

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, February 28, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Also present: David P. Fishbein, Town Attorney
Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways

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

Supervisor Smith: "Ladies and Gentlemen, before we begin, the printed agenda that some of you may have before you, I have a couple of matters that I would call to your attention.

There is probably not one of us that hasn't been hit by the recent snow storms and flooding. To some degree, I realize that people have been misled by the newspaper coverage of the turndown of the Federal Government of the disaster designation of Suffolk County. The news that followed was that which I might hope that you paid attention to which was that the Small Business Administration has and will make available to you. Those of you that have suffered economic loss to your homes or property, a subsidized loan program, again it's the Small Business Administration and they have offices at the New York State Office Building at Hauppauge, at Room 13 and they are open Monday through Friday and Saturday.

Now we are setting up a Special Riverhead Town Hall Day, and it will be Sunday, March 12th here in this room from 10:00 o'clock on. We're making special arrangements to have the hall open, and if any of you that would like to learn more about the S.B.A. Loan, can come at that time or as I say at the State Office Building in Hauppauge.

The other matter that I would like to bring up is that for those of you that may have seen it, WOR Program "Meet the Mayors", where we talked about Riverhead. It was one half hour of — it actually ran twice, so it was an hour of free publicity for the Town of Riverhead. We hope to continue that kind of effort and maybe formalize that kind of public relations for the Town of Riverhead in the future."

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

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings

RESOLUTION - continued
held on January 17, 1978 and February 14, 1978, be approved as submitted.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

BILLS

Bills were submitted on abstracts dated February 28, 1978 as follows:

General Town	\$28,914.55
General Town 1977 Encumbered	\$15,556.76
Community Development	\$ 27.00
Capital Projects	\$ 1,479.04
Ambulance	\$ 31.20
Special Districts	\$14,672.90

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

RESOLVED, That subject to complete audit, the following bills be approved for payment.

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General Town 1977 Encumbered	\$15,556.76
Community Development	\$ 27.00
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The vote, Regula, Yes, Lombardi, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

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REPORTS

Tax Receiver's, dated February 23, 1978	Filed.
Manorville Fire District - Annual report for year ending December 31, 1977.	Filed.

OPEN BID REPORTS - ROCK SALT - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

NO BIDS RECEIVED

OPEN BID REPORTS - RADAR & ECM MODULE - POLICE DEPARTMENT

After being duly advertised the following bid on Traffic Radar and ECM Module for the Police Department was opened by the Town Clerk on Monday, February 27, 1978 at 11:15 A.M.

OPEN BID REPORTS - RADAR & ECM MODULE - POLICE DEPARTMENT -
continued

M. P. H. INDUSTRIES, INC.
 15 South Highland
 Chanute, Kansas 66720

MAKE OF RADAR: M.P.H. K-55 ECM

APPROXIMATE DATE OF DELIVERY: 10 days A.R.O.

COST OF RADAR AND ECM MODULE: \$2,735.00
 - \$1,100.00 - Less Trade-in
\$1,635.00 - Net

Filed.

APPLICATIONS

For Zone Change, Residence "C" to Business "C" -
 Doris Nagel Palmieri, Roanoke Avenue. Filed.
 Referred to Planning Board for recommendation and
 report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lester Davis, Jr., Coram; dated 2/14/78 - supporting
 Riverhead Airpark, pointing out that Islip Town is proposing
 to buy an airport to serve small aircraft, and the Riverhead
 Airpark's usefulness for emergency landings. Filed.

John McNulty, Riverhead; dated 2/15/78 - congratulating
 Board on performance during recent storms and bringing to their
 attention the practice of "Woolco" chaining shopping carts in the
 exits of store. Filed.

Mr. & Mrs. William Kelly, Riverhead; dated 2/15/78 - asking
 for solution to drainage problem on Harrison Avenue and suggesting
 3 steps for short term solution. Filed.

Lily Bloom, Jamesport; dated 2/17/78 - stating problems
 in contacting Dog Warden J. Sabotka. Filed.

Dept. of Army Corps of Engineers, dated 2/16/78 -
 application of Walter Olsen to install pier & ramp at Marina
 in Reeve's Bay. (no date mentioned for objections) Filed.

Dept. of Army Corps of Engineers; dated 2/16/78 -
 application of Jas. Magee to construct marine railway slip at
 Meetinghouse Creek. Will be presumed no objections if none
 received by 3/18/78. Filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dept. of Army Corps of Engineers, dated 2/22/78 - listing all January permits granted. (In Riverhead Township - Northville Industries to install fixed mooring dolphins) Filed.

Robert Cianchetti, Wading River, dated 2/25/78 - requests proposed renewal of franchise be contingent on service to subscribers to be equal to that of other cable-vision franchises & appropriate refund policies be developed Filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Special Permit - Joseph Brush (Airport)

Franchise Amendment - Shorewood Water Corp.

Request of Zoning Changes - Joseph Picone, Calverton.

Request for site plan review - Beacon Photo, Wading River.

Supervisor Smith: "We have a resolution later in the evening referring to the application of Mr. Brush to the Department of Transportation pursuant to the Transportation Law.

We have partially received compliance with the pre-conditions of the franchise amendments to the Shorewood Water Corporation. We have been attempting to reach the Engineer, again with reference to that one with the new pipe layouts, they don't go south of the highway again. Now for those of you that followed this one rather closely, we begin with south of the highway, then not south of the highways, south of the highway and now we're back to not south of the highway again. So I think that's got to be cleared up.

Zone changes - Picone, that's to the Planning Board and I believe we will receive a recommendation and Beacon Photo is yet to be worked on.

We come to that point in the evening where we will listen to anyone wishing to address the Town Board on any matter. I see a lot of new faces out there. I would point out to you that are new to the Town Board that we maintain a record with the tape recorder here that Mrs. Pendzick runs and if you speak from your chair, we can't get down what you have to say in the Minutes, which we use to determine our future actions. So we do ask you please, I'll choose people and would you come forward to the microphone here on my left, your right, and before you begin to speak, would you please give your name and address to Mrs. Pendzick."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Ronald John Eck, 984 East Main Street, Riverhead; "Mr. Supervisor, Members of the Town Board, Citizens of the Town

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Ronald John Eck continues:

Board and Public Citizen #1, the Taxpayer. For the past two years, I've been sick in and out of the hospitals - Central Suffolk Hospital for one and the V.A. Hospital. I've been in the V.H. Hospital three times and I am addressing the Board tonight.

I have been fair and honest with everybody in the past. I am a Member of the Suffolk County Conservative Party and I am also a committee man for the County and I am a committee man in the Town of Riverhead for the 15th District. I have been very quiet in doing things.

I have ran on the School Board in 1974 — for the School Board position in 1974 in June. I have been a committee man on the Suffolk County Committee since March of '74, and I believe it is possible and probable that my bill of rights have been violated. It is also possible that Members of the Local Government in this Town have violated them. Notice I said possible and I have been burglarized while I was in the hospital. This is down in record with the Town. I have been put off on different occasions when I tried to make complaints. There is a different detective handling my case now. My next case is going to go to the State Police. It is not going to the Town."

