the building is not a valid use. We are hopeful that they will see the light and, you know, comply with the demolition order.

And we're also aware of the environmental hazard issue and we're trying to determine what's the most logical course of conduct to obtain the necessary tests because there's a lot of fear in the community but what we really need is some facts. And that will be a high priority for me."

Toni Littka: "What happened to all the other tests that they were supposed to have taken? Did they ever finish that?"

Councilman Cardinale: "I have not seen the results of the tests other than the ones that were presented the night of the hearing in Jamesport and I have spoken to the person who ran that firm that handled those tests. He indicated that he would like to see more tests done. He indicated a price tag for those tests. The question

is who is going to have them done, whether they're necessary, who's going to pay for them? And all of that should be discussed with the owners of the property. But we are aware of the issues. We're just -- having been in office a few days, we're not yet resolved on the course, but Bob and I discussed it today and it's a high priority."

Toni Littka: "Have any of you gentlemen been over there?"

Supervisor Villella: "Yes. We've all been there."

Toni Littka: "You don't like what you see, right?"

Supervisor Villella: "Definitely not."

Toni Littka: "Then why did they get away with this so long? Lives are involved especially it's the little ones. People don't think so. We had a meeting at the Civic Association, they formed a new one-- well, it's really a continuation of the one that was prior but it's South Jamesport and Jamesport, and we had speakers there and they were saying it's-- we have to do something because it's bad. And just from the pictures I saw, it looks like the place is going to fall down itself, especially that tall tower and they are going to use that for storage? I don't know. Something's wrong with the past administration and maybe that's why they're out. Please do something about it. Thank you."

Councilman Cardinale: "Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Toni. Jessie. Jessie Thomplinson."

Jessie Thomplinson: "Good evening. I don't know if you can hear me too well, I have a sore throat and a cold but I just wanted to say a couple of words and the first thing I'd like to say is that I want to congratulate you on your appointment of Robert Gottschalk to the position of Assessor. I've known Bob quite a few years and he is what I consider a real gentleman, not only in his personal life, but in his political life. And as far as myself, there's a French saying -- my French is not good but I'm going to say it in English and that is that there are no happy lives; there are only happy days. And this is a very happy day for me and for the Town and I congratulate the three of you. It was a pleasure working on your campaign and I

look forward to the next few months for this administration. I'm sure that all of you will get along beautifully and I'm almost sorry that I'm moving."

Supervisor Villella: "Thanks a lot, Jessie. Dean, would you come up, please?"

Dean Terchunian: "My name is Dean Terchunian and I live in Bear Estates in Riverhead. After what Eileen Miller stated earlier this evening, I can only concur with that. I look forward to this whole Town Board working towards a better Riverhead and my congratulations goes to all five of you for working together and I hope this is going to be a great year. Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Dean. I'm glad you mentioned the five of us because the five of us are going to be working together. Thank you. Terri Fenton."

Terri Fenton: "Terri Fenton, South Jamesport, President of the Civic Association. There was an action brought against Lebanon in 1988. They were fined $12,000. Of that they paid six. They were supposed to have ground water studies and soil tests done in 1988. We have checked everywhere in the Department of Health, Suffolk County. Those tests are not there. So it looks as if those tests were never done. We do not know what is in the soil and in the water there. We have a very shallow aquifer system in Jamesport. It's one of the shallowest on Long Island. The chemicals that were in the ground there can be moving very fastly; they can-- vapors can be in our houses, whether we are drinking it or not. There are people in Jamesport that are not hooked up to Town water. This is dangerous. And we would like to see it taken care of. And we would like to see if you could get the results of that '88 test."

Councilman Cardinale: "Yes. I'm aware of-- as you know from our meetings, and now that we are in office we expect to be talking with the Health Department to see what was done in 1988 and what wasn't done and what should have been done."

Terri Fenton: "Thank you and congratulations."

Councilman Cardinale: "Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, Terri. The last one is Carol Higgins. Would you come up, please?"

Carol Higgins: "Hi. Welcome. Happy New Year. And I'm here also to speak about the Lebanon situation."

Supervisor Villella: "What's your name?"

