

Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held at the Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

James R. Stark,	Supervisor
Victor J. Prusinowski,	Councilman
James B. Lull,	Councilman
Mark A. Kwasna,	Councilman
Otto Wittmeier,	Councilman

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Stark called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. Before we start the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting, we will have a Community Development Agency meeting for the purpose of passing Resolution #8, which is a budget transfer."

Meeting adjourned: 2:12 p.m.

Meeting reconvened: 2:14 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 2:14 has arrived. The regular scheduled Town Board meeting is now in session. Is there a motion to pass the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 3rd and the Special Town Board meeting of December 12th?"

Councilman Lull: "So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried. Madam Clerk, Reports, please."

REPORTS:

Riverhead Police Dept. Monthly report for September and October, 1996

Manorville Fire District Certificate of Inspectors of Election

APPLICATIONS:

Site Plan Amendment for Twomey, Latham, Shea & Kelley, Esqs., southeast corner West Second Street and Griffing Avenue to renovate an existing structure to match the Victorian style of and attach to the structure adjacent thereto

Parade Permit March of Dimes for the Walk America fundraiser on April 27, 1997

CORRESPONDENCE:

George T. Richmond Letter stating the ideas and recommendations of the Handicap Committee for the drafting of new Town Code guidelines for the handicap

Henry N. Talmage Thanks the Water Department for expediting the water hook up to his home

Stephen Haizlip Compliments the Riverhead Town Clerk's Office on their efficiency and courtesy

Eugene Lafurno

requests that legal remedies be taken to correct a house being built at 162 Founders Path in Baiting Hollow

Anthony Cresci

Expresses his concerns about the rising taxes and requests that the Town Board seriously consider the Riverhead Centre, which he believes will generate economy for Riverhead

Garal Realty Co.

Notifies Town of alleged sand mining on Middle Country Road in Calverton

Suffolk Peconic Restaurant & Tavern Assoc.

the membership urges the Town Board give immediate and favorable attention to the proposed Mid Atlantic Race Complex

24 post cards

in favor of Project Calverton Mid Atlantic Race Complex

J. Mercuri

writes in favor of the Mid Atlantic Race Complex

County of Suffolk

notice of enactment from the Town of Brookhaven

Petition

In favor of the decision made by the U.S. Postal Service to relocate the Aquebogue Post Office on the corner of Main Road and Linda Avenue in Aquebogue (100 signatures)

Petition

in protest against the alternate site being suggested for Aquebogue Post Office relocation to the corner of Tuthills Lane and Rte. 25 in Jamesport (91 signatures)

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you Barbara."

Barbara Grattan: "You are welcome."

Public Hearing opened: 2:10 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 2:10 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing?"

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the proposed use of a \$49,792 grant awarded by the Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program to the Police Department for the purpose of purchasing new police vehicles."

Supervisor Stark: "Chief, if you would, please. Give a little background on it, if you would."

Chief Grattan: "Thank you very much. This is a grant that has been received by the Town in the sum of \$49,792. We received a couple of previous grants, one of which we used for personnel, another that we used for computers and, of course, when we hire personnel we need vehicles and we propose to use this money to buy these vehicles fully equipped. That's about it, Mr. Supervisor."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Chief. Is there anybody who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, I declare the hearing closed."

Public Hearing closed: 2:12 p.m.

Public Hearing opened: 2:12 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 2:12 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing? It will be noted that the 2:10 Public Hearing is cancelled because of an error in the printing of the public notice and that does not bring us up to 2:10-- 2:15, so I recognize anybody in the audience who would like to comment to the Board while we are waiting for 2:15 to arrive. Buddy?"

Bud Papish: "This is my first time before the Board, right?"

Supervisor Stark: "Just state your name, Buddy."

Bud Papish: "Bud Papish. Number one, Reeves Avenue. Flooded. You can't get through. A week ago Saturday night we had to come back

from the races. Couldn't get to the farm. If I didn't have a farm on Union Avenue, I wouldn't have been able to put the horses away. There's a piece of property that could be bought right across the street that all the water ends up in, cheap. I think the Town Board ought to look into it and do something. It's been much better since the golf course is there but-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Most of that flooding-- excuse me, Buddy, was supposed to be absorbed by the golf course for the purpose of building a water hole, as you well know in the years you've played golf. That may not be working, but I do know Charlie is looking into-- "

Bud Papish: "The golf course has done a good job."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

Bud Papish: "But we need another sump over there to take care of it. I've lost two pickups because the help tried to drive through there. That's in the last several years."

Supervisor Stark: "Maybe we need another water hole over there."

Bud Papish: "You do need one, bad."

Supervisor Stark: "Rather than a sump."

Bud Papish: "What do you call it?"

Supervisor Stark: "Well, a nice water hole on one of those tees over there."

Bud Papish: "The 19th hole. Another thing-- I hate to say this, but I've been riding Sound Ave. every day, seven days a week, since 1980, from Mattituck to Riverhead. And I can count how many times a policeman has patrolled it either in the morning or at night and I tell you, that's the wildest road I've ever been on. I've been around the world. I think somebody ought to-- "

Supervisor Stark: "It's even wilder right now because I was up there last weekend with all the Christmas tree cutters. But, I mean, it adds a lot of traffic. You're absolutely correct, and I think the Chief has made a note of that."

Bud Papish: "All right. That's all I've got to say."

Supervisor Stark: "Thanks, Buddy. You are looking better. Good to see you back in health. Buddy recently suffered a stroke. Good man, Bud. Back in full gear."

Public Hearing opened: 2:15 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 2:15 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the proposed lease by Nextel to install equipment at the Lewin Hills tank site in Wading River."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Barbara. Is there anybody who would like to make comment on this? Gary, this is basically leasing some tower space to Nextel which is like a cellular phone. They pay us approximately \$25,000 and \$40,000, somewhere in that vicinity, is added income for us. It does not disrupt or in any way impune or interfere with the Water District's operation and we feel so far that it's a good business deal for the Riverhead Water District. Steve."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. Having somewhat electrical background and having a son who is an electrical engineer and as Mr. Papish says, have been around the world on projects, my concern is you mention it's not supposed to interfere (inaudible) the operation of the water works. Now, with all this high powered electric up there, if there is high power electric, I am greatly concerned about the EMF, which I encounter every day when I'm driving on Route 58 or other roads that have these high powered wires. They just cut into your radio and you just don't hear it-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Different frequency."

Steve Haizlip: "Right. And that's electric motors (inaudible)."

Supervisor Stark: "That question will be answered forthwith."

Rob Lister: "My name is Rob Lister, Nextel Communications, Real Estate Development project manager. We will start with the high power. We are talking total amount of wattage that will be penetrating at this site maximum would be 100 watts. So we are not talking any high power whatsoever. As far as EMF is concerned, the Federal Communications Act of 1996 which was approved by the FCC, we are 1,000 times below that regulation. In other words, we would need to put 1,000 installations at this one site for us to even meet the requirement of the FCC. So we are very much below the EMF issue as well as high power."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else who would

like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? What did you say, George? You are sorry. You apologize. Go ahead, Bill."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich. I live in Riverhead Township. Forgive me for not having researched this out before now but I thought it would be presented here how much land and how much money."

Supervisor Stark: "Gary."

William Kasperovich: "We had given them permission to hang up on top of our tower and we went all through this in benefits to the township (inaudible). Now, I always make (inaudible) when somebody gets one foot in the door whether-- what they are going to look for further. And I have no idea of what kind of equipment they are going to have there. Don't know how much access they are going to require. I don't know how much effect they are going to have on the security of the tower. People coming and going. I thought this would be brought up today. So we have to look (inaudible). We certainly can't sell ourselves short and I don't know what they are going to be doing there and how frequently and what personnel and to what extent."