Supervisor Smith: "Yes Sir. Do you have any specific dates that we might look into?"

Ronald Eck: "Yes I could. I was admitted to the hospital on October 25th, that's the V.A. Hospital. In fact, Mr. Smith, if I recall correctly that about a year and a half ago while I was in Central Suffolk Hospital and also when I was in the V.A. Hospital after Central Suffolk, I believe I recall some of your letters in the paper or your notes in the paper that you are being followed by the Police Department and stuff like that. Am I correct in saying this?"

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Eck, whether or not I am followed — what I'm concerned with is your problems, and if you can give us specific dates of the problems — so whether or not an investigation was conducted, we can look into these things and try to explain them as best we can if there is an explanation."

Ronald Eck: "Okay, on November 23rd, I was released from the V.A. Hospital for a four-day pass for the Thanksgiving Holidays. I had come home and found \$480 missing out of my home. \$300 was in one place, and \$180 in another place. This was in cash."

Supervisor Smith: "This was reported to the Police?"

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Ronald Eck: "Yes, Sergeant Grattan, I believe it was Sergeant Joe Grattan who showed up at my home at about 11 p.m. at night — approximately, it was a little bit before. I would say he showed up around 10:00. I guess it was between 10 and 11 approximately. Him and another Officer."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Eck are there other occasions about which you have a complaint?"

Ronald Eck: "Yes. I have reported these here things many times to certain officials. I will not mention names and I kept on being put off. I have dates if someone wishes to come see me, I will give them dates to look into."

Supervisor Smith: "Chief will you make arrangements to meet with the gentleman to see if there's anything . . ."

Chief Palmer: (inaudible)

Supervisor Smith: "Let's see if we can do it again."

Chief Palmer: (inaudible)

Supervisor Smith: "One more time."

Charles Tenzler, Ramblewood Park, Wading River; "Supervisor Smith and Councilmen. We have a terrible problem at every snow storm there. We are just locked in. We cannot get out. Now I did contact some of the people that I thought could help me out and I get a run around from them. They gave me the story that it is a private park and that the Town will not send in any equipment to evade us and clean up the snow condition.

We have a condition of the last storm where a woman needed oxygen service. The service from Riverhead comes out with a little truck that handles equipment. They got stuck and couldn't get it to her. Fire Department Equipment got in there and he got stuck. They finally had to carry it down to the woman. On the next street, another woman is subject to dialysis treatment. They couldn't get the equipment up to her. They had to bring her out on a chair — 600 feet. Now we are taxpayers and we are getting less consideration than inmates in prisons or people on welfare. I don't see why this thing of classifying this property is private property even though the streets are never closed. They are open all year round. We have all kinds of equipment come in there making delivered and people come riding through there. So there is no reason why we should not get that snow removed in that park."

Supervisor Smith: "Yes Mr. Tenzler. Mr. Young, do you wish to address Mr. Tenzler about this issue?"

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Councilman Young: "Actually it's the responsibility of the Park owner to take care of the snow removal within his park and the equipment at the Highway Department has it too big. If they get in there, they'll be breaking things up on those narrow roads.

Now there's a mobile home ordinance that was put in about twelve years ago and one section of the ordinance reads all parks shall provide — this is for the park owner — all parks shall provide safe continuous and convenient vehicle access from a budding public street or road to each mobile home and travel trailer lot.

Now it's the responsibility of the park owner, not the Town of Riverhead and this spells it out in this law."

Charles Tenzler: "Why are we paying taxes then? We don't get a dman thing from the Town for our tax money, and not only that on the basis of acreage, we're paying more taxes, and I doubt anybody else is paying in Riverhead."

Councilman Young: "I realize that. I own a mobile home park, and I know how much taxes are paid and I'll tell you something. The night of the storm, I worked until 11:30 that night shoveling my people out and I had trouble getting someone to do it. The trucks were breaking down, the little pick-up type trucks that we have to take care of trailer parks were too small to carry that heavy snow, and I had a heck of a time, but we got — it was 11:30 Wednesday night. Let's see the storm was Monday, Tuesday night 11:30 I had my roads open, but it took until then to get them open.

Charles Tenzler: "Well the problem in our park is it's a small light weight type. In fact, we know that big equipment have problems, too, so he didn't have a snow ball chance in hell to open up the roads. Luckily, this weekend, one of the women had a bleeding condition — a hemorrhaging. Luckily, the street was open sufficiently that we could get her out to the hospital. Now that woman could have bled to death if this would have happened prior to this three or four days ago, because no equipment could have come in to the park. Even a fire engine was stuck there. So where the hell are we in an emergency."

Supervisor Smith: "Chief with reference to the oxygen situation, didn't we get in there with the police vehicle."

Charles Tenzler: "No they were stuck."

Chief Palmer: (inaudible).

Supervisor Smith: "There was another one."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Charles Tenzler: "Not only that, the oxygen people were stuck, but the Fire Department came in and they were stuck and then another piece of equipment came in, had to use a chain to put around a tree so they could winch them out. That's how bad it was. We are really like out in the desert the last couple of storms and it's unfair for the amount of taxes we pay as Mr. Young is it, just stipulated. He knows what they're paying."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Tenzler."

Charles Tenzler: "Excuse me, I'm paying as much taxes here for a lously little 12 by 64 mobile without the land as I paid in an eight room cellar brick home in Bayside and had all kinds of services."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Tenzler, there are all sorts of arguments about the merits of living on private roads. I happen to live on a private road and I don't want it public."

Charles Tenzler: "Yeah, but you were clean."

Supervisor Smith: "No I wasn't."

Charles Tenzler: "You had certain time to get out."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Tenzler, no I wasn't."

Charles Tenzler: "We had the same condition. It was unfair. One man there when we had a short area, we had to pay \$44 so he could get his car out. We are people between the ages of 55 and 93. A lot of them can't even walk and that's the problem in there."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Tenzler, then you are suggesting that we plow all trailer parks in the Town of Riverhead with taxpayers money."

Charles Tenzler: "Well we are paying taxes."

Supervisor Smith: "Yes Sir. Mr. Tenzler, you make a choice. I mean of where you live with reference to public or private."

Charles Tenzler: "No Sir. I'm not making a choice. I'm Vice President of the Mobile Homeowners Association of Eastern Suffolk, Inc., and I know the problems of the mobile park. It's not only my park, it's every park has that same condition and it's unfair to them."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Supervisor Smith: "You're suggesting then that we with public funds, we plow the parks?"

Charles Tenzler: "It should be."

Unidentified shouts from the audience.

Councilman Young: "Mr. Tenzler there will also if the public starts coming into your private roads, you will loose some of the advantages that you have because you're on a private road. It becomes a public road and you won't have your own private little road out in front anymore."

Charles Tenzler: "Mr. Young, we have no private road there. It's only called because it's part of the park. People come in there with all kinds of equipment. They go through the park. We have boys coming in there with bicycles. It's wide open. Not only that, none of the streets are dead ends."

Councilman Young: "It shouldn't be that way. A properly run park controls the people that come in and they control the peddlers and they control what types of vehicles come in if the park is properly run."