Carol Higgins: "My name is Carol Higgins. I'm from South Jamesport. And you've answered a lot of my questions that I had for you tonight. Am I to understand that you will be putting out demolition bids for that remaining building? Is that the understanding that-- is that right that I'm getting that right understanding?"

Councilman Cardinale: "I've been told by Bob that that would be the next-- would be the next move in the ordinary course-- "

Carol Higgins: "To put the bids out for demolition of that building?"

Councilman Cardinale: "That's correct. Yes."

Carol Higgins: "Very, very good. I want to thank you for saying that this is a priority for the Town Board and we really would like to work with you. It's a very important issue for us in Jamesport right now and it has been for 26 years. So, you know, I think it's about time someone does things that should have been done years ago. And I hope you guys will be the guys to do it.

Also, I would like to have some indulgence because I have a person with us from the Town of Brookhaven that would like to congratulate you and welcome you, she be allowed to speak."

Supervisor Villella: "Definitely, she can come up."

Carol Higgins: "All right. Thank you very much."

Jean Manhaupt: "Good evening gentlemen. My name is Jean Manhaupt. I'm a resident of the Town of Brookhaven and the Hamlet of Manorville and for the past three months I've been collating the 26 years of data that the Jamesport/South Jamesport Civic Association and members of the past have put together to find a viable reason

on why this site has been left the way it is other than ramifications of political things and who owned the property prior to and all. And they're coming with some very good factual data that will be brought to your attention. I just gave them a study last night that the USGS did which I'm sure I've already talked to the EPA, it's the basis of the sensitivity of your water supply up here in Jamesport that nowhere else on Long Island-- in Suffolk County's aquifer do you have such a situation. You drink from a very, very shallow upper glacial water supply. You will not be able to access according to the Suffolk County Department of Health Services the (inaudible) or the (inaudible) aquifer for water supply in generations to come because of the salt water intrusion. So the Town of Riverhead is going to have the fire she needs behind her to work on the situation that has never been done before.

This was all based on USGS and Suffolk County Department of Health Services putting data together throughout the '80's and finally getting it all compiled in a modeling report that was just released in 1996. So that's why one formidable or perhaps reason the old Town Board could sort of fall back on. They didn't have any facts behind them if they want an excuse so to speak.

The reason I came up tonight just to lend moral support to the ladies that have been working so hard around the clock is to let you know I'm a firm believer in it's a wonderful life. I know that sounds real corny but Jimmy Stewart is just-- I wish he was in the age group instead of an older age group. I'd like to meet him and have a dialogue with him. You never know who you are going to touch and I wanted to let you know this evening, I have a 20 year old daughter who for the past two years has been working very closely with Desiree Passintino and in my 19 years of civic advocacy could never get her jump started into what it means to participate in government and to be civic conscious. And if you take that word civic and you spell it backwards, it's still civic. There's a reason that word is like that evey dyslexic you can read the word and act in a civic capacity. It's very important. If it wasn't for Desiree and the Town of Riverhead and this race, my 20 year old would not be moving into a political activist role and actually I have to thank you for that because I've been trying for so long and it was all of you that did it and I appreciate that. I think it's important for the younger generation to get moving.

I'd like to congratulate you in-- I don't go around congratulating other Town Boards-- in being a political activist, and an environmental advocate, in dealing with this for so long the Town of Riverhead, through you gentlemen, has a very unique opportunity on a bi-partisan level to really do some wonderful things in this town. And there are those of us in the other towns are going to watch and look forward to how we're going to reap benefits on a peripheral level.

And the last thing is, just before I came up here today and all the research and reading I do, congratulations with the MTA award. It's very hard to get money from the Metropolitan Transit Authority and you got one million dollars for the town for revitalization. And I think that's a wonderful thing. Somebody was really pushing hard and staying on top of the state. Put the money to good use and may God bless each and every one of you because you are going to need it."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you very much. Would you like to speak? Carol, be right with you. Rolph?" We're done with the cards, but being this is the first night, we'll ask to see who else would like to speak."

Rolph Kestling: "Rolph Kestling, Wading River. First I just want to make a comment on those cards there. I have reservations about it. I think you better look into it a little closer. Because a lot of times I have no intention of speaking but you see something in the resolutions and you get a little ticked off and you say something. So I would think about that first."