Supervisor Stark: "I think Gary is standing right behind you and I think he gets the gist of what you want and he will answer your questions."

William Kasperovich: "Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Gary Pendzick: "Gentlemen of the Board, my name is Gary Pendzick, Superintendent of the Riverhead Water District. With respect to the site facilities, they are going to have three 20 foot-- 20 foot (inaudible). Down at the base of it, they are going to have a 10 by 20 foot shed or building that will house their communications equipment."

Supervisor Stark: "That will be a modular unit?"

Gary Pendzick: "Exactly-- (inaudible). With respect to the security conditions, we already have Nynex up on this tower for several years. It's a double lock system that allows them to go where they please but they notify us as they (inaudible). It's not often, I

don't believe they need to go up every day. But they have one man go up at least once a week.

We have not experienced with Nynex any problem with security since they've been up and we don't anticipate any problems with the addition of Nextel as well.

Refresh me. I think there was one other problem, one other question concerning-- "

William Kasperovich: "How much land and how much money."

Gary Pendzick: "All right. The land-- it's not land. They are just going to take a 10 by 20 foot building within the compound area of the tank. It's no-- there is no land involved. Okay. As far as the money, we are talking approximately between \$30,000 and \$35,000 a year for at least a 10 year with options to renew. We are in negotiations. This hearing allows us to continue on with the negotiations with Nextel."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Gary, that's the money we're going to get paid."

Gary Pendzick: "The Riverhead Water District and the Town will get paid. That's right."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Gary. Is there any other comment on this particular Public Hearing? If not, I will declare the hearing closed."

Public Hearing closed: 2:22 p.m.

Supervisor Stark: "That concludes today's Public Hearings. Is there anybody in the audience who would like to address the Board on any given subject? Way in the back."

Deidre Fedun: "Hello. My name is Deidre Fedun. I own the building on the corner of Linda Avenue and Main Road in Aquebogue. I also own Fedun Real estate and I'm here today to basically just make

you all aware of some things that have occurred. I have the Aquebogue Post Office that is looking to relocate in the building. They took approximately a year if I'm not mistaken to go through all the proper channels to do such type of move and they have to go through their guidelines in making the proper choice.

They have decided on our building and I heard in the papers there were 100 signatures that were against-- in my general vicinity-- where my building is"

Supervisor Stark: "91."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No. One is 100."

Deidre Fedun: "Early on, like about a month-- "

Supervisor Stark: "100 for; 91 against."

Deidre Fedun: "No. No. No. About a month ago, in the paper, someone had gone around and got supposedly the paper said there was 100 signatures-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I don't know the exact-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes. We received-- the Post Office received 100 signatures. They brought it here to Town Hall. I called Congressman Forbes. Congressman Forbes asked the Post Office to not do the final lease with you until we have a meeting with the community."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay."

Councilman Prusinowski: "With you and the Post Office. The other petition that came in was something to do with Tuthills Lane which has been outright rejected by the Post Office and everybody, so that's not a possibility."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. Okay. Well the persons I understand that were against going into our building, those persons were supposedly in our general vicinity."

Councilman Prusinowski: "They are."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. Well, first of all, as of Friday, I only saw 11 or 14 signatures, excuse me, against, you know, our site."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I have the petition if you would like to get a copy of it."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. I saw it Friday and-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's over 100 signatures."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. I also have as you will see there, 100 signatures of people that are in favor and I don't know if you went through it, but it's very ironic that all-- I should say most of the people that are in favor of it, are on Linda Avenue, they are adjacent to me, they are on Troutbrook Lane, and I just wanted to let you all know that there are people in favor of it as well. You know more than anyone that there is going to be opposition-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "By the way, the final decision rests with the Post Office, not with the Town Board."

Deidre Fedun: "I realize that. But I also-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "The only thing we're doing-- I think the only thing we're doing here is that we are going to have a meeting after the holidays, the first part of January, with all the parties to talk about the options. That's all."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. Okay. One last thing and then I'll let you go back. I heard there was a rumor that you were looking to show (inaudible). Hopefully you'll tell me there's no truth in this. Combining Aquebogue and Riverhead and merging the two-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "That's not-- we-- at the Post Office all the time. 11937 has its own Postmaster. That's not in the process at all. What's going on is in the 1190 area they want to combine the annex, 2nd Street and the sorting facility that's in Calverton, they want to build a central facility in the 1190 area."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. So there is no-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "It has nothing to do with Aquebogue."

Right."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. Great. Okay, well, that's pretty much it. I just wanted to let you know that there are people out there that are in favor of it and-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "And, again, just for the record, from what the Post Office told me, too, when I spoke to them. There is no consideration for Tuthills Lane. That's completely out."

Deidre Fedun: "It was. But since I had thought that everyone was suggesting this and I thought some of you might have chosen that as an alternate site. Obviously I was wrong."

Councilman Prusinowski: "The Town Board hasn't chosen anything as an alternative site. All we're doing here is-- "

Deidre Fedun: "Suggesting, I thought."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We received a petition from people who live in the neighborhood and all they want to do is have a meeting with the Post Office, you'll be invited. Congressman's office is going to be there. And they want to know-- understand more about the proposal and its impact on the community. That's what the Town-- "

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. Very good. I'm just-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Because they-- if you look at the petition which I'll give you, I will be happy to give you if you wait a few minutes if you want to go."

Deidre Fedun: "Sure."

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's-- the petition was not to the Riverhead Town Board. It was to the United States Postal Service."

Deidre Fedun: "I'm aware of that. But I also thought you had by some resolution-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes. We passed a Resolution asking them to delay it, pending this community meeting."

Deidre Fedun: "Okay. That's fine. I just wanted to make sure you were aware of-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Deidre Fedun: "Thank you. Happy holidays."

Supervisor Stark: "Same to you. Ray, come on up."

Ray McKay: "My name is Ray McKay. I live in Aquebogue. Now, what I want to do is bring up a little history of-- speaking of post offices. The Aquebogue Post Office originally was on the corner of Edgar Avenue and Main Road, Aquebogue."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right. Right next to (inaudible)."

Ray McKay: "Now, (inaudible) 1963 came to my house, I was a very good friend of his and he said, Ray, they are going to close this Post Office in Aquebogue. What they wanted to do is put a RFD through there. Now, I said, wait a minute. So I says, don't do anything. I says, let me do a little checking. So I went to the school (inaudible) down the basement there, no post office. Aquebogue church, no, conflict of interest. I said there's only one thing to do. I said, I know Morris Taylor (phonetic) owned that little piece of property where the post office is now and you go down there and check with Mr. Taylor and see if he wants to sell that property over there on the corner and put a post office up there. (inaudible) came down and him and Morris Taylor went down there. In the meantime I asked Inspector Daily (phonetic) I know where we are going to have the temporary post office. Where is that? He says your stand is not being occupied now. That's where the stand is going to be for the summer. So that's where our post office originally was for the four months while they were negotiating and building that post office where it is today. Because today if they had an RFD up there, how the hell am I going to across that road to go to my post office? Can you imagine? Have to have a police escort to get over there."

So he says, I know one thing, once the post office gets away from the town, forget it, you'll never get it back again. That took care of that. Now what I want to know, Mr. Stark, when he went up to see Gov. Pataki."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, sir."

Ray McKay: "Did he take that pie with him?"

Supervisor Stark: "I took several pies."