Charles Tenzler: "We have a factor of five streets coming off Sound Avenue. What are you going to do, station a man on each one of them streets and say do you have anything to do in this park and stop them from coming in? You couldn't do it."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Tenzler, I think you've stated your point and I think we have other people that seem to be ready to speak. Why don't we let them have a chance and I'll let you come again."

Mr. Block, Sound Avenue, Owner of Ramblewood Park; "Supervisor, Members of the Board, and fellow taxpayers, I'm more or less going to address this to Alex Horton, who's our Highway Superintendent.

First of all, I think Mr. Tenzler, I don't know what he meant, but what I'm here to say is in an emergency, I feel that as a decent run organization when we're stuck. We have never come to this Town Board to ask to have the Park cleared of snow previously. I don't think you've ever heard me or anybody else in my park ask to this service.

We don't intend asking you for it, but in an emergency, and you will go along with me that it was an emergency on two pretty big snows which we couldn't handle — even Mr. Young couldn't handle these snows. I did hire a private party by the name of Bob Stevenot, unfortunately, his equipment broke

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continuedMr. Block continues:

down. If you'd like to call him you're welcomed. I have his number. Unfortunately, I was stuck. My equipment broke down also.

I called our formidable Supervisor of Highways and needless-to-say, he was of no help. He wasn't even interested in our predicament. He said there was no way he was going to come down there because it was private property.

Now let me just say one other thing. At the same time he went into all his buddies private property roads, and he did the roads cause I have a list of private roads which he did, which I don't blame him for doing, but why should we as paying citizens, taxpayers, not get the same benefits that some maybe cronies of his own, whoever they are, I don't know. When they get their roads done, I want to get my roads done in an emergency. We're certainly entitled to that.

Now let me just pause a minute and find out why my road wasn't down and other private roads were in this emergency."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Block, why don't you ask me all the questions you have."

Mr. Block: "Bear with me, because I have a few gripes. I've been here before. Maybe once in two years I come here, nothing gets done, unfortunately, I have seen Doc Menendez and the other gentleman. They saw the hole across the street that is being used as a sump. It was going to be investigated, but I would like to know if anything has been done in that capacity."

Councilman Menendez; "Mr. Block, Mr. Lombardi and I — we went up to look at your problem. What you are asking. . ."

Mr. Block: "By the way excuse me."

Councilman Menendez: "Let me finish."

Mr. Block: "Let me interrupt you, it's not my problem, we're talking about a Town Highway with a sump."

Councilman Menendez: "I had the floor, let me have it. Now listen. We went up there and asked you what your problem was."

Mr. Block: "It's not my problem. I just got finished telling you that. Don't you say it's my problem. It's not. It's a Town problem, it's a Town Highway."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Councilman Menendez: "I'm not talking about the Highways now."

Mr. Block: "Well I am."

Councilman Menendez: "Well I'm not."

Mr. Block: "Well this is what I'm talking about."

Supervisor Smith: "Hey I'm still running this meeting. I am the presiding officer here, and I'm still running this show. Now I'm not going to get involved in any personal debates between you and Doctor Menendez even though you might want it and he might want it."

Mr. Block: "I don't want it."

Supervisor Smith: "Okay. You state whatever your problems are and we will deal with them seriatem."

Mr. Block: "Okay fine. It seems like preferential is given to friends and cronies and there's preference shown to residents of the Town. Now as I said before, there were certain roads that were done, certain that weren't and these are all private roads.

Now I didn't know that the Riverhead Highway Department was run as a private company funded by the taxpayers. If Alex Horton doesn't want the job that he gets paid to do, then he can 1. resign or 2. give the taxpayers back the highway taxes that he gets.

Now as far as I'm concerned, in a serious job as snow removal was done on a main artery of traffic, which is Sound Avenue. Now I'm complaining about the job that was done on Sound Avenue which is a Town Highway Street. They did the main part of the road, the inside, they never returned to do the sides to clear it. All it was was enough room for one car on each side in the middle. Now on a main artery, I think that all the other Towns did clear about two or three days later. It was never touched again.

It seems that everybody's afraid of the Town Highway Supervisor. And neither the taxpayer or the Board has any say in the kind of job he does.

Now I was once told that he doesn't have to answer to anybody. The State Funds come directly to him and nobody can tell him what he does. I can't understand this. Even President Carter has to explain what he does.

Now there's also games being played which I'm a little too old to participate in. He seems to carry a grudge and when I say he, it's the Highway Supervisor I'm talking about.

During the first big snow storm, around January 20th,

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continuedMr. Block continues:

I was away on vacation. We had a big snow storm and, unfortunately, my equipment broke. Now my son asked Alex Horton if he could help the people of Ramblewood Park out of a bad situation, and his reply was quote, "You must be joking. No way. Your father goes before the Town Board and says bad things about me." After the second big snow storm I called Alex Horton on the phone and asked if he could help us out during the emergency. He became very belligerent on the phone and he had the audacity to say, you always complain about nothing and that this was a nice Town before people like you moved out here. Now I don't have to take that kind of abuse. I mean especially from somebody that's an elected official.

Okay, fortunately for us nothing happened and Mr. Lewin, who's a farmer right next to us saw the predicament we were in, we had sick people in the park, I tried my darnedest to get the place cleared up. Fortunately, Mr Young, got his cleared up. I couldn't clean mine. He came in with two tractors and two buckets and he cleared the place. I mean it's just common decency to just help out somebody even if he wasn't a Town Official. I mean he's got the equipment, we're paying him for it. He supplies us with almost no services that I can think of and when asked to do anything, he gets very nasty.

Now there's sewer on a road that never gets cleaned out when I call, I always get some sort of back talk or nasty remark.

The grass in front of my park which I once let go in front of my park for two months, he never came to cut it, it's on the highway, it's not part of my property, but there are very clean people in my park, we keep our place immaculate and so we cut it constantly for seven years. We've been cutting Town grass without any compensation or pay.

Last year, I had two large stacks of leaves on the grass and I called up to have them removed, they never came. I ended up taking them away myself after about two months. Now with the Town Highway Department in the Town of Wading River the other day, I asked the Condzella's if they would throw some sand down in front of the park, I mean Sound Avenue, the Highway. His reply was and I quote once more, "What do you think we do, sit on our ass all day." Now I mean you know there's no reason for all this nasty bit. I don't have to get a lot of abuse when all I asked was for some sand to be thrown down. He also always says to me and I say Condzella, who is the workman in our Town, is, I can't do anything for you unless my boss gives the okay."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Block. We will

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

deal with the problems that you've brought up as best as we can. Now Doctor, calmly, quietly would you please address . . ."

Councilman Menendez: "Calmly and quietly. Mr. Block, if I may say two sentences without being interrupted, I'd like to tell you something.

When you called us about your problem, not this year, don't get up in the air about our problem, it was last year, a very cold day. We almost froze to death up there. We walked down to see what your problem was — it had nothing to do with your roads, you wanted the Town to put up a snow fence in back of your property on LILCO property. No way could the Town do that and that's what you were told and that was the only honest and fair thing to tell you."