Supervisor Villella: "Well, that's why we're having this comment period right now."

Rolph Kestling: "All right. Like I say, think about it. I came out on the meeting in August with the past Board. I asked them for the second or third time to have signs replaced on the Hulse Landing project down by the sound. At the last meeting at that time I asked Mr. Stark about it again. He said he'll tell Mr. Prusinowski to get in touch with Mr. Bloss. So far five months have passed by and nothing has happened. So take a look at that.

Now, this just came up the other day. I believe it was the day before yesterday we took our usual walk down to the Hulse Landing project on the beach and the first thing we see there and it wasn't

there the day before, is a sink hole on the side. About two, three feet deep; about 18, 20 inches wide, and a little garbage laying down there. And I was wondering what caused. We continued our walk to the end of the beach and there's a bucket loader and a great big truck there scooping up a lot of the dirt by the Oakwood on the Sound. (phonetic) So we're talking with the fellow that was in charge or something and it seems that the contractor when he finished his job, he pushed all this excess asphalt and dirt on Oakwood on the Sound. So they have to remove it. I asked him who's paying for this. Well he says I'm working for Oakwood on the Sound but I understand there's some sort of agreement with the town and Oakwood to pay for that. Now, what I want to know is why isn't the contractor paying for that? If it was illegal to drop the asphalt there. I have another question. On the north side of the north parking lot when they were working there, they dumped all the asphalt up on the hill and they covered it up with dirt. A couple days later, we had a storm there and water that came down from Cliff Road through the property washed out that section and exposed all that asphalt. Well, you had to put in another sump or whatever you want to call it there to collect the water. But they covered up all the asphalt. The asphalt is all under there. Now if that's legal, if the Department of Environmental Protection has a bitch about it, I don't know. But it's there and it's covered up. Getting back a little further-- "

Supervisor Villella: "Rolph, I would like to have Ken Testa speak to you on that because I signed something-- "

Rolph Kestling: "I figured-- there's something not kosher there as the other gentleman said."

Supervisor Villella: "He's right behind you. Let him speak on that."

Rolph Kestling: "One more thing-- it pertains, too. When they put the curbing down, they didn't complete curbing all the way; they just did it on the corner here and there and everywhere. On the west side of Hulse Landing Road between Locust Road and Cedar Road it's washing out. I complained about this once before and I was told it would be looked into. Now when we went on our walk, there was quite a bit of erosion because the ground is higher, the water comes down from Oakwood on the Sound, shoots over there, washes out and where does the dirt go? Into the (inaudible). It doesn't go all

the way down into the sound but in time you are going to get a clam bucket down there and empty out those catchbasins. And-- Mr. Testa I've spoken to on a few times to call complaints and he's aware of it.

And one more thing. I keep adding up on this."

Supervisor Villella: "Keep them coming, Rolph."

Rolph Kestling: "I believe it was the 23rd or 24th on the walk down there, this manhole cover pushed back about seven or eight feet onto the parking lot. The manhole cover, the steel collar, what they use to raise it up with, all pushed back. When I came by-- New Year's Day was Thursday, right? All right. This was Wednesday. I got back home, I called up the road department, Mr. Bloss' office at 1:00. I guess they were all partying or something. I don't blame them. All I could get was an answering machine. So I left an-- on the answering machine I mentioned the problem. Friday when I went down I see it was all fixed. Mr. Testa here?"

Ken Testa: "I'd like to respond to your concerns. The first one about the asphalt, it's true there is quite a bit of asphalt in the bluff at Oakwood on the Sound. We went down and investigated that and, in fact, it doesn't appear that it's the asphalt that the contractor dumped there. We watched him take the asphalt away. What I think that is is over the years as the storms washed away the end of Hulse Landing Road, we had tremendous washout where all the Highway Departments fill that they put in to create a temporary ramp each year, that fill and all the old asphalt was washing onto the beach and was getting covered back over and washed up onto Oakwood on the Sound. That stuff is at least 10 foot deep. Ten, 15 foot deep. So it's apparent that's been building up for at least 10, 15 years. And the reason where we took that stuff to the landfill there was a nominal charge to have that contractor there haul it as opposed to us hauling it and we took it because it was our material that over the years washed out on that road and went over to Oakwood on the Sound. So it didn't appear to us it was the contractor's doing. We took a lot of that asphalt that came up from the road during the construction to the landfill and it was pretty obvious that everything he ripped up ended up at the landfill. So I believe that material is just as Charlie Bloss can attest to, we lost 30, 40 foot of that road pretty much every winter with washout. The road would go down on the beach and ultimately it would end up on Oakwood on the Sound's