Ray McKay: "Yes. Oh good. Now, of course, you know, we raise a lot of pies here. We raise no potatoes. According to your-- the way you put it in the paper, and I wondered if you took any potatoes up to him."

Supervisor Stark: "We gave him potatoes about a month before."

Ray McKay: "Oh well, that's all right."

Supervisor Stark: "Broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts."

Ray McKay: "That's all right."

Supervisor Stark: "Some local wines. Some local eggs. We gave him a little bit of everything we have. No apples though because I couldn't find you."

Ray McKay: "You read the papers and the Town Board goes along with that and you talk about preserving the farm land here on Long Island, Suffolk County, Riverhead Town. What about the poor farmers? There's not one word is mentioned about the farmer. Now the farmers-- the land is still going to be here after the farmer is gone. Well, you see, you are missing the boat over there. Don't you ask what you can do for them? My God, this is what gets me."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Ray, we have a committee, an Agricultural Advisory Committee, made up of a lot of farmers that you grew up with and worked with and that I worked with and Otto and I are on that committee and we addressed that question and one of the things we want to do with the town money is offer the money on a priority basis, I would hope to active people who are in agricultural production, farm

families who want to retain. But that question is always addressed in our Agricultural Advisory meeting."

Ray McKay: "But all you read in the papers-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, whatever you read in the papers is one thing. This is what really happened though. We really have these meetings and that's what we talk about, with real farmers who are still in the business today. And the Farm Bureau is there, too."

Ray McKay: "How many acres of potatoes we had on Long Island in 1967. A lot."

Councilman Prusinowski: "A lot."

Ray McKay: "Yes, 176 potato farmers. How many we got now? Nine."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right. But in 1970, how many farmstands did we have in Riverhead and how many do we have today? Okay."

Supervisor Stark: "We grew over 45,000 acres in 1970."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And the farmstands are a viable way for a lot of farmers to stay in business-- look, look at your family. I mean-- I go there all the time and I'm glad you're there. And that's one of our big industries today is farmstands and the family farmstands and it's great that they're in town. And I bet you we have triple the amount of farmstands we had years ago. Quadruple."

Ray McKay: "In 1970 I could have sold my land, but I love farming so and I know my son, he was very interested in farming."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, I think some of your land is in the farmland, Suffolk County program."

Ray McKay: "It is-- put it in there so it could never be developed. I put that in, the front, you know."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I know. Well, I was on the committee that time, the county committee and we don't buy the front part. The county only buys the farmland, but-- and I'm glad you're still there."

Ray McKay: "And I've got a grandson that's very interested in farming and I hope he stays in there, too."

Supervisor Stark: "You owe me some apples though, Ray."

Ray McKay: "I guess I do. Just keep waiting, that's all."

Supervisor Stark: "We're going to get the auction block back in business."

Ray McKay: "I want to ask one question of the Town Board."

Supervisor Stark: "Sure."

Ray McKay: "And the people in here, too, same question. Do these people know that Santa Claus (inaudible) had a garden in the winter time. You didn't know that, did you, Vic?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "No. I didn't know that."

Ray McKay: "Do you know why? So he could ho, ho, ho."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Ray. Rolph. George, you're always the finale."

Rolph Kestling: "Rolph Kestling, Wading River. I would like to find out what's doing down on the Hulse Landing project. Now, for the last two or three weeks, all the cement is there, you know, the catch basins, nothing is happening. There was plenty of good weather to do something."

Supervisor Stark: "To give you an honest answer, I know they've started the process. I have not visited the site for over two weeks. Kenny Testa is out on another project this afternoon. Unless Russell can rouse him up, get him on the radio. Maybe by the time the meeting is over we can get him up here and we can bring you up to date on it. I couldn't give you an honest answer where the status is, Rolph."

Rolph Kestling: "All right. Then a little information what I got. About two, three weeks ago, I live in the neighborhood and take a walk down there, all the cement is laying there, and there's a pick-up truck with a gentleman there with a map and he's checking things out."

So I asked him when are they going to start. Well, he says, we hope to start tomorrow-- no, we hope to start on a Monday. This was on a Thursday. He says only we have one problem. I said what's that? Well, he says according to the maps and everything I got, there's a water line going down Hulse Landing Road to the house on the bottom. Nobody ever told him about it. The engineer never said anything about it.

So he asked me a couple of questions. I said I don't see how they can miss a water pipe. It's been there for about 9 years-- no, 6 years already, 1989 they put it down there. He said there's nothing on the map but he says I have a meeting Friday with the engineer, he said town engineer, I don't think he meant the town engineer. I got a feeling it was Howie Young."

Supervisor Stark: "Probably was."

Rolph Kestling: "And we're going to discuss this. So nothing's happened. Monday came by, nothing. About Tuesday or something a bucket (inaudible) shows up, dug about four, five holes down Hulse Landing Road, right where the water pipe is, promptly filled them up again, all the way down. Meanwhile with all the rain and everything, boy, you've got some (inaudible) down there, break your springs, get your wheels out of alignment."

So this is as far as I know-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Yes. All right, let me see if I can track down Kenny Testa before the afternoon is over and I'll get him up to the podium and give you an explanation."

Rolph Kestling: "Right, thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Because I know he was off on a project. Is there anybody else who would like to talk to the Board? Yes, Bill."

Bill Roberts: "Bill Roberts, Baiting Hollow. I wasn't able to attend the last meeting on the 3rd. I dropped off a letter with Barbara and asked that it be circulated about the solution in Beaumont, Texas to the parking meter problem. Have you gentlemen had the opportunity to read it? I think it's the perfect one. Just to fill in the people in the audience if I may. Beaumont was faced with a problem where the downtown merchants were complaining that they were

losing business because of the parking meters. So Beaumont eliminated charges for the meters, first hour of parking is absolutely free. If you stayed beyond that point, you would get a fine. In Riverhead it would be \$10, overtime parking. And in this fashion, it frees up the spots that if you remove the meters, local workers would have a spot.

So we are talking about removing the meters downtown. This may be a solution, leave the meters and adopt a policy that Beaumont, Texas has."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill."

Councilman Lull: "Bill, we will be talking about that at the next Parking District meeting."

Supervisor Stark: "Kenny, if you could give us a quick up-briefing on the Hulse Landing project, I would appreciate it. I realize you are out and about today with all the bad weather."

Ken Testa: "Ken Testa, Riverhead Town Engineer. The Hulse Landing Road project-- "

Supervisor Stark: "There was also reference made to a water line that we didn't know was there, something."

Ken Testa: "Right. There are two issues that arose after the contractor immobilized on the job. The first is he delivered the concrete pipe to the site and we found the pipe to be substandard. It had some cracks and voids in the concrete and it didn't meet our requirements. So the pipe was rejected and he's been asked to reorder.

The second condition that arose was when we began to excavate, we found a six inch plastic or PVC water pipe where we didn't know it was. We thought it was on the east side of the road and it ended up being on the west side. So we redesigned and we are in the process of negotiating with the contractor for a change order to relocate the piping and drainage. We are in that process right now. He submitted a price and we found it to be unacceptable and we're going to be meeting within the next week to negotiate with him to try to come up with a more reasonable price. That's where we are."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. When do you expect the project to

actually get under way?"

Ken Testa: "Well, the new pipe is supposed to be delivered sometime this week. The issue about the water pipe is kind of unpredictable. So far his price request has been unreasonable and we are trying to get him down to a more reasonable price and we hope we will be able to-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Is that a water line that was put in by the Riverhead Water District?"

Ken Testa: "I believe it predated-- it may have been-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Predated. They brought their own line up. Well, did I see Gary go off somewhere?"