Supervisor Smith: "With reference, Mr. Block, if you raise a question with reference to budgeting and the powers of the Superintendent of Highways. I think it's safe to say that the way the Superintendent of Highways position is handled in the Town or this Town or any other Town where he is not appointed by the Town Board, which is the situation that we have in Riverhead. The abilities of the Town Board to hold the Highway Superintendent accountable are somewhat limited. The abilities that we do have are with reference to budget. There is no power given to us by the Town Law directly over Mr. Horton or any other Highway Superintendent.

Now Mr. Horton, that leaves us with those things that Mr. Block brought up that fall within your jurisdiction. Do you want to come up and answer him as best you can?"

Alex Horton, Supt. of Highways: "Well there is no provision for us to plow any trailer park anywhere. We've been plowing some of the private roads. A lot of them are being in the take now. That's the ones we plowed what Mr. Block knows about both snow storms, he was in Hawaii, he wasn't even here."

Supervisor Smith: "I'm not going to let you throw bricks at each other either. Why don't you just deal with what the man's questions were with reference to how you plowed Sound Avenue in two slots or four slots or whatever it was."

Alex Horton: "We've done the best that we could and we've done better than any other Town in Suffolk County."

Supervisor Smith: "Let's deal with cutting grass and clippings."

Alex Horton: "Well Mr. Block has nothing to cry about."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Supervisor Smith: "Are you saying Mr. Horton the — you do in fact cut the grass there . . ."

Alex Horton: "We cut grass all year round."

Supervisor Smith: "Wait a minute. Let me explain something. Let's focus back up here. If I can't control the meeting, and if it can't proceed in an orderly fashion, you don't get to say what you want to say and we don't profit from hearing what you have to say. So if it turns into a riot, very simply what happens is that I will entertain a motion by one of the Members of the Town Board to adjourn the meeting to like tomorrow morning. We will get up out of our chairs and leave, and that serves no ones purpose.

So you address us, and we take the heat as well as anybody else, and we'll try to keep the meeting under control."

Walter Witt, Wading River: "This is not a — what I'm trying to get across to the people in defense of Alex Horton, this is something I know I've seen and I have witnesses to prove it. As far as Mr. Block using the word cronies, I'll go along when he got here. He came out as a crony. The park itself right now, I can tell you there's quite a few people that were probably approached this is why they're here to represent Mr. Block's problems.

The equipment that he has — the so-called he calls "equipment", it's not even, I can't even find a name for it. He has one maintenance man in the whole park. He expects him to be old Mighty Glory.

His leaves he doesn't supply his people with bags like some parks do. What do they do with them? They walk across Sound Avenue, and dump them in the sump, which Horton has to clean out. Again I will say I have witnesses.

He claims about people with emergencies. We have a man right directly across the street, a Mr. Sterling with a mother 94 years of age. He is 71. He hired a plow three times to keep his driveway clean. The man is retired, semi-retired. He took care of his driveway, for his mother's concern.

These people right now I feel sorry for them, cause they have a man like that controlling that park. Now he should have forseen these things and all park owners should forsee these things — not blame Mr. Horton, cause I, as one, as a taxpayer, want my road plowed. I will never turn my back on somebody in need, but don't condemn Mr. Horton because this man is looking for something for nothing. Thank you."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Witt."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Charles Eich, 124 Fresh Pond Avenue, Calverton: "It's too bad we don't live on Knobb Hill, any of us. I happen to live in a Mobile Park, Thurm's Park. He, as Mr. Young stated, according to law has his equipment, did a beautiful job. It's very funny this Mr. Block on two occasions with the snow, his equipment broke down. I, again, will say about Mr. Horton with his budget, with the equipment he has, with the men he has, this storm to my knowledge —"

Unidentified words from the audience.

Charles Eich: "Please I'm talking . . ."

Supervisor Smith: "Hey, will you stop it. You don't call people names, and I'm not going to let anybody else call you names . . ."

Charles Eich: "I didn't say a word."

Supervisor Smith: "You talk to us. You tell us what you have to say."

Charles Eich: "I don't want no cross fire please. With this storm, it stated right in Times Magazine about the blizzard of '88. I'm going back 30 years. This storm was a very bad one, and I thank heaven what we had for the equipment and the men, we had for Riverhead. Thank you."

Supervisor Smith: "You made a reference and I think Mr. Horton made a reduction of his budget. If you would like to Mr. Eich, I will show you Mr. Horton's budget and I don't believe you'll find any figures were altered from his budgeting request. If you'd like to see those, we'll be more than happy to provide them to you or anybody else that wishes to see them."

Richard Spanburgh, Union Avenue, Aquebogue: "I was here two weeks ago asking the Board about the game plan for snow removal in Aquebogue and other parts of Riverhead and I was told basically to wait until Mr. Horton will be in attendance and I see that tonight he is in attendance. I thought I was going to have to give a long winded resume of what's going on in this Town in regards to the public relations ability of the Superintendent of Highways.

But I think the only question I would have after hearing these people in the mobile homes, they've had a complaint that I think isn't unwarranted in so far as if I interpret it correctly that the Highway Department does plow out certain private roads, that is the one question I would like answered.

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Richard Spanburgh continues:

Does the Highway Department plow out certain private roads and if so, who decides what roads are plowed out and what roads aren't? When we have hundreds of people here that are asking for that favor and it's denied by the Highway Department and yet on the other hand, it may apparently seem that other roads in this Town that are private are being plowed out.

Now I can get into a whole half hour discussion in the way the roads were plowed out which is another story all together. But I think one of the things and the main problem with the Highway Department is the sense of not having an understanding of public relations with the people that pay the taxes in this Town.

I am sure that Mr. Horton and his men do the best job with the equipment that they have and the funding that it's provided for. But I don't think that getting across to the public meaning the taxpayers of this Town, the procedures that they use in order to go about snow removal or any other emergency and it has been mentioned before, here, you do call up Mr. Horton and the answer you sometimes get for any question leaves a lot to be desired. I did not elect him to be a public relations man, but I think he could disseminate some of the information and some of the programs that the Highway Department does a lot better.

I think that Mr. Horton without getting back off the microphone for coming up here and at least explaining if it is true, he plows out private roads, what is the criteria and what is the list he follows that he plows out the private roads, but yet will not help out the Senior Citizens that are in the Trailer Parks in this Town.

I'm not running for office or anything like that, but I thought I had a complaint until I came down here tonight. I don't know what a complaint is when I hear people like this. If it's not legally possible, fine, but why make an exception for some roads and not the people that need it. Thank you."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Horton would you like to come up here and deal with that?"

Alex Horton: "We do plow private roads. We have about four developments that are in the taking. We plowed all of them. There are a few roads that are fit for a snow plow to go through. We do plow them, we always did. But to come into a Trailer Park where you can't get a car in, never mind only a truck, it's impossible. No dice."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Horton, Mr. Spanburgh has asked a question with reference to — I think what he means

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is how are the plows assigned or dispatched or something of that particular nature?"

Alex Horton: "Well there's no sectors. Where the road — after we get our Town roads plowed, we always did plow, for the last 50 years, this has been going on. Private roads as long as you can go though with a snow plow."

