

Minutes of a Special Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Wednesday, December 31, 1997, at 10:35 a.m.

Present:

James R. Stark,	Supervisor
James Lull,	Councilman
Victor Prusinowski,	Councilman
Otto Wittmeier,	Councilman

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
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Absent:

Mark Kwasna,	Councilman
Robert Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Stark: "All right. This is the closing Special Town Board Meeting for the year 1997. We normally hold it down there but the Board wanted to come up above and I would like to start this meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and ask the former Supervisor Joe Janoski to come to the podium and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Joe. Any questions on the budget transfers? I don't know what time it is. Let the record show that the time of 10:35 has arrived. The Special Town Board Meeting is now in session. We are here for the purpose of entertaining Resolutions. Barbara?"

Resolution #1076

Authorizes Bell Atlantic Agreement with the Riverhead Water District.

Councilman Lull: offered the Resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Wittmeier.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1077

Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Jacqueline O'Sullivan for account clerk stenographer.

Councilman Prusinowski offered the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

The Vote: "Wittmeyer, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1078

Authorizes Supervisor to execute agreement with Peconic Land Trust. This is for further preserving prime agricultural lands for the Town.

Councilman Wittmeier offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? John, if you will come into my office after, we'll sign the agreement. The Peconic Land Trust will, in fact, oversee and manage the Farm Preservation Program in the Town of Riverhead. I wish you success in it. I think it's a goal that we-- and I see the Executive Director of the Farm Bureau-- we worked long and hard on to achieve and I think through the upzoning that's available to us, to the Farm Preservation that is available to us now through our program in the updating of the master plan, we will, in fact, achieve in retaining the overall heritage and keep our farmers which is to me still one of the main industries in this town. So, Joe, my thanks to you and the Farm Bureau for the lengthy amount of time and work which you worked with the Town Board to develop that program so that this town can, in fact, reach into the future and preserve one of the most important industries not only in Suffolk County or in the Town

of Riverhead but all of the United States. So I commend you and Happy New Year to you."

Resolution#1079

Authorizes the Supervisor to execute a license agreement with Riverhead Building Supply and the Riverhead Water District.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye, Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1080

Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the County of Suffolk for treatment of disposable sewage from the County facility.

Councilman Prusinowski offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent, Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1081

Appoints Barbara Grattan as Marriage Officer.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Barbara's term according to last year's resolution expires tonight at midnight. And she has a wedding to officiate Friday. So we as always will always endeavor to have young couples and I hope this is a young couple marriage legally, and this will give her that ability. Any other discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.
Resolution #1082

Amends agreement with Young & Young for capping and closure of Youngs Avenue landfill.

Councilman Wittmeier offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier; aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.
Resolution #1083

Rescinds prior award of bid and awards bid to Delta Well & Pump replacement of well No. 3, Contract No. 1, Riverhead Water District.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Wittmeier.

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. For the purpose of the audience here, Gary, if you would come to the podium and just explain what happened here?"

Gary Pendzick: "Gary Pendzick, Town of Riverhead Water District. In the course of going out to bid, the low bidder which we initially made an award to was unable to come up with the insurance and bonding and because of that we had to rescind the award to them and go to the next responsible bidder which was Delta Well."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Any further discussion?"

The Vote: "Wittmeier; aye; Kwasna, absent, Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1084

Releases performance bond of 865 Youngs Avenue Corp.

Councilman Prusinowski offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1085

Authorizes legal action for the recovery of contractual fees due and payable.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent, Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1086

Authorizes settlement of litigation with Norman Kurrass Contractor, Inc. These are the fellows that did Hulse Landing Road and drainage and beach stabilization project.

Councilman Wittmeier offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier; aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1087

Resolution and consent approving the dedication of highways known as Rabbit Run, Ellen Street, Moet Drive, and two (2) recharge basins all in Tall Oaks Estates.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by

Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwansa, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1088

Appoints Automotive Equipment Operator in the Highway Department. This is Freddy Ligon.