Ken Testa: "We may even look into the feasibility it only services the Oakwood subdivision and the one house at the end of the road. It may be cheaper for us to move the pipe. We will talk to Gary about that."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. All right."

Ken Testa: "So it is a little bit of a snag."

Supervisor Stark: "Gary, the water line that Rolph mentioned, was that put in privately or was that put in by the Water District? Hulse Landing Road."

Gary Pendzick: "Hulse Landing Road, that's (inaudible)."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, but who put the pipe in?"

Gary Pendzick: "It was installed by private water about '88, '89."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay. Anything else, Rolph, while I've got him here before I ship him out? Bill. Kenny, don't go too far. Got another question."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich, Riverhead township. This pipe line was known about after the time that we had the meeting here in this room with Mr. Young and Mr. Testa. Mr. Pendzick knew

about this water line and its location and how he'll (inaudible) a cooperative effort with this project (inaudible). So that this was known totally and completely before the contract was (inaudible).

I'm a little perturbed about this because why in God's name do I come up here and bring these things to the attention of people that should pay attention and nothing is done. These people would say they didn't know about it is because they're not doing their job. I'm sorry to say-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I don't think that they said they didn't know about it, but they said they knew about the water line but they thought it was on the easterly side of Hulse Landing Road. And as it turned out the contractor evidently had put it on the westerly side."

William Kasperovich: "Mr. Pendzick knew exactly where that line was and is."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, I didn't hear him comment on it. I'll ask him, though."

William Kasperovich: "Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill."

Ken Testa: "I can respond to that."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

Ken Testa: "We knew the line was there. It was marked out by the Water District but it was incorrectly taken off apparently by the surveyors. They took the wrong markings off the road. There was a lot of at the time sand and debris in the road and it was an error. There was an error made, Bill. These things happen."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay, thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to make comment to the Board? Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. One thing that Mr. Testa said here that I will commend him on and that is when he looked over the pipes and he found flaws and holes and cracks and so forth, he rejected it because that's just what they did when they widened

Edwards Avenue. They bought in anything and got rid of it and stuck it in the road. And now your crews are constantly up there, taking it out and replacing it. So I just hope that when he gets a better pipe and the way he likes it, we don't have to pay more for it. Okay.

Now-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I think what he said, Steve, was that he rejected that pipe and that have to bring a pipe back that meets our standards which is by the contract. We wouldn't pay any more for it."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, that's-- it all adds up to the same thing."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes. Actually just-- it's delaying the start of the job."

Steve Haizlip: "Well the guy (inaudible) that's all. He caught it and I commend him."

Supervisor Stark: "That's why we pay him the big bucks."

Steve Haizlip: "He's a good inspector. Now, the one thing that Henry and I are very proud of is that we are going to have a Golden Donor blood drive on Thursday, January 2nd, and it's going to be from 8:30 to 2. And we would like to try to get as many people to come out and donate blood as possible."

Supervisor Stark: "When is that again?"

Steve Haizlip: "January the 2nd."

Supervisor Stark: "Ooh, tough day. Boy."

Steve Haizlip: "The reason they do that is we are afraid that so many people are going to be in the hospital from midnight celebration and they are going to be needing some blood."

Supervisor Stark: "I would have done it on December 30th."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Where is it going to be?"

Steve Haizlip: "It's going to be up at the Ramada Inn."

Supervisor Stark: "I don't think you go to issue, do you? The papers?"

Steve Haizlip: "Formerly the old Holiday Inn, you know, down in the ballroom."

Supervisor Stark: "If the newspapers would cooperate with Steve and my good friend Henry would certainly appreciate it. A little dab in the papers."

Steve Haizlip: "I kind of move around and see that I get things done."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, nothing more than a little reminder doesn't hurt."

Steve Haizlip: "No it certainly don't. I just want to let you know."

Supervisor Stark: "Everybody wants to have a birthday party."

Steve Haizlip: "And there's going to be a little entertainment, refreshment, special prizes. And-- "

Supervisor Stark: "We are talking along the same line, I think. Entertainment, special prizes."

Steve Haizlip: "Oh yeah, we've got special prizes. That's probably (inaudible) could be for the women. It's a little powder paste. That's just a little joke saying; I don't want to take no offense."

Supervisor Stark: "Most people look a little pale on January and. You are just going to make them look a little paler. You should need Estee Lauder there."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Now, we got that out of the way."

Councilman Prusinowski: "This is the end of the year wrap up."

Steve Haizlip: "Now, how many of our Town Councilmen on the Board know who Ken Kressa (phonetic) is?"

Supervisor Stark: "Ken Testa?"

Steve Haizlip: "No. Ken Kressa."

Supervisor Stark: "Don't know him."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Ken Kressa is the Chairman and CEO or president of the Northrup Grumman Corporation. Now, Grumman, just let me inform you, is more or less (inaudible)."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm sure we will get to know his name very shortly as we are suing him."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, this is what the subject that I'm going to bring up. I read in the paper where he got 975,000 tax bill against him. Okay. I might be out a couple of thousand; it's either 972 or 975. But, now, the way I see it-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Do you want to send Leroy down, Madeline?"

Steve Haizlip: "Now, the way I see it, Ken Kressa, he's not in a position that I'm in and Henry and some of these other people in this audience, and if you don't pay your taxes they can slap a lien on it. In this particular case, what does he care because it's government property. It ain't his."

Supervisor Stark: "How about plant 8?"

Steve Haizlip: "Well plant 8, I don't know whether he took that over or not. Anyhow-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Plant 8 is owned by Northrup Grumman. It's 20 acres of land and about 60 to 70,000 square feet of building space. It's owned by Northrup Grumman."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, as far as-- yeah, well-- "

Supervisor Stark: "I think that would be a hell of a good slap on the hand, don't you think so?"

Steve Haizlip: "That's outside the fence."

Supervisor Stark: "It's not owned by the federal government. It's owned by Northrup Grumman."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, I'm not-- I'm not fully aware, that the navy had any participation in that building or not. I'll be honest with you. I really didn't know."

Supervisor Stark: "It's owned by Northrup Grumman. There is also state legislation which was passed that actually was specifically and Leroy just entered the back of the room and he can correct me if I'm wrong. There was specific state legislation passed that allowed us to tax the interest that they had on the property and also at the tail end of that legislation that if, in fact, it was a case of federal land, that the taxing entity which is the Town of Riverhead, could tax personal items of a corporation which would be their land outside."

Steve Haizlip: "Yeah, which-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Correct? He's shaking his head affirmatively."

Steve Haizlip: "Which I said here once before where John Lennon (phonetic) found out about the law in Michigan and had it apply here for the interest that was held by corporations."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay. Now, in summing up on this, I would like to say in 1943-- am I a circus here today?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, no, no. I was-- Allen Smith was the attorney for the Town Board when John Lennon was Supervisor. So he was familiar-- I was pointing that out."

Steve Haizlip: "Oh, okay. All right. Now, there was a case in Supreme Court, U.S. Supreme Court, in 1943. There was Wickham, these Wickhams have been around for (inaudible) versus the U.S.D.A. The Supreme Court ruling was what you subsidize you can control. Now, I'm going to apply this to Mr. Kressa. He subsidize that place because he took it over through stock and other means which is beyond my scope. But anyway he subsidize it, he controls it and so therefore I think he ought to pay up the tax and not try to find gimmicks to

squeeze out money. Okay, we got that out of the way.

In the resolutions, and I'll tell you, you are getting more vague every time you write them up."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Which resolution, Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "949. It seems like you are trying to ease out or don't want to give information too much about what's going on-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's to renew a lease with the New York State Armory for a teen center program."