Supervisor Smith: "I think Mr. Horton, what he's asking is in terms of which Town Roads get plowed. His specific problem is on Union Avenue."

Alex Horton: "Well Union Avenue was plowed. We might have gotten there a little late, but we had to plow other roads before we got there. We start cutting the brush last year and they chased us out of there, they want privacy. Now the road isn't wide enough, where are we supposed to put the snow.

The farmer doesn't want this snow across the street because he ain't going to plow till June. The people that live there don't want the snow on their side. What am I supposed to do, eat it. This year that road will be widened, though, right to the line."

Dick Benedict, Fanning Blvd; "When I got — I said I wasn't going to say anything, I told Doc Menendez. I lived on a private road for 14 years — taxes over \$1,000, well over \$1,000. I've never seen a snow plow. I've never seen a leaf picked up. I've never seen a cop. I've never seen street lights and I've never seen sewers. So I don't know who the hell he's plowing, he ain't plowing our private road."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Benedict."

Al Quigley, Ramblewood Park, Wading River; "I first came out here in 1967. I had an audit to get at one floor. A mobile home park was my answer to it due to a heart condition. At that time, my first contact was in late October. To the north of our park, there's 320 acres of open ground there. At that time, there was a snow fence up there and for several years after that that snow fence was there. As Doc Menendez stated a few minutes ago, they could not put snow fences on LILCO property. But for a period of four years, there were snow fences on that property.

Now our problem here and what I come to complain about is this. I am next to the northern end of the park. On the first snow storm, we had an eight foot drift that started 60 feet away from the north road. That graduated down to five foot. It blocked the north road, a five foot depth of snow. Luckily nature came along with a long rain and washed

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it out. On this last storm, we had a seven foot drift that started in front of my mobile coach that graduated down to five feet and we had over 45 feet of snow and a depth of five feet from the front of my coach — a little past the front of my coach to the edge of the north road. And he could not get a plow, even Mr. Lewin when he came down with his equipment to get us out of there had trouble getting through there.

Now how come all of a sudden for the last couple of years, we have no fence to break that barrier? Cause a north wind comes in there and there's 25 inches of ground that's open there that the wind goes across.

Now there's something else regarding Mr. Horton here, he's supposed to be Superintendent of Highways. He's supposed to know his equipment. He tells you you can't get a plow into a mobile home park. Does Mr. Horton realize that the thread of an axle on his truck is no more than 56 inches wide and we have 15-20 foot roads in there? And if you don't believe me Mr. Horton, take a tape measure and measure it."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Quigley, you give me hell, and I'll ask Mr. Horton."

Al Quigley: "My complaint is this. The snow fence erected back there could prevent these excessive drifts that we had.

Now if I may, I'd like to ask Mr. Block a question here. From A row to H row, what's your distance? It's about 600 or 700 feet, isn't it? We had a 600 to 700 foot drift, five feet deep back there and you couldn't do anything with it. That is all Sir."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Quigley."

Larry Lang, Roanoke Landing, Riverhead; "I'd like an explanation from Mr. Horton as to why it took roughly three days to get snow removal up in our area after the first storm and almost a week after the second storm. There doesn't seem to be any delinquency in getting tax assessments out to us which I'm told are amongst the highest in the Town. I'd also like an explanation to certain irregularities which I personally have noticed. Plows going through unplowed streets with their plows up.

On three seperate occasions I noticed plows parked in front of private homes in one instance an hour and a half with the motors running. Not only is the waste from the motors costly, but I can't see how the roads can get plowed within any reasonable time while these trucks are seemingly idle."

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Supervisor Smith: "All right Mr. Lang. Mr. Horton if you would like to come up here and deal with these problems."

Alex Horton: "I think the gentleman's got his days mixed up. It might have been two days or three days after the storm that we had to widen out the other roads. What's the use of opening up roads in the back woods, they can't go anywhere, anyway."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Horton, the next question is with reference to the parking of the trucks."

Alex Horton: "Well if a man is plowing in a certain district and he lives right there, I think he's got a right to stop and have something to eat."

Sherry Wendelken, Calverton: "I'd just like to speak on what that gentleman said for a second. My husband happens to snow plow for the Town of Brookhaven, thank goodness, and there were some streets there that didn't get plowed out for almost two weeks. True it's a bigger Town, but we had unusual snow. Now they work 24, 48 hours straight, and they do like to stop for an hour, maybe two hours to sleep occasionally, if the people don't mind."

Frances Davis, West Middle Road, Calverton: "I do not live on a private road or anything else. But it seems to me that's what's Middle Road, Calverton — is the last road even to get plowed out and I'm not talking about 18 something storms or the last two we had. I'm referring to a general snow storm. I was out and I had picked up a few people from Central Suffolk and returned them to Millbrook Trailer Park, and I don't know if it's in your Bible, Mr. Young, but the road was not plowed up to that trailer park, but in that trailer park it was cleared beautifully. What's the excuse for that?"

Ken Zahler, Union Avenue, Aquebogue: "I came up here two weeks ago because at that time Mr. Horton has been requested to show and he didn't. I think in part that seems to reflect Mr. Horton's attitude toward the tax people — taxpayers. There are a couple of questions I'd like to direct to Mr. Horton.

First of all, I happen to live on Union Avenue, Aquebogue. I know the very next street east of me was plowed on an entirely different day. This happened not only the last two big snow storms, but in prior years, streets to the west of me is done on a different day to the east of me, north and south and on all occasions, I seem to be the last one. I'm not complaining about my own street, it's just that it seems to use the amount

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continuedKen Zahler continues:

of — the amount of equipment that we have — most efficiently, the Town should be divided into sectors, given sectors done at a time. Don't hop, skip and jump around. Let's use what we got to the best of our ability and if we don't have that ability that administrative ability to use it the right way, let's step down."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Zahler."

Supervisor Smith recessed the meeting for five minutes after which the meeting resumed.

Supervisor Smith: "Who would like to address the Board next?"

Joe Fisher, Union Avenue, Aquebogue; "I'm always afraid to speak before the Board because of Mr. Horton's vindictive attitude. I'm afraid we might never get plowed again. He seems to resent the fact that we stopped them from cutting down trees along the roadway last summer, and that's why he couldn't make two paths down the road to make it wide enough for two cars. Yet finally, four days after we persisted in complaining to him, he did manage to come down and make a second path so that two cars can pass each other. What I'd like to know is why are private roads being done ahead of the public roads? #2 why is the end of our street by 25 still have snow on it, so that you can't make a left turn, you have to make a Y and then cut across the road so that we still have snow sitting there. And if we are doing private roads, why aren't we doing all of them? Or are those that are being done are they compensating this Town for the work that's being done?"

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Fisher. I, being the Chief Fiscal Officer, I can tell you that we do not receive money for plowing. With your specific complaint with reference to Union Avenue, and it's present condition. Mr. Horton is there possibility of correcting that tomorrow? Could that be done?"

Alex Horton: "That is on State property. Not on Town property to begin with."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Horton can we do it,"Alex Horton: "We might."Supervisor Smith: "Let's have another speaker."

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Bill Nohejl, Wading River: "What happen to the podium?"