Councilman Prusinowski offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwansa, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1089

General fund budget adjustment.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier; aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1090

Miscellaneous funds budget adjustments.

Councilman Wittmeier offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier; aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1091

Hulse Landing Road drainage capital project budget adjustment.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier; aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1092

1997 Recreational Capital Improvement Budget budget adjustment.

Councilman Prusinowski offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lull.

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. This is a budget adjustment, it comes out of the Recreation Development Capitalization Fund which I think was started under your regime, Joe? And I think, Victor, in your first tenure, maybe you would like to explain that a little bit? I think it's one of the most important accomplishments in the Town of Riverhead and it should be explained."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Rob Pike and I-- I guess it was in '86 or '87-- "

Supervisor Stark: "And Joe."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Excuse me?"

Supervisor Stark: "And Joe, too."

Councilman Prusinowski: "-- well, Rob Pike and I saw this article in the Wall Street Journal, and they do this in Florida and at the time we got the idea of doing this and, in fact, there was a couple in the room that thought we were communists by doing it because developers weren't too happy with it, but Joe was Supervisor

at the time the Town Board authorized this fund and we've collected over a million dollars and a lot of the improvements in the recreation facilities that you see today are because of the money that we collected. And it all started, and I think Joe will remember when we almost re-did Iron Pier. We went out and had something done up there was a couple hundred thousand dollars and we had one of those famous winter nor-easters come in and completely wipe out Iron Pier and we never had the capital money in the budget to do capital improvements so this was a good technique. It has been a benefit to the Town. If you look at Jamesport, Wading River, Stotsky Park, Reeves Beach, all these projects were done with the capital money that was collected on the recreation fees. Unfortunately, the only one that we have never got through the DEC was the Iron Pier reconstruction and it's because of them, not because of the Town of Riverhead, and basically the fund started because of that project. So I hope in the future the new Town Board has better luck with that project than we do."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Vic. Sitting out in the audience, and I want to personally thank as I prepare to retire and go to Hawaii for a little while, Jimmy Flood who is one of the co-chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee and I commend you and Rose Sanders who is the co-chairman and I know the new Board will lean heavily upon your advice and counsel out there as you represent from one end of the Town to the other. So, Jimmy, my personal thanks."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Barbara Grattan: "You never voted on this."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm sorry, got so carried up in it."

Barbara Grattan: "Councilman Lull would you second that?"

Supervisor Stark: "Any other discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwansa, absent, Lull; aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1093

Pay bills.

Councilman Lull offered the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Resolution #1094

Supervisor Stark: "We will also bring another one off the floor that's not in the packet. We are going to promote a police lieutenant today who will be sworn in around 11:00. I'll let Councilman Lull move that motion."

Councilman Lull: "It's my pleasure to move Resolution 1094 which promotes Police Sergeant Robert Pecker to the rank of Police Lieutenant to fill in the ranks of Lieutenant in our police department. We are very pleased, we interviewed candidates over the last couple of days and we are very pleased to be able to make this move at this time. So with that in mind, I move this resolution."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwansa, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Supervisor Stark: "Again, I will-- Barbara and I will swear in Lt. Pecker probably 11:00."

Barbara Grattan: "You didn't vote on 1078. Peconic Land Trust. No."

Supervisor Stark: "We didn't? We just went through the motion. See, Joe's right, maybe I wasn't listening. Let's go back to Resolution-- we had moved and seconded it, I guess, we didn't call for a vote on. Resolution 1078, authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Peconic Land Trust. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion?"

The Vote: "Wittmeier, aye; Kwasna, absent; Lull, aye; Prusinowski, aye; and Stark, aye."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly ADOPTED.

Supervisor Stark: "We are going to take a five minute recess and discuss with the Board and counsel in agreement that we are very close to making on yard waste composting, so if the Board will just -- we can do that right up here-- just shut your microphone off."

Recess 10:50

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Barbara J. Statten
Town Clerk