property. That material is being dug out now at Oakwood on the Sound's expense and we did take some of the asphalt to the landfill where it will be recycled and ground up. So we worked that deal with them because it seemed fair that since it was from the town road, we should help them get rid of it. That's item one.

Item two. The reason there's not a full curb all the way along the parking lot is that there was limited funding early on in the project and it was decided that the curbing could always be done at a later date. It was more important to get the drainage and the road and the infrastructures done, the boardwalk and whatnot, that couldn't be done at a later date. So the curbing the intent was we could do that if we saw there was washout and we believe that once the grass grows and takes on the shoulder of the road where there is no curb, that it won't wash out. It will be very similar to any other town road in Riverhead where there is no curbing. You have grass, you have asphalt and for the most part the grass holds the dirt in. The problem is when we planted the grass earlier on, we had that drought last summer, it never got to grow, and it got to winter and we really don't have a lawn established there. We feel that this spring when we do establish a lawn, that should hold it back. And if it doesn't we may need to go back and put in that curb.

The third item, the basin, I'm unaware of. I'll look into that but I'm not-- the drainage basin cover that's missing."

Rolph Kestling: "It's not missing. They put it back. The sinkhole."

Ken Testa: "They put it back. The sinkhole is where?"

Rolph Kestling: "Down on the northern part on the right-- on the Oakwood-- on the sound side. It's down there. Maybe they covered it up by now. It was pretty deep."

Ken Testa: "How long ago?"

Rolph Kestling: "We were there Friday? No. Was it Friday we went down there? Yes, Friday."

Ken Testa: "I'm unaware of it. I will check it out. And if it -- there will be settlement as things settle and water washes in."

Supervisor Villella: "Excuse me. Ken and Rolph. You can take that in the hallway and explain everything to him. But I want to thank both of you for that. Thank you very much. Anyone else like to speak?"

Richard Quick: "I'm Richard Quick from (inaudible) Lane in Riverhead. I want to thank you guys for the work you are doing to stop this guy from dumping behind my house. I finally found out today he's got a stop work order on it and, hopefully, we can salvage some of it. If you continue to work with it and tell the guy to pick up his garbage bags and rags and stuff like that out there, maybe they will just go away. I wanted to thank you and I hope you continue-- "

Councilman Lull: "I doubt if he is just going to go away, Rich, but we do have a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday of all parties involved and we won't come away from that without some kind of resolution."

Richard Quick: "Okay. Because I could see right now my house being worth about that much. And that's my retirement. Thank you."

Supervisor Villella: "Okay, Rich. Thank you. Carol, did you have something you wanted? Okay. Because we are going to have to take a break before we do the resolutions."

Carol Higgins: "I just wanted to let you know that we do have pictures for you to look at the inside of that building, if you would like to look at them tonight."

Supervisor Villella: "Well, we've seen them."

Carol Higgins: "I know that Mr. Cardinale has seen them. I don't know whether the other gentlemen have."

Supervisor Villella: "We're going to be taking a ten minute break and then we are going to come back with the resolutions. Thank you."

Recess

Meeting reconvened: 8:31 p.m.

Supervisor Villella: "Meeting called to order."

Resolution #1

Councilman Kent: "Setting salaries of elected officials for the year 1998."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #2

Councilman Cardinale: "Sets salaries of general town employees for the year 1998."

Councilman Kent: "I'll second."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #3

Councilman Lull: "Sets salaries of public parking district for the year 1998. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Councilman Kent: "At this time, I would like to make a motion to take Resolution #45 out of order. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull?"

Councilman Lull: "This is a motion to take it out of order? yes."