Supervisor Smith: "I stole that from the Methodist Church and the Methodist Church asked for it back."

Bill Nohejl: "Can this Town afford one?"

Supervisor Smith: "Yes we can afford one and Mr. Shefchick who had to take it back, has got it on order."

Bill Nohejl: "I'm on a different subject. In reference to safety, down here at the light at Peconic and Main Street, I feel there's going to be a serious accident there some day. I'll just make an example. Coming up from Peconic, the parking lot in back of the stores heading north, want to make a left turn on to Main Street. I have a green light, but people coming out of Roanoke keep coming even though they have a blinker, you can't get through. And I feel as though there should be no right turn on Roanoke."

Supervisor Smith: "All right. That's been suggested before, and I — it's beginning to again — popularity. Chief would you get in touch with the County Safety Coordinator and ask him to do a survey there?"

Chief Palmer: "Yes Sir."

Bill Nohejl: "One other question. On the Northville Turnpike and 105, what is the County procedure on that blinker light?"

Supervisor Smith: "I signed the contract as I said the last time. The lights are there. They have actually had an engineer, I assume, comes out and coordinates the thing and turns it on."

Bill Nohejl: "Because I came up 105 and there's nothing on 105. There's big snow banks and you can hardly see a car coming down Northville Turnpike."

Supervisor Smith: "I am told by somebody that's been there recently that it's there."

Bill Nohejl: "Thank you."

Walter Witt: "I think the whole problem lies which is private and which is not. And I think, you can end this whole problem right now. Should he plow or shouldn't he plow. Somebody should get this straightened out. And when should he plow if he should plow. Being we're all Supervisors, we should straighten it out."

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Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Witt if that would become the situation that Mr. Horton would then take orders from the Town Board, I would be more than happy to begin right here."

Walter Witt: "I didn't say take orders from someone. I'm just stating if he should plow private roads or shouldn't he plow private roads?"

Supervisor Smith: "All right, I see where you're coming from. The way to do that Mr. Witt is to make the Highway Superintendent an appointed position, and the Town Board can tell him where to go can't they."

Walter Witt: "No that was a dirty blow. He's been doing his job for 18 years, that's a lot of — before a lot of people ever moved into this Town. He's still doing a good job."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you."

Walter Witt: "We just happen to get hit with one storm and now everybody's out for his hide."

Linda Gatz, Zdunko Lane, Riverhead: "When I came here tonight, I thought I had a problem. Now I don't know if I'm mad at Mr. Horton or if I'm not mad at him any longer. In all the storms, we've lived there two years. In all the storms with the exception of the last one, after the Town Roads were plowed, Mr. Horton has come through and plowed ours. Ours still has not been plowed, but we're still getting out."

To do with the Union Avenue situation, the last storm it snowed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning, my husband left home about 5 o'clock on a skiddoo to go down to Union Avenue where our potato storage is and get a tractor to come back up and plow us out so we could go get groceries. And he had to go along Union Avenue with tractors scooping the snow. And he got part way up, and I think it's a Walters plow that comes through with a big pointed blade, came along and did the rest of the road for him, but he said Union Avenue had not been plowed. He said Sound Avenue and the other roads coming down there had been done pretty good.

So I don't want to get involved with the trailer park situation, but private roads I feel, too, that we have Senior Citizens on our road, we have a Disabled Veteran on our road. We have little children on our road.

Last year on one of the snow storms, I called Mr. Horton and I asked him, I said I put my son in Southampton Hospital, he's three years old, and he wants me to come visit him. We're supposed to get another snow storm tonight, could he have somebody plow the road tomorrow, because we only get plowed by my husband or the other farmer who lives on the

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continuedLinda Gatz continues:

road, and they have to go down to Aquebogue to get plows and Mr. Horton told me if it snowed, he would plow my road. The next morning at quarter to eight, the plow came through so I could get to the hospital. We didn't have the snow last year that we've had this year. And I still haven't been plowed from the last snow storm. I still have 4½ foot of snow in my whole yard. My trees are under snow. My kids are walking over the banks to get to the school bus. But like I say, I don't know if he's supposed to plow my roads or he's not to plow it.

I know Union Avenue wasn't plowed when some of the other roads were and I know right now our storage at the end of Union Avenue behind the old McKay house. The end of Union Avenue, not on 25, but on Union Avenue is bad, because we're taking potatoes out of there every day and if I go down to take my husband to the storage, I cannot come out and come onto 25. I have to go up to 105 without turning around backing up and doing a bunch of maneuvering without running into snow. It is still bad and that's on Union Avenue. I don't know if it's state property, but it is on Union Avenue."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mrs. Gatz."

Ronald Eck, Riverhead; "Mr. Smith you asked for dates before. Last Friday, I was told by a plain clothes detective, I won't mention his name, that if I had any phone calls in any way to let them know. I left a note Saturday morning that I had one Friday, in fact, right after I received the phone call, I had called the desk and I believe it was Officer McDonald that answered the phone, this was at 2:55 in the morning. This phone call did not bother me because I know, but I reported it. What the person had said, I would not say again. I would not repeat it. But I had repeated it to Officer McDonald, and I had called in on Monday to the plain clothes detective and he said he had originally told me that he would put a tap on my line if I received any nasty phone calls.

Now on Sunday, my phone was tapped. I don't know if it was done legally, actually it wasn't because I was not notified of the fact, but it was tapped on Sunday, of this past Sunday and it was tapped all day."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Sir. Chief, again with reference to this particular matter. Is there anybody else for seconded?"

Larry Lang: "Excuse me for taking two bites out of the same apple. I'm starting to feel greedy. I'm still trying to get over Supervisor Horton's remarks about quote,

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continuedLarry Lang continues:

"Nobody driving up there anyway." As Vice President of the Roanoke Landing Association, I can't wait to get back and tell the four or five hundred people who live in the Reeves Park, Roanoke Area that nobody drives up there. They're going to get a kick out of it. I think what we heard from Mr. Horton tonight, has been many to say the least vague and to say the word lackadaisical and carless answers. I knew you mind him, that he is a public servant he has been elected by us and he's supposed to have at least a masked attitude of concern, however false it may be.

I've heard several stories about him resigning before the next term. If this is so and this reflects on his lackadaisical attitude tonight, I think he should do many of us a favor by resigning now. Thank you."

Alex Horton: "It seems that during election time we can't find candidates for Superintendent of Highways, but we sure got plenty here tonight. I didn't say that nobody drives up there anywhere. I said you couldn't go anywhere if we did open the roads because the main roads weren't open. Besides I forgot to mention, we had two trucks for the Long Island Lighting Company, one truck for the Sheriff's Office, one truck for the railroad, and we had one part-time for the Armory. This kind of put a dent in our fleet too, which no one sees because they're sleeping, while we're working. I slept on a chair myself for two nights. This is the appreciation you get from these wonderful people that move into Town just recently. Johnny come lately."

Mr. Block: "To enlighten Mr. Witt and Mr. Horton, if you don't like new residents, don't accept their tax money. I don't see where you people get off thinking you're so damn hot and better than anybody else. These people are trying to say that because people are moving into the neighborhood, they're not as good as anyone else.