Steve Haizlip: "Oh, well, now I know what it's all about. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Anybody else who would like to make comment? Henry."

Henry Pfeiffer: "Henry Pfeiffer, Wading River. I would like to address Mr. Prusinowski. You promised us a schedule for garbage pick up. Where are they? How do we get hold of copies?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "The magnetized calendar you put on your refrigerator is going in the mail next week and all of the schedules that are in place right now for your house is the same as it was last year. But the recycling schedule will be in the mail next week."

Henry Pfeiffer: "Thank you very much. One other thing that bothers me over the many years and that is the Wading River Manor Road going south as you approach 25. Invariably when I get there, somebody is going to make a left turn and it holds up all the traffic and so forth and sometimes I have to wait for two lights. Now this annoys the hell out me over the years and just recently I did the same thing myself. The annoyance of some woman who was trying to make a right turn. I don't think she is a resident; I think she came from Florida. Because when she opened her window, her face was all red and she muttered something about the sun and the beach. Well, I was just wondering whether or not you could possibly have a broken line painted there, maybe some arrows indicating a turn."

Supervisor Stark: "We will certainly turn it over to the Superintendent of Highways, Charlie Bloss. How's that? Yes, Bill?"

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich, I live in Riverhead township. I was wondering whether you gentlemen are aware of what it costs us to distribute these magnetized garbage pickup schedules. Two years ago I looked into this and I found between the increased cost of postage by weight, by the handling, in addition to the item itself, it came to a sizeable sum. And I think this is (inaudible) over the land of luxury we don't have.

I noticed Resolution 947 which introduces fire prevention. Possibly I don't know."

Supervisor Stark: "Pardon?"

William Kasperovich: "Possibly I don't know. Do we have the designated title Fire Marshal?"

Supervisor Stark: "The question that you pose is do we have a designated singular person as a fire marshal? No. We have Sharon Kloss who is certified as a fire marshal. Ray Wiwczar. Mark Hepner. Richard Gadzinski, and Scott Sinnickson. We have actually-- "

William Kasperovich: "Well, but they are not titled as a fire marshal."

Supervisor Stark: "No. No. We get two fer jobs. What we call two fer jobs."

William Kasperovich: "Well, maybe the good Lord will continue to be nice to us and that we will not find any-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Let me assure you that all inspections of commercial and public properties are being done and being done on schedule. That schools, hospital, churches, any area of public assembly, restaurants, businesses, etc., etc. That is being done and it is being done on a schedule for all five or six of them-- which how many of them have I named off? Sharon, Ray, Gadzinski, Scott."

William Kasperovich: "I said my piece and that's (inaudible)."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

William Kasperovich: "Although I think we're leaving a legal loophole in the eventuality of a disaster."

Resolution 956 brings to mind my home, where I live, in a residential zone B. At the time the zones were being established and they didn't know what to do with the area of Wildwood Acres, they didn't see spending the money to establish a (inaudible) zone so the Town Board concluded that (inaudible) zone B, and irregularities as they come up would be handled by the Board of Appeals."

Supervisor Stark: "This particular resolution, Bill, if you follow it, is adding a new F. There's one copy to the appropriate Fire District that that subdivision may be in for the sole purpose of letting them review the site plan so as for the locations of the fire hydrants and also to indicate whether the roads are wide enough for the fire apparatus to attain a safe entry to the fire, etc. We welcome their participation in our system. The Fire Marshal was eliminated simply because when it goes to the Building Department, that's where it's handled. And that's all that is simply doing is taking into consideration any new subdivision in a particular fire district we welcome their participation, to give us comment, and advise and counsel us as to whether their particular fire departments could, in fact, service a fire for the prevention or putting out of so that, in fact, safety could be extended further. And that's what that resolution is doing."

William Kasperovich: "All right."

Supervisor Stark: "It's another way-- I've had several meetings with the Fire Commissioners. We have four fire departments in the Town of Riverhead. We have Jamesport, Riverhead, Wading River, and Manorville. And we have sought to have a closer communication with those fire departments so that we can enhance the public safety in our township."

We've had several meetings and out of these meetings certain recommendations have come and that's one of the recommendations. There was a couple others, I believe, somewhere in the packet and we will endeavor to cooperate fully with each one of these volunteer-- and I might make an added note to volunteer. You will also see a

resolution in here today which, in fact, helps these municipally operated functions to operate at a smoother rate in the town of Riverhead. Which also came out of that meeting."

William Kasperovich: "I'm sensitive about this zoning business in that I find this (inaudible) of areas being zoned is being ignored by the code enforcement people. We had an infraction last year, and the people working (inaudible) until the spring time. A year later the same infraction takes place. In other words, a neighbor down the road from me is (inaudible). And I don't like it."

It also appears that you have to come up here time and again to get attention paid to the road that I live on, 15th Street. Maybe I shouldn't say that. (inaudible) I have commented about the poor or improper or not appropriate work done on the road a couple of months ago, that this was a bandaid type of work. Here after two weeks of cold weather the road is breaking up. Saturday night when I was coming home, the hole was filled up with water and I don't remember the location of the hole, plunk went my front wheel. The Town Supervisor-- chooses the town-- excuse me, Mr. Stark."

Supervisor Stark: "That's all right, sir."

William Kasperovich: "The Town Highway Superintendent, an elected official, chooses to use low quality work on the roads in order to come up with certain dollar figures, then it is incumbent upon him to keep up to it as it fails. Which he has not done in the past. And at the going rate, the road will become impossible this winter."

Last item. Whenever I have anything to do with land, the first thing the people look for is a description of metes and bounds or a land surveyor's map with a licensed surveyor seal to indicate the land that's involved. Whether it's your home or a commercial piece of property or anything, you want to get a mortgage, you want to get a loan, you want to sell, a survey is not-- or a bona fide signed document showing metes and bounds, should be in order. Here, resolution 904 was passed, published in public, and no such document is attached to it. The project designated both acquisition of land for Edwards Avenue and Riley Avenue drainage project. (inaudible) not an adequate coverage and a substitute for describing this land. Twenty years from now or 50 years from now when somebody goes through the papers to find out where the boundaries are, the resolution that

acquires the land will not show it. Legally, that is."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. George."

George Schmelzer: "Do you mind if I call you King James I of Riverhead?"

Supervisor Stark: "That's my nickname given to me by Ruth Bernick. Yes."

George Schmelzer: "I didn't hear about that. Was that in the paper?"

Supervisor Stark: "I think so."

George Schmelzer: "I didn't copy it. I just thought of it."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "You are very welcome. Got to put my (inaudible) on. Can't see to good."

Supervisor Stark: "Do you want to borrow mine?"

George Schmelzer: "Well, they might be better. I don't know-- "

Supervisor Stark: "They are brand new. I just got them a couple of weeks ago."

George Schmelzer: "Me and (inaudible) have the same, not Carl, Felix."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Hey, are you going to tell us a Christmas joke like Ray McKay?"

George Schmelzer: "I don't know. I've got to think of one."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Trying to throw him off course. He's got a list."

Supervisor Stark: "That's all right."

George Schmelzer: "Way back farmers were slaves, they called them serfs. In Russia, they freed the serfs in 1860, and they were going to leave the farm. We continue that here. We buy development rights to keep the farmer on the farm like a sucker. If the stuff he sells and raises doesn't pay to raise it, he can't sell the land because nobody else can use it; don't want it."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Not true. Absolutely not true. Do you know that most of the sales today of people that sold the development rights years ago, that the resale value is ten times what they got paid from the county in the '70's? People that got \$2,000 to \$3,000 per acre for the development rights from Suffolk County have turned around and sold their simple fee title which is just the land strip, the development, for \$10,000 to \$12,000 per acre? That's an absolute fact."

George Schmelzer: "Other land without-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Mathematically, that's about four times."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Right."

George Schmelzer: "Huh?"

Supervisor Stark: "Mathematically it's about four times."

George Schmelzer: "What about land without the development rights sold. How much did that bring? You don't know."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, whatever the open-- "

George Schmelzer: "Oh you don't know. That's different, yeah. But it's all to keep the farmers on the land as serfs, see. Most of this stuff supposedly for farmers, is to keep the food supply cheap nationwide, that they got more land and agriculture, all they can. You want to create a surplus, a permanent surplus. Now on Long Island, knock out the duck farmers, (inaudible), knocked out the potato farmers, look at Jim there, his family made money on potato farming. What will you do now? Well, you've got this job. That's even better for you because it doesn't rot. I don't think-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Sometimes I wish I could go back and sell

potatoes to tell you the truth. It's a lot more profitable."

George Schmelzer: "Potatoes can rot. Politicians are rotten too."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "I didn't say you politics, I said all politics."

Supervisor Stark: "Okay."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "You brought it on yourself. I wrote down here something I started off with here. South of the river, it's in the Riverhead fire district now, in Calverton. But the ambulance district isn't. The ambulance that serve that land by the forge, the ambulance is at South Street in Manorville. Somebody could die by the time the ambulance got there. Why don't you work it out that the ambulance is the same as the fire district? How about it?"

Supervisor Stark: "George, I was on what you call Nugent Drive and I was on my way to Hauppauge, to County Executive Gaffney's office and there was a car collision right there as you come off that would be exit 71. And I reported it to our local police who in response not only came from Manorville, came from Riverhead, but it also came from the Suffolk County police because at that particular point, we are probably in Brookhaven and under Suffolk County police. So within a matter of five, six, seven minutes, there were, in fact, two ambulances there. And EMT's who-- there was a gentleman in the car who got hit broadside who had to be taken out with, what do you call them, the jaws of life or something. But actually three ambulances came from all three directions."

George Schmelzer: "Riverhead, too?"

Supervisor Stark: "Riverhead responded. Manorville responded. And the Suffolk County police emergency unit responded too."

George Schmelzer: "I've seen when it wasn't so quick though. I've seen it."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, you hope that when you need it, that it's as quick as possible. I believe our volunteer ambulance corps-- as a matter of fact up until maybe another couple of weeks is headed by our chief of police's son, Joe Grattan, Jr. I think they're doing a fine job."

George Schmelzer: "Well, anyway, besides that, with all that-- "

Supervisor Stark: "They do the best they can under the circumstances. There is always somebody who is going to be on the outer limits of the district. That's not only whether it be medically or for police action or even for fire action."

George Schmelzer: "Well, why not have the fire district and ambulance district the same? It would be better."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, we'll talk it over with Manorville."

George Schmelzer: "You will. When? How many years?"

Supervisor Stark: "No. I have a meeting with the fire chiefs here right after the first of the year. We are going to continue a dialogue with them on a monthly basis. Fire commissioners, excuse me."

George Schmelzer: "Okay. Now this Grumman tax business, it's the tax law that when taxes are not paid, it goes to the county and it's a county problem. How come that it's still a town problem?"

Supervisor Stark: "Pardon. It's not a town problem. We are just joining in enforcing. We have all the records and what have you right here. We are enjoining with the county as an additional strength."

George Schmelzer: "Why do you have to spend money for that? If the town-- "

Supervisor Stark: "We're not spending any money. It's all going to be handled by the County Attorney's office."

George Schmelzer: "Well, it's not the job of the town to do that. It's the county."

Supervisor Stark: "We elected to do that, George. To strengthen our case. I'm not going to discuss a heck of a lot more about it because this is a public-- I'm not going to let Northrup Grumman know exactly what we are doing."

George Schmelzer: "They probably know anyhow. This is all land outside the fence?"

Supervisor Stark: "The certioraris on the land are the buildings that were inside and their use and their obligation to pay the tax on the inside. Certainly the land can be liened on the outside."

George Schmelzer: "We were told for years they pay taxes voluntarily."

Supervisor Stark: "They pay taxes by state legislation which enabled the taxing entity to tax them. On possessionary interest inside on the federal property."

George Schmelzer: "You don't need any special legislation for that. It's a tax law for years that any private building on municipal land, the owner of the building is personally responsible, whether it be a corporation or an individual. Somebody owns the land-- it only goes to the land to get the taxes. Can't go anywhere else."

Councilman Prusinowski: "This was federal-- you know, you shouldn't-- I mean, people get up here and they say things that are just so untrue and people at home listen to this-- "

George Schmelzer: "What do you mean it isn't true?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "It's not true because there was-- this was federal land and there was special legislation passed specifically that enabled the town to do this back in the '60's or something. We have a good case and we are going to collect the money with the county."

George Schmelzer: "Why do you keep saying this-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Everybody comes up and-- I've sat up here for years and people come up here and say things that just-- it's not true."

Supervisor Stark: "George, George, George."

George Schmelzer: "Here it is that they pay taxes-- yes."

Supervisor Stark: "As George Bush would say, read my lips."

George Schmelzer: "We did read them and see what happened."

Supervisor Stark: "Yes. We got stuck with Clinton. His guy. If you really want to learn, discuss it with Leroy. He's over in his office right now and he will give you a very satisfactory answer."

George Schmelzer: "Are you going to bring potatoes upstate. You missed out one thing. You should have brought him a deer tick. And when you pass that pine barrens-- "

Supervisor Stark: "They have the same problem upstate as we have."

George Schmelzer: "Oh yeah? We got it here more. But they don't mention it because they don't want to hurt the tourist business. And last year when you passed that pine barrens thing and each one giving a big sermon about some crooked creature like every one of them did, and now what's going to happen to the boy scout land? They ain't going to let you put a golf course there."

Supervisor Stark: "I was notified today that the boy scout camp property that they were in contract with to sell for a golf course will, in fact, be sold to the Nature Conservancy."

George Schmelzer: "See. Screwed the town, didn't you. We could have got a good tax out of that, see. Now nothing."

Supervisor Stark: "Absolutely. We fought for the golf course."

George Schmelzer: "Are you proud of yourself what you did last year now? You could have had-- "

Supervisor Stark: "More for the golf course?"

George Schmelzer: "Huh?"

Supervisor Stark: "Hey, if the boy scouts elect to sell, that's

their right. I can't stop them."

George Schmelzer: "You-- the DEC won't let you put a golf course there. That's all right. That's what you know. So you screwed the town (inaudible)."

Supervisor Stark: "I take offense there, George. George, if you are going to start talking like that, I thank you very much and excuse you from the microphone."

George Schmelzer: "You know it's true."

Supervisor Stark: "No, I don't know that."

George Schmelzer: "Well, then you should know."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, you should know better than that. To say something like that."

George Schmelzer: "School tax business."

Supervisor Stark: "No. George, I told you forum for the school tax. I've told you to go over there. But you don't want to go over there."

George Schmelzer: "I've been over there. Don't tell me I haven't been there."

Supervisor Stark: "You haven't been there to the meetings and made your-- "

George Schmelzer: "I don't know what-- "

Supervisor Stark: "They are having one tonight, aren't they?"

George Schmelzer: "No."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, that's what you announced last week. Oh."

George Schmelzer: "It's the Town's responsibility, too. Don't try-- you never mentioned it. I found out. That's why on the

Southampton side 53% of the assessed valuation in central district in Southampton is exempt. In Riverhead, it's 24%, according to Leroy. I believe him."

Supervisor Stark: "I do, too."

George Schmelzer: "And in Brookhaven, it's 17%. I don't quite believe that. Now they might be taking the records from a year ago. Within the past year a lot of the land has been bought by the county and the navy. Nothing by the state. And, so they probably still didn't straighten those figures out. So, what's the town going to do? You are going to tell me to go to the school. The school can go to you."

Supervisor Stark: "Keeps you going back and forth anyway."

George Schmelzer: "What are you playing? Ping-pong or something?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes. Sometimes we like to."

George Schmelzer: "Sometimes. Yeah."

Supervisor Stark: "I will continue to work with Senator LaValle and Patricia Acampora."

George Schmelzer: "What have you done so far?"

Supervisor Stark: "We've had some pretty good success so far."

George Schmelzer: "Could you explain it?"

Supervisor Stark: "I will in my office. I don't want to bore these people with it."

George Schmelzer: "Bore? They are very concerned with the taxes. Don't tell me they are going to be bored."

Supervisor Stark: "They are walking out on you left and right here."

George Schmelzer: "You are?"

Supervisor Stark: "They are."

George Schmelzer: "This is a public meeting. You should stay right here. Come on, open up."

Supervisor Stark: "George, I said it at the last meeting. I'll say it one more time. Senator LaValle is continuously and will enter legislation to change the formula which will balance off the assessed requirement for the tax rate for three different districts. He recognizes that Riverhead has got a problem and I trust that he will enter that legislation."

George Schmelzer: "You trust him?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, I do."

George Schmelzer: "I don't."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, he's always spoken very highly of you."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah. I would like to say something else, but I won't. Why don't they just-- "

Supervisor Stark: "It's the Christmas season, George. Be generous."

George Schmelzer: "Why don't you get the Southampton side and (inaudible) to Hampton Bays and south side of the river in Calverton and attach it to Eastport?"

Supervisor Stark: "Why don't you do what I suggested you do? Why don't you go to the school board meetings? You refuse to go to the school. You have not been to the school board meetings. You've been over for a freedom of information."

George Schmelzer: "Hell, they are worse than you."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, no, I wouldn't say that."

George Schmelzer: "I would."

Supervisor Stark: "That's the place."

George Schmelzer: "They clam right up. I'll get there next time. I missed the one this month."

Supervisor Stark: "I think if you ask anyone of the press, they will tell you when those meetings are."

George Schmelzer: "What do you mean? The cider press? Wine press?"

Supervisor Stark: "Come on, George."

George Schmelzer: "There's a lot of presses on the north side."

Supervisor Stark: "George. All right, thank you, George. Steve?"

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, so long. Anybody else, you will call on them three or four times. I've got to wait to the end."

Supervisor Stark: "I'm trying to use you as a finale. Kind of a climax."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah. Maybe I better start using you-- okay, thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Merry Christmas to you."

George Schmelzer: "And good yule. Do you know what that means?"

Supervisor Stark: "No. But Steve is right behind you and he would like to speak."

George Schmelzer: "Do you know what good yule means?"

Supervisor Stark: "What?"

George Schmelzer: "A Merry Christmas for square head."

Supervisor Stark: "That's not quite as funny as Ray McKay's. Steve, yes."

George Schmelzer: "It's true; it's not funny."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Steve wants to get up to the microphone. He's only been up there once."

Steve Haizlip: "Once. And I'm only going to be a minute. I just want to add to what I said. Steve Haizlip of Calverton. In this here suit that you said you are going to pursue with the county and the town, you are going to pursue Northrup Grumman to get those taxes. Well, I certainly hope you do because since this outfit has taken over, they have cut back on us considerable in different ways and also now I'm getting tired of the pension that they're giving me that it's got to be cut into to start paying their heavy taxes that they are supposed to. Fifty-four cents a thousand and you add that up 3550 and it amounts to some money. And I say pursue it and go after it and I want to see them pay for the time that they were there and the (inaudible) had a vested interest. Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Steve. Henry?"

Henry Pfeiffer: "Henry Pfeiffer, Wading River. I was just wondering whether any of the residual artifacts of TWA 800 are still at the Grumman site-- "

Supervisor Stark: "Yes, they are."

Henry Pfeiffer: "How long are they contemplating to be there?"

Supervisor Stark: "At this particular time I haven't estimated but I would ask not to be pressed."

Henry Pfeiffer: "And has this adversely affected the turnover on the navy to the town?"

Supervisor Stark: "No. No it hasn't. It has not affected the turnover. We are still negotiating with the navy."

Henry Pfeiffer: "Do we have anybody with an interest in utilizing the place beyond a racetrack?"

Supervisor Stark: "Pardon?"

Henry Pfeiffer: "Do we have anybody that's sincerely interested-- "

Supervisor Stark: "There is a several entities that are sincerely interested in the redevelopment of Grummans. Those will soon come to light, Henry, probably right after the first of the year we will have a more definitive date as to when we will be transferred the property by lease or a lease in furtherance of conveyance. There are some environmental issues that must be remediated on the property. A deed cannot be transferred-- a new deed until those environmental issues are totally, 100%, clean. So that means that, in fact, you could not -- it could be speculative-- it could be 15 or 20 years before you actually got the deed to the property, but we will get what you call a lease in furtherance of conveyance.

Now in that least you have to protect yourself from the previous environmental issues so as not to be blamed. So very meticulous and very technical negotiation and they are cooperating with us and we are trying to move as fastly as possible. Unfortunately, you know, out of something bad always comes something good. It was a very tragic accident. But it has bought us some time. It has bought us some time."

Henry Pfeiffer: "I know the navy did a survey several years ago as to the ecological or environmental violations there. Have they taken any actions to correct those?"

Supervisor Stark: "Yes. They are on the property right now doing remediation. There is some question by the DEC and the Board of Health as to the extent of that other remediation required. They are meeting so it will all come out in the wash."

Henry Pfeiffer: "I'm pleased that you have your hands on the reins."

Supervisor Stark: "Well, we are very close to it. Thank you. Let us take up the resolutions, please."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, no, no. We've got things to do today."

Resolution #932

Councilman Prusinowski: "Resolution authorize the issuance of an additional \$30,000 of serial bonds to pay additional costs of demolition

on properties known as Judge Belford's Inn and Cortland House. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #933

Councilman Lull: "Order establishing an extension to the Riverhead Sewer District (Commercial Sewer District Extension). So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #934

Councilman Kwasna: "Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$5,267,000 serial bonds to pay the cost of sewer improvements for the Commercial Sewer District Extension to the Riverhead Sewer District. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #935

Councilman Wittmeier: "Adopts local law to amend Chapter 101 Vehicles and Traffic of the Riverhead Town Code. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #936

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves site plan of Nextel Communications. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #937

Councilman Lull: "Awards bids for Route 58 Sewer District extension. There is one for Ferran Brothers Electric and McDowell-- excuse me, for Ferran Brothers Construction and McDowell Electric. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #938

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes Malcolm Pirnie to prepare map and plan for upgrade to Riverhead sewage treatment plant to include nitrogen removal. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #939

Councilman Wittmeier: "I'm going to take 939, 941-- 940, and 942. These are awards bid on snow plow parts and spreader parts. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried. Hope we don't have to use them."