Barbara Grattan: "Take it out of order."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. Resolution to take out of order is adopted."

Councilman Kent: "At this time, I would like to move Resolution #45, that's abolishing a lieutenant position in the Riverhead Town police department. So moved."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

Barbara Grattan: "Who seconded it?"

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna?"

Councilman Kwasna: "I would just like to say that was not in town when this original resolution was passed and I have not met with the other Town Board members in a meeting to discuss this resolution, #45 of 1998, so I'm going to abstain on this resolution."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Councilman Lull, no."

Barbara Grattan: "Okay, three yes and two no-- one abstention and one no."

Supervisor Villella: "I haven't-- "

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Supervisor Villella, yes. 3 yes, 1 abstention and 1 no. Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #4

Councilman Kwasna: "Sets the salaries of police officers for the year 1998. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Any discussion?"

Councilman Kent: "Yes, I would like to amend this resolution to reflect the action we just took with the prior Resolution #45. This would be replacing the word "lieutenant" instead of a fourth lieutenant that would be amended to read "sergeant" and the salary would be amended likewise from $85,660.72 to read $79,680.30. I so move that resolution."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Counciman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Barbara Grattan: "That's the amendment to the resolution. Now you are going to go back to the resolution again."

Supervisor Villella: "It's already been moved and seconded."

Barbara Grattan: "Okay. You want me to call the roll call again? Yes. On the resolution itself."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The resolution-- adopted resolution-- amended resolution is adopted."

Resolution #5

Councilman Cardinale: "Sets salaries of Water District employees for the year 1998."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #6

Councilman Kwasna: "Sets the salaries of Refuse and Garbage Collection District for the year 1998. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #7

Councilman Kent: "Sets salaries of the Sewer/Scavenger Waste District for the year 1998. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #8

Councilman Lull: "Sets salaries of Street Lighting District

for the year 1998. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #9

Councilman Lull: "Sets the salaries of the Highway Department for the year 1998. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #10

Councilman Cardinale: "This sets the salaries of the various Boards for the year 1998."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #11

Councilman Kent: "Authorizes publication of public hearing notice for use of municipal facilities. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Councilman Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #12

Councilman Lull: "#12 sets the time of regular meetings of the Town Board. As per usual, it's Tuesday night at 9:00, the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday, and also the quarterly basis, the third Tuesday of the month 2:00 in March, June, September and December. So moved."

(unidentified): "It's 7:00."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent."

Councilman Kent: "If they are going to be at 9:00, maybe I'll (inaudible) time."

Supervisor Villella: "7:00, correction."

Councilman Lull: "Sorry about that."

Councilman Kent: "I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #13

Councilman Cardinale: "This sets the time of regular work sessions of the Town Board."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Barbara Grattan: "You might want to tell them when the work session is."

Supervisor Villella: "Okay, the work sessions will be changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays. It will be the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and it will be at 10:00 in the morning. That's the change."

Resolution #14

Councilman Lull: "Authorizes publication of public hearing notice for the use of municipal facilities. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #15

Councilman Kent: "This maintains the policy of nondiscrimination. It also appoints Vincent Villella as the contact person to coordinate the town's efforts on nondiscrimination. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #16

Councilman Kwasna: "16 sets mileage allowance. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #17

Councilman Cardinale: "This designates banks as official depositories for town funds."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Sueprvisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #18

Councilman Kent: "This designates the official newspaper for the Town of Riverhead, the News Review. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Kent?"

Supervisor Villella: "Any discussion?"

Councilman Lull: "We've had this discussion obviously many times before. The designation of a local newspaper by the town is a contract offered by the town to that newspaper of about $20,000. It's that kind of contract. I do not believe that a contract like that should be offered to a newspaper that does not have its headquarters in the town, if one in the town is available. And in such case-- in this case there is one available in the town and that being Suffolk Life, one of the largest employers in the town. So that I would respect-

fully offer a negative position on this designation of an official newspaper. I believe the people who pay taxes in the town deserve special favors as much as possible. Because we should be doing business with our own taxpayers when we can.

Secondly, the News Review-- the Traveler Watchman-- the News Review and Traveler Watchman are papers who have had headquarters in town. They do not have headquarters in town anymore. Suffolk Life is delivered to every single town resident. So, therefore, it is assured that our official business will get to every house in the town. And that's it."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, no; Councilman Lull, no; Supervisor Villella, yes: Councilman Cardinale?"

Councilman Cardinale: "Before voting I'd like to note that prior to this vote I had spoken with Town Attorney Kozakiewicz and I asked him a couple of questions. One was whether the News Review was eligible pursuant to State law for this designation and he indicated that it was. The second was whether the News Review-- whether I was eligible to vote in regard to this since my son, Philip, Jr., is an employee of the newspaper-- a recent college graduate, has been working there for a year or two. And he informed me that I was eligible.

The other questions I asked were the per line cost of printing and I find them to be essentially comparable and the paid circulation of News Review to be significantly greater. And, therefore, I presume more people read it and for those reasons I second this motion. And I also vote for this motion."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "And Villella, yes. We have 3 yes and 2 no. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution 19 (done at the beginning of the meeting.)

Resolution #20

Councilman Kent: "Appoints member and the chairman to the Town

of Riverhead Planning Board. That's reappointing Barbara Blass as a member and chairman of the Town Planning Board. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #21

Councilman Cardinale: "This appoints the vice-chairman to the Town of Riverhead Zoning Board, James Langhorn."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna."

Councilman Kwasna: "I must say again that I was not included in the meetings where this was discussed, who would be appointed to the Zoning Board. My feeling is that Mr. Ed Denisesky (phonetic) was doing a good job, he's one of the hardest workers we had on the Zoning Board and he's going to be greatly missed. So I have to vote no on this resolution."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Councilman Lull."

Councilman Lull: "And I-- the same issue that is not being a part of the discussion here. And so I will abstain."

Barbara Grattan: "You vote no?"

Councilman Lull: "Abstain."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Villella, yes. We have 1 no, 1 abstention and 3 yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #22

Councilman Cardinale: "This appoints the executive assistant to the Town Supervisor, Lyn McDonald."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull."

Councilman Lull: "I'd be happy to vote yes on it. I think it's your call, it really has nothing to do with us. But, yes."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #23

Councilman Lull: "Reappoints Justine Wells as town historian. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #24

Councilman Kent: "Appoints Kimberly Lucas to be secretary to the Town Supervisor. So moved."

Councilman Cardinale: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent; yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #25

Councilman Kwasna: "Appoints Cynthia Hunds as a program leader to the Riverhead Recreation Department. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #26

Councilman Lull: "Resolution 26 through 42 are regular Resolutions appointing workers in the Recreation Department for the year. So I would like to take them in a bunch. These are all appointing recreation aides, 26, Lourdes Kelly; 27, Lisa Baglivi; 28, Penny Carter; 29, Olga Turner; 30, Theresa Divan; 31, Wendy Keenan; 32, Shirley Darling; 33, Tom Drumm; 34, Jeanette Friscia; 35, Donna Graham; 36, Dottie Needham; 37, James Janecek; 38, Margie Kozma; 39, Lillian McKinley; 40, John Nicolettis; 41, Sam Carter; 42, Elizabeth Max. All appointed as Recreation Aides for the year. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolutions are adopted."

Resolution #43

Councilman Cardinale: "This is an authorization to publish bid for the purchase of propane fuel."

Councilman Kent: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #44

Councilman Lull: "#44 appoints Gladys Wilson part time clerk in the Building Department. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Barbara Grattan: "Resolution #46 is to pay bills. Councilman Kwasna."

Councilman Kwasna: "I make a motion to pay bills."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Villella: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Councilman Cardinale, yes; Councilman Kent, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Supervisor Villella, yes. The Resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Villella: "Everybody is getting paid, okay, that sounds good. Before we-- yes, George, and I would like for you to come up and finish up."

George Schmelzer: "This railroad thing about the million dollars is very confusing in the newspaper. Talks about moving buses up there. Some people say it's no good to have it on Main Street. Maybe we have plenty of parking lots downtown that you could reserve

part of the parking lot for the buses, might be safe for the people. I don't know how good Railroad Avenue would be for buses. The people would have to walk up there. Now the people who ride the buses, where do most of them go? Downtown or where or anywheres?"

Councilman Lull: "George you know that both those buses that go through town don't stop just at the foot of Griffing Avenue. They stop at various places in the town and they would continue to do so."

George Schmelzer: "Okay. And Railroad Street then will be it then, huh?"

Supervisor Villella: "A hub. That's going to be the transportation hub."

George Schmelzer: "Transportation hub?"

Supervisor Villella: "That's right."

George Schmelzer: "Well, what's-- make it a transportation hub? How many people get on the train now?"

Supervisor Villella: "No. It's not that. It's what we are going to do in the future that's going to make that a transportation hub. So you've got to think positive, George."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, we've got to think practical. It's all right if it's somebody else's money, but it's not our money. Now, what's going to make the people come here? They are going to come from the city, get off at Riverhead, hire a taxi to go to Tanger and come back again and bring the stuff on the train, go back?"

Supervisor Villella: "No, actually, once we have the transportation hub I think there will be a trolley that will take them to Tanger."

George Schmelzer: "They tried a trolley already. How did it work?"

Councilman Lull: "Internally it's working fine."

George Schmelzer: "You mean the motor is working fine?"

Councilman Lull: "No. Internally within Tanger, internally the trolley is working fine. They need to try to expand it out but they have at this point a need for places to take people. As of right now, the trolley is internal within the Tanger."

George Schmelzer: "They got a picture in here like somebody has a pipe dream about knocking all the buildings down from the Court Street to the railroad track that's going to be condemned, be off the tax roll. They mentioned a hotel coming in there and tax free bonds, all that stuff. Sure anybody will come along, build something and have tax free bonds pay for it and if it doesn't work, they will walk away. Speak about hotels, they had a hotel in town before it changed to an old age home because it didn't pay to run it. Now, the Holiday Inn, that went broke, that was auctioned off at the doorstep here (inaudible) so you are talking about having hotels here, that's bunk. I think you should know it, too."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, wait a minute. That million dollars, mitigation fee or mooch or whatever you call it or extortion or bribery, I don't know which it is, call it whatever you want. What are you going to use that for? We have enough money going down to the theatre and to the seals-- not even sealed off yet. So we have no sewer west of Maple Tree delicatessen. There's no sewer west there at all. There's no public water west of Mickey's Auto Parts. And last year when the Town Board wanted the state to make a so-called park-- I don't know who the hell is paying for it-- stated, they gave their reason, well, they don't want the cesspools leaking into the river. Well, build a damn sewer. We're talking about building everything from Main Street for years, why don't they do something? You've got that million dollars. How about thinking about that? Put a sewer there. Because if they're going to make a park out of houses along the river, the houses on the north side of the road are going to leach in the same direction. This is bunk."

Supervisor Villella: "George, with all the knowledge that you have, I would love to have you on a committee that you could report back to us. Because you have a lot of knowledge and a lot of good ideas, so I would like to talk to you about that."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, I like to be free. I don't want to

be-- "

Supervisor Villella: "You can be free, you can be free."

Councilman Kent: "I don't want to spend public money on your services so I'm glad to hear you are free."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah. I've spent enough tax money-- that will be the future of you three. See, the old ones you got rid of, (inaudible)."

Councilman Cardinale: "George, I neglected to point out on the first motion we passed today that-- and I meant to-- that I was proud to second it because it allowed us to fulfilled the 4th of July promise to the public that Chris, Vinny, and I would reduce our salaries, rolling them back to what they were in '96 for these positions?"

George Schmelzer: "How much?"

Councilman Cardinale: "Value saved? About six grand."

George Schmelzer: "How much reduction each one of you?"

Councilman Cardinale: "A thousand, a thousand and almost four thousand. So, you should at least go home knowing we've got you in mind."

George Schmelzer: "You mean all of Riverhead will pay six grand. Six thousand divided by 24,000, that's $.25 a piece."

Councilman Cardinale: "Sure. But this Board knows every penny counts when it's public money."

George Schmelzer: "So a quarter a piece, I've got an extra quarter in my pocket. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Villella: "Thank you, George. Meeting adjourned."

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Barbara Grattan
Town Clerk