I just want to let them know that as far as I'm concerned, I'm a Veteran. I did my bit, my three brothers were in, and as far as I'm concerned, I did as much, if not more for this country than the next person and I don't want to be down-graded by Mr. Witt or Mr. Horton or anybody else."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Mr. Block."

Walter Witt: "I just want to repeat after this flag waver here, that I'm a Veteran also. I didn't mention the fact about a Veteran or anything. I mentioned the fact that he's supposed to make the agenda for his park, not the people. He has his people here tonight backing him. He's supposed to take care of his park like everybody else takes care of their park. Not have his people in here arguing for better conditions. He makes the conditions in his park, not the Town Board.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continuedWalter Witt continues:

Now as far as taxpayers, I believe I pay a little bit more than he does. Right now I'm paying \$1500, and it costs me \$95 to clean my driveway out three times. I'm sure he didn't spend that for his driveway and he lives in a park.

Now can he explain to me how he expects the Town to clean his place and leave the other places go just by the waste side. Right now the snow is over? I bet he didn't buy a piece of equipment for the next snow. He's sitting back. I believe there's nothing on order. Could he answer me that?"

Mr. Block: "Well the one thing is first of all, it's none of your business if I bought new equipment. Secondly, I paid about twenty times as much as you, to have my place cleaned. So you don't know what you're talking about. I live in the park."

Richard Spanburgh: "I am a Veteran too. If that is is any criteria, I am. The only issue I am asking the Town Board or the Highway Superintendent or someone to resolve and I think the nut of the problem here is when is the Highway Department authorized to plow our private roads, if they are authorized to plow out private roads, what private roads are they? If the trailer parks not fall in that category, please state so, but then was an exception made for them or are there private enterprises supposedly? We have human concerns there too.

Mr. Horton gets up here and states too of his problems and lambastes the people of Union Avenue because, we, as citizens of this Town bother to come down here and voice our complaints. Maybe he feels they're unwarranted and unfounded, I don't think so. I think Mr. Horton should treat us with some courtesy as citizens and taxpayers of this Town that we try to treat him as an elected official. He is elected to office, not anointed, and I also think that we should come up with some program as to what private roads are plowed out and what mobile homes aren't. Somebody had to resolve the question."

Supervisor Smith: "As far as this particular member of the Town Board goes, it would be my opinion and my druthers that no private roads get plowed."

Richard Spanburgh: "Well then that's 100% okay with me, but why isn't that the policy."

Supervisor Smith: "That is a question to be addressed to Mr. Horton."

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Richard Spanburgh: "I wish Mr. Horton would address the question with an answer."

Supervisor Smith: "Do you want to come back again Mr. Horton, or do you want to stay put."

Alex Horton: "I've been asking the Town Board this for the last ten years, and I never got an answer because nobody would commit himself. These private roads were plowed before I was ever Superintendent and this is why I continue plowing them. If the Town Board says don't plow them, okay with me."

Supervisor Smith: "You'll take a resolution from Town Board on this one?"

Alex Horton: "If you people say don't plow them, okay with me."

Supervisor Smith: "We'll get onto that one. That's something we can take up. Somebody else? Anybody now?"

Ronald Eck: "I'd like to say a little bit on the snow. I heard so much here tonight about this here snow storm. Does anybody know where I was in this snow storm? Well I'll tell you where I was. I left here at 10:30 in the morning to take a kidney dialysis patient down to Bayshore to the kidney dialysis. I stayed down there. If it wasn't for Dr. Hurst, I wouldn't have had nothing to eat down there. I stayed there for five and a half hours. I left there ten to five. I drove all the way home in that snow storm. I was told by Firemen I wouldn't get through. I have drove in snow before up in Alaska. By the way, I was in the service at that time too, I hear everybody saying it. Well I drove through 155 inches of snow up in Alaska and I drove all the way home. I made it to Westhampton over the railroad tracks and I was forced off the road by a snow plow and if it wasn't for the Southampton Town Police and the Riverhead Police to get this woman home, she wouldn't have been home."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you Sir. I think we have exhausted the various subjects of the evening. We will now proceed with the resolutions if we may, Mrs. Pendzick.

I'm going to take a chance on something, if I may. For those of you that live in trailer homes, I have been up the past two nights with some of the other firemen of the Riverhead Fire District and fortunately, nobody's been killed. Will you please put smoke alarms in your trailers. We've had two of these things go up like thousands of degrees before they break through that aluminum hide. Just a word to the wise."

RESOLUTIONS#87 AUTHORIZES RECREATION AIDE TO ATTEND N.Y.S. CONFERENCE

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

RESOLVED, That Michael A. Mayo, Recreation Aide, be and is hereby authorized to attend the New York State Recreation and Parks Society Convention to be held at Monticello, New York, from April 16, 1978 to April 19, 1978, and that all necessary expenses incurred thereto be paid from the Recreation Fund.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#89 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized to transfer Eight Hundred Ninety-Two and 47/100 (\$892.47) Dollars from Drainage Account #8540.400, General Fund, to Civil Defense Account #3640.400.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#90 AUTHORIZES ATTENDANCE OF ASSESSORS SEMINAR

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

RESOLVED, That Charles Crump and Joseph Loughlin be authorized to attend the seminar at the House of McLoughlin in Roslyn. The Seminar is on the assessment problems as result of recent Court decisions sponsored by the N.Y.S. Assessors Association and the Institutes of Assessing Officers.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That expenses incurred by them be paid by the Board of Assessors budget.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#91 AUTHORIZES ATTENDANCE OF SOCIETY OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS COURSE

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

RESOLVED, That Charles Crump be authorized to attend SRA Course 201 at the Polytechnic Institute of New York in Farmingdale March 1 thru May, 1978.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That expenses incurred by him be paid by the Board of Assessors budget and that the assessors car be used for transportation.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued#92 AUTHORIZES OVERTIME COMPENSATION - SANITATION DEPT.

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

RESOLVED, That the following employees of the Sanitation Department, be compensated at time and one-half for overtime worked as listed below:

Robert Kennedy

2/04/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$7.38	\$ 77.49	Bernard Hettrick sick
2/13/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$7.38	\$ 77.49	Lincoln's Birthday
2/20/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$7.38	\$ 77.49	Washington's Birthday
2/25/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$7.38	\$ 77.79	
				<u>\$309.96</u>	

Thaddeus Krukoski

2/11/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$9.81	\$103.01	Emergency repairs 966c
2/13/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$9.81	\$103.01	Lincoln's Birthday
2/20/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$9.81	\$103.01	Washington's Birthday
				<u>\$309.03</u>	

Edward Gadzinski

2/06/78	8 hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$ 83.52	Snow emergency
2/07/78	12 hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$125.28	Snow emergency
2/08/78	9½ hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$ 99.18	Snow emergency
2/11/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$109.62	Emergency repairs 966c
2/13/78	8 hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$ 83.52	Lincoln's Birthday, Emg.rprs.
2/18/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$109.62	Frank Columbus vacation
2/25/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$109.62	Frank Columbus vacation
2/26/78	10½ hrs.	@	\$10.44	\$109.62	Frank Columbus vacation
				<u>\$829.98</u>	

Total of \$1,448.97

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#93 AUTHORIZES ATTENDANCE OF GRANTSMANSHIP SEMINAR

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

WHEREAS, The Government information services of Washington D.C. is sponsoring a National Conference on current Federal Programs and Legislation from March 8-10th in Chicago

AND WHEREAS, The information covered during this conference would be of great value to the Town in filing and receiving Federal Grants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Rita Peters is designated to attend this seminar and is advanced \$550.00 to cover flight, registration fees, room, board and any other additional expenses related to the attendance of the conference.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

#94 AUTHORIZES ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON ROCK SALT - HWY. DEPT.