Resolution #943

Councilman Wittmeier: "943 waives fee for demolition permit. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #944

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves site plan of Riverhead Enterprises. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? This is the former Kid Stuff? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

I will call a break in the resolutions right now. If the Board would join me down front.

Every year the Chamber of Commerce makes selections of people and this year the person of the year award was one of our town employees. I would like to ask Andrea Lohneiss to come up for the Town Board to present what we feel is our seal as she was recognized as the Person of the Year for the Town of Riverhead by the Chamber of Commerce. Andrea who was in New York City on our behalf today and back out already. So we congratulate her. She wasn't here earlier. And this is our town seal and it says the Town of Riverhead congratulates Andrea Lohneiss, 1996 Person of the Year, December 6, 1996. Congratulations."

Andrea Lohneiss: "Thank you."

Supervisor Stark: "Let me also remind the public at this particular time that December 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the morning we will have a Special Town Board Meeting for the purpose of closing our books for the year. That is open to the public."

Resolution #945

Councilman Lull: "Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to

accept deeds Route 58 sewer extension lift stations, Riverhead Sewer District. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #946

Councilman Kwasna: "Amends site plan of offices of Twomey, Latham, Shea & Kelley. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #947

Councilman Wittmeier: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a proposed local law entitled Enforcement of Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code for Government Buildings and Activities to be added to existing chapter 52 of the Riverhead Town code. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #948

Councilman Prusinowski: "Approves preliminary site plan of Splish Splash/Tons of Fun Phase I (Bullwinkle's Restaurant and indoor ice rink. Finally. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #949

Councilman Lull: "Authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the New York State Armory for the use of first floor classroom and bathroom for the Recreation Department. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #950

Councilman Kwasna: "Awards bid for wood window shutters for Benjamin Corwin house. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #951

Councilman Wittmeier: "Declares lead agency and determines significance of action Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, special permit and site plan. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #952

Councilman Prusinowski: "Establishes advisory board for the U.S. Department of Justice local law enforcement block grant program. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #953

Councilman Lull: "953 and 954, authorization to publish bids. 953 for automotive parts; 954 for medical supplies. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motions carried."

Resolution #955

Councilman Wittmeier: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute a lease agreement between Bomel Riverhead Company LLC and the Riverhead Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc., which is BID. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #956

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes Town Clerk to publish and post public notice to consider an amendment to Chapter 108 Zoning of the Riverhead Town Code. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #957

Councilman Lull: "Adopts amendment to Section 108 of the Town Code specifically prohibiting use of flea markets. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #958

Councilman Kwasna: "Approves change of zone petition of Helen Dris. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? You don't want to go back to the Planning Board again, Peter? All in favor? Let's call it by roll, please."

The Vote: "Councilman Wittmeier, yes; Councilman Kwasna, yes; Councilman Lull, yes; Councilman Prusinowski, yes; Supervisor Stark, yes. The resolution is thereupon declared duly adopted."

Resolution #959

Councilman Wittmeier: "Appoints a part time security guard to the Riverhead Recreation Department. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? Where is this? Up in Wading River? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #960

Supervisor Stark: "Russell, excuse me, Barbara. Have we gotten that gate up there yet? The gate is operable? Okay. Thank you."

Resolution #960

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes contract with Arthur J. Gallagher & Company. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Any discussion? This is the renewal of our insurance program for the year 1997. Any other discussion? All in favor?"

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #961

Councilman Lull: "Abolishes four positions in the Sanitation Department. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried. I might make note that these positions that have been abolished, those particular Town employees will find employment in other departments of the Town. That's our next four, okay."

Resolution #962

Councilman Kwasna: "Appoints Automotive Equipment Operator in the Highway Department. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #963

Councilman Kwasna: "963, 964 and 965, appoints laborer in the Sewer Department; appoints maintenance mechanic in Street Lighting, and transfer three Town of Riverhead employees to other departments. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motions carried."

Resolution #966

Councilman Kwasna: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to republish and repost notice of Public Hearing on amendments to Article VII Chapter 108-27 Uses Business A of the Riverhead Town Code. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #967

Councilman Wittmeier: "Authorizes preparation of Millbrook Gables Revitalization Plan. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #968

Councilman Prusinowski: "I am going to do 968, 969. We are going out to bid for bulk waste and for solid waste for the Town of Riverhead. So moved. This is for the Town's own garbage. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #970

Councilman Kwasna: "This is a budget adoption, Route 58 sewer extension. So moved."

Councilman Wittmeier: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried."

Resolution #971

Councilman Wittmeier: "Authorize the Supervisor to execute change order for Riverhead Water District Extension No. 49. So moved."

Councilman Kwasna: "And seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried.

Is there a motion to approve the bills?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried.

We need to do two off the floor. These are just going out to bid, don't get excited."

Resolution #973

Councilman Lull: "973 authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post notice to bidders for sealed bids for junk and abandoned vehicles. And 974 authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post notice to bidders for sealed bids for junk and abandoned motorcycles and mopeds. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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

The Vote (Collective response): "Aye."

Supervisor Stark: "Opposed? Motion carried.

I would like to report to the public that we have just recently taken all of our (inaudible) and sold them and through the good work

of our financial administrator we have attained a high A bond rating. A very strong. Very shy of an A-1 bond rating. Am I not correct, Jack? Had we had more of a definitive settlement on the Grumman property I think we would have been well into an A-1 bond rating. So I commend Jack. Our interest rates are around 5%, 5.1. It is a job well done and I commend you for doing such a great job for us.

George, you want to make one more discussion in front of this Board? Short and sweet, if you would, please. Before you get going though I would-- on behalf of myself and the entire Town Board, this is our last formal meeting of the year 1996. We are seven days away from Christmas-- eight days, seven-- eight days away from Christmas. On behalf of myself and I believe the Town Board, I would like to wish all the residents of the Town of Riverhead a most happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas but most of all a safe one. Drive safe. Hopefully don't have to use the blood. So we wish everybody the best of the holiday season and hopefully the best of health for the coming year 1997. George-- and with that you cannot be too bad on that kind of spirit."

George Schmelzer: "Okay. Haven't been drunk, I don't know what it would be (inaudible). Anyway, the tax bills just got out so we can't be too happy for a couple of days. Can't help it. And about the building owned by Grumman inside the fence, are they very valuable?"

Supervisor Stark: "The buildings inside the fence? They are no longer owned by Grumman. They were owned by the Department of Navy leased to Grumman and through state legislation we had the entitlement to tax them on a possessionary basis but outside the fence which they are called plant 8, I believe, am I right, Steve? They have 20 acres of land, about 60,000 to 70,000 square feet of office space."

George Schmelzer: "If that's inside the fence (inaudible) you would have to have special legislation (inaudible) by Grumman."

Supervisor Stark: "Possessionary."

George Schmelzer: "Yeah, so the Navy owns those buildings then."

Supervisor Stark: "The Department of Navy right now and federal legislation says that the Department of Navy may and I remind you that the word may is in the legislation, convey that property to the

EDA agency, the Town of Riverhead, and we believe that that conveyance will probably take place sometime early 1997."

George Schmelzer: "Now the land outside the fence, apparently they are not paying taxes, they don't care about it anymore."

Supervisor Stark: "They're paying taxes on the land outside the fence."

George Schmelzer: "Oh, they are."

Supervisor Stark: "We can also lien on it, too. George, come on in my office. Thank you, George, and a happy new year and a Merry Christmas."

George Schmelzer: "I didn't open up the envelope yet."

Supervisor Stark: "I've got mine in my pocket. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. This meeting is adjourned."

Meeting adjourned: 3:44 p.m.

Barbara Lutton
Town Clerk