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

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids on Rock Salt requirements for use of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department, and be it

RESOLVED, That specifications and forms for bidding be prepared by the Superintendent of Highways, and bids to be returnable up to 11:45 A.M. on Wednesday, March 15, 1978, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead be and is hereby designated to open publicly and read aloud on Wednesday, March 15, 1978, at 11:45 A.M., at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation, "Bid on Rock Salt."

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#95 AUTHORIZES OVERTIME COMPENSATION FOR SENIOR CLERK - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLVED, That the following employee be paid overtime compensation; as letter of explanation filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, for a total of all severance pay as due.

Rita Egert - - - - - \$3,239.12

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#96 BRUSH AIRPARK, INC., DEPT. OF TRANSPORATION DETERMINATION

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

WHEREAS, Riverhead Airpark, Inc., has applied to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead for a special use permit for a privately-owned airport, and

WHEREAS, General Business Law §249 (3), provides that prior to a decision by the Town Board, it shall request the Commissioner of Transportation to determine whether or not the establishment of such a privately-owned airport complies with his standards, and

WHEREAS, General Business Law §249 (6), provides that the Commissioner of Transportation may adopt rules and regulations to enforce said section, and

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WHEREAS, Title 17 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, §75.3(a), provides that the Town Board must by resolution request that the Commissioner of Transportation make such a determination, it is hereby

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead requests that the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York make a determination as to whether or not the establishment of such privately-owned airport complies with his standards adopted pursuant to General Business Law §249.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#97 PUBLISH NOTICE TO BIDDERS RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

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

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to publish and post the following Notice to Bidders re: Police Department uniforms.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for Riverhead Police Department Uniforms will be received by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at the direction of the Town Clerk at 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, until 11:30 A.M., on March 15, 1978, at which time and place they will be opened and read.

Instructions for bidders, specifications, bid forms and forms of contract may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York. Bids shall be on the form as prepared by the Town of Riverhead.

The Town Board of the Town of Riverhead reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities. It also reserves the right to hold any and all bids open for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of opening. All bids must be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS".

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#98 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

RESOLVED, That the sum of Two thousand thirty-five and 27/100 (\$2,035.27) Dollars be transferred from the Federal Revenue Anti-recession Fund to the Community Development Fund.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

#99 AUTHORIZING OVERTIME PAYMENT TO CHRISTINE FUCHS

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

RESOLVED, That Christine Fuchs receive the sum of One hundred thirty-three and 00/100 (\$133.00) Dollars for overtime accrued during the month of December.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#100 AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF JESSIE TOMLINSON IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Rita Egert has filed for retirement from her position in the Highway Department, effective February 28, 1978, and

WHEREAS, The Highway Superintendent and this Town Board wishes to see re-classification of Mrs. Egert's position and further intends to post said vacancy to the Riverhead Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association, and

WHEREAS, The Highway Superintendent has requested the appointment of a 30-day temporary employee, pending the re-classification and posting of the above-referenced position,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That Jessie Tomlinson is hereby appointed to the vacancy created by the retirement of Rita Egert as a 30-day temporary employee, at an annual salary established by the existing contract between the Town Board and the Civil Service Employees Association, at Group 6, Step 5, effective March 1, 1978.

Before the roll was called Councilman Regula then stated: "I would like to read a statement on this before I vote. This Board knew months ago that Mrs. Egert was retiring as of this date even if the official resignation was submitted some weeks ago. I cannot understand why regular procedure wasn't followed as has been required of other offices in Town. Why wasn't the Civil Service List for the position obtained as required? Why wasn't the position posted as required? Why wait until the very day of Mrs. Egert's retirement to appoint anyone temporarily? And if someone has to be appointed to get the job done, why not an individual with at least a Senior Clerk status, the rating of this position. As far as I know, Mrs. Tomlinson is not on any Civil Service List. Many of our citizens take these tests hoping for a fair chance to get a job. I feel I cannot let them down for what appears to be a purely political appointment. I vote No on this resolution.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

#101 APPOINTS DRIVER-MESSENGER TO PERMANENT STATUS

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

RESOLVED, That Judith Schroeder, having served the required probationary period, be and hereby is appointed to the position of Driver-Messenger, to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, effective this dated, at pay scale designated by CSEA Contract.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#102 RAILROAD - HIGHWAY CROSSING PROGRAM SIGNING - PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

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

Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead Agreeing to Permit the Department of Transportation to Construct a Federal-Aid Rail-Highway Crossing Program Project on the Highways, Streets and/or Roads of the Municipality.

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation has proposed a Rail-Highway Crossing Program Project, pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Safety Act of 1973 as amended by Section 203 of the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1976 and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation has notified this Board of the approval of plans and specifications for such a Rail-Highway Crossing Program Project, for the Rail-Highway Crossing which are under the jurisdiction of the municipality, and which project is more completely described as Railroad-Highway Crossing Program Signing-Pavement Marking Project covered under PIN S930.00(04), and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation has made known its intention to advertise a contract for the above-described improvement and has requested an agreement from the Board to the effect that it will permit the State, its agents and employees to enter upon the highways, roads and/or streets under the jurisdiction of the municipality for the purpose of performing the above-described improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, New York duly convened in legal session held on the 28th day of February, 1978, does hereby approve of the above-described improvement to be performed on the highways, roads and/or streets of this municipality and does hereby agree with the State Department of Transportation that the authorities will permit the State, its agents and employees to enter upon the highways, roads and/or streets of the municipality for the purposes of carrying out the above-described Rail-Highway Crossing Program Project, and IT IS FURTHER

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of this municipality does hereby agree with the State Department of Transportation that the municipality shall retain jurisdiction over the highways, roads and/or streets within the project area and hold harmless the State of New York for any damage to the property or persons of others due to the performance of any of the employees or agents of the municipality, and IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED: That upon completion of the above-described Rail-Highway Crossing Program Project, the Municipality will maintain the improvement and the highways, roads and/or streets so improved in accordance with the New York State Highway Law and the Federal Highway Safety Acts of 1973 and 1976 and Federal Standards and criteria in connection with such project.

RESOLVED: That for the Rail-Highway Crossing Program Project, the municipality agrees to schedule any highway resurfacing so that it will not obliterate newly painted markings, except as necessitated by emergency situations whereby resurfacing is essential to maintaining proper traffic operations, IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed, within ten days after the adoption of this resolution, to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Irene J. Pendzick

IJP/vlv

Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk