

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Wednesday, November 3, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

Allen M. Smith, Supervisor  
George G. Young, Councilman  
Francis E. Menendez, Councilman  
John Lombardi, Councilman  
Jessie Tomlinson, Councilwoman

Also Present: Peter S. Danowski, Jr., 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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held on October 19, 1976, be approved as submitted.

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

#### BOARD OF AUDIT

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined the following bills submitted on Abstracts dated October 3, 1976:

General Town	\$ 1,288.04	General Town	\$69,361.51
Highway Item 1	\$10,216.09		
Highway Item 3	\$ 949.88		
Highway Item 4	\$ 1,356.00		
Capital Projects	\$ 8,285.00	Capital Projects	\$73,284.43
		Senior Nutrition	\$ 805.17
		Special Districts	\$11,560.65

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

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		Senior Nutrition	\$ 805.17
		Special Districts	\$11,560.65

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

REPORTS

Building Department, month of October, 1976.

Police Department, month of October, 1976.

Filed.

PETITIONS

Application of James Latham for Special Permit for premises located in Calverton, to be used as a wholesale distribution point for building materials.

Filed.

Application of George R. Dudick and William Grillo and Gertrude Grillo; Application for Special Permit to place a residential building in Business C Zone Use District.

Filed.

NOTICE OF DEFECT

In construction of storm water facility located on the north side of High View Drive, Wading River west of Reppa Drive which causes flooding of adjacent property - William C. Haugaard.

Filed.

Supt. of Highways, Alex E. Horton reported on the above matter, stating that three years ago, he objected to the plan, but the Planning Board and the Town Board went over his head. The Bonds have been released and they are still private roads, and it seems the people feel that we are responsible.

COMMUNICATIONS

12 Communications from Wading River residents urging the abandonment of the proposed Wading River Fire Department Substation.

Filed.

Supt. of Highways, Alex E. Horton, dated 10-28-76, re Westwood Acres at Aquebogue, advising the Town Board that he has inspected the aforementioned subdivision and found all work completed-drainage, curbs, seeding and roads.

Filed.

Copies to the Town Board and the Planning Board.

Harold Foster, dated 10-27-76, expressing his concern that the police cars and ambulance cannot enter or exit the Roanoke Avenue Parking Field, when cars are lined up waiting for the traffic light to change.

He suggests a sign be erected to keep the driveways clear, in hopes of preventing a tragedy and requests an investigation of the situation.

Filed.

Referred to Police Chief Palmer.

East End Surf Fishing Club dated 10-14-76, submitting resolution regarding "Gill Netting" and asking the Town Board's support of the following legislative proposal that would enact an amendment to Paragraph C, Subdivision 15, Section 13-0343 of the Environmental Conservation Law:

"c. Gill nets shall not be used in Long Island Sound west of an imaginary line extending north from the easterly boundary of the Town of Riverhead on the north shore of Long Island in the County of Suffolk."

They further state that the Town Board's reaction and written response to the aforementioned resolution would be greatly

COMMUNICATIONS - continued  
appreciated.

Town Board will take the matter under consideration.

State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation, dated October 22, 1976, relating to the matter of the Petition of Robert Johnson and others.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Article 24 (Freshwater Wetlands) of the Environmental Conservation Law and the Rules and Regulations for Issuance of Permits under said Law, and applicable ordinances of the Town of Riverhead, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Town of Riverhead will cause a public hearing to be held in the Riverhead Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York 11901.

On the 2nd day of December, 1976 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day for the purpose of:

- (a) hearing all persons, corporations or civil divisions of the State of New York that may be affected by the execution of the plans of:

Robert Johnson et al  
206 Glenwood Lane  
Port Jefferson, New York

Supervisor Smith stated: "With reference to the last communication read by Miss Block, we have the distinction which may not turn out necessarily to be a privilege of being one of the first municipalities that will hold a joint hearing with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with reference to our Freshwater Wetlands Ordinance. So that you understand what is proposed in the Manorville area there is a Cranberry Farm which we commonly refer to as the Johnson Farm which includes Swan Lake which is generally to the south of the south gate of Grumman.

It is proposed that a 36 Hole Golf Course be built at that location and the hearing will be held December 2, 1976, 10:30 in the morning. We have asked State D.E.C. to permit as is our custom here a hearing to continue into the evening so that those people that can't make it during the day can make it in the evening and our request was sort of denied. Further under the rules of New York State D.E.C. you should register in advance if you wish to speak. I've also asked for a waiver of that rule in that it will be jointly shared by Mr. Irving and myself. I don't know that we've reached an accommodation on that particular rule.

So those of you who are interested, you've heard the date and hopefully next week we'll have a full set of plans that are currently on file with the D.E.C. which you may wish to examine at this location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

"We have a parking ordinance that is still under consideration. We don't have a resolution of adoption this evening. Although there has been some talk by some of the people concerned with signs about coming out and speaking to us, it has not yet materialized but we have hopes. Before too much longer the people that are interested in putting up signs both commercial and otherwise will get to the Board.

We have left open the Sewer, Water and Special District Budgets because of the tendency of negotiations with the C.S.E.A. Unit that represents the people who work in those Special Districts. We are sorry to report that we've been unable to settle those negotiations and therefore it creates a problem similar to that that we have with the police officers with reference to the balance of the budget that deals with the salaries of the non-police employees. We are somewhat in advance of our first hearing. We have two."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Supervisor Smith asked anyone wishing to address the Board on any topic to do so at this time. And if they would like to address the Board with reference to the budget in advance. He asked if they will observe the rules; to please use the microphone and warned that their comments will not appear on the tape unless they do use the microphone and to state their names and address for Miss Block. The following responded:

Lee Moorhead Aquebogue; "Mr. Smith, you stated in the papers that you wanted a more personalized Police Department, therefore, you used the Residency Clause on certain Town Employees to move back or live in the Town of Riverhead. You stated in the press recently that the Seventh Squad is going to be coming into Riverhead I believe this Thursday. Many of these men come from as far as the city line. It seems to be a discrepancy in both of your statements and I'd like an explanation of this."

Supervisor Smith: "Mrs. Moorhead it is not correct that I have stated that the Seventh Squad will be here tomorrow. The use by the services of the Seventh Squad is one of the considerations that is open to the Town Board."

Lee Moorhead: "Is that the consideration pending the waiting of the Fact Finders Report or have you received that already?"

Supervisor Smith: "The Fact Finders Report is in and the next step is there will be a compulsory arbitration panel that will meet in this room tomorrow at 1:00 o'clock with the representative of the Riverhead P.B.A., a representative from the Town and a representative of what is called a Public Sector. It's a lady who is selected off of an arbitration panel and any of those that would choose to hear the various arguments that are put forth and/or ask Mrs. Brand who is the lead person in that arbitration to speak may come and either watch or attempt to speak tomorrow."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Lee Moorhead: "We also understand that you've refused P.B.A.'s offer to take a cut in pay so that the five officers could remain on the force. If you read what they've offered you to the \$50,000 that you've come up with from Revenue Sharing, I'm sure that you will have over and above what you need to save the five officers' jobs without going into further arbitration."

Supervisor Smith: "No, I don't think that that is the case."

Lee Moorhead: "You didn't have an offer from P.B.A.?"

Supervisor Smith: "There have been discussions."

Lee Moorhead: "My understanding was that they offered you quite a very good offer. They offered to take quite a big cut in their pay in order to save these men's jobs and you decided you didn't want any part of it."

Supervisor Smith: "No, that's not so."

Lee Moorhead: "I noticed also that there have been many statements in the press by you and none from P.B.A regarding the negotiations. Isn't there a law that during the time of negotiations that neither side can speak to the press about such things?"

Supervisor Smith: "What have I supposedly said?"

Lee Moorhead: "Many things regarding the Police. I've read quite a few articles with the police salaries and things like that. I don't think these things are to be discussed at all during negotiations."

Supervisor Smith: "There are negotiations between the police and the Town at the moment. We are headed to arbitration. Now if in the preparation of the budget I happen to have been the first Supervisor that has extrapolated not only police salaries but elected officials salaries and C.S.E.A. salaries. So that in a budget projection we know what it will cost the taxpayers of the Town of Riverhead in 1977. That is in and part of the budget process and I think that you as a taxpayer and the other people here are entitled to know what those costs are and I have made projections of that nature. I have stated it in my budget message that they would be available and they have been available for anyone who wanted to come and look at them. Now what people print is their business."

Lee Moorhead: "I see. I'd like to ask one more thing. When I was here at the first meeting I asked you if you could give a figure so that we would have an idea of about what it would cost us per taxpayer to keep the five men on. At that time, you promised to have your figure at this meeting."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Supervisor Smith: "Yes. I have available to you and I will give you this in a moment. A type written analysis of that particular question.

The analysis reads as follows: First - the cost of police services for the present force is budgeted at approximately \$1,385,793. This figure represents 62% of the total tax levy of \$2,232,066 for the General Town Budget. The projected costs of the services for the year 1977 with the removal of the ten police officers from the tax levy is \$1,545,759.44.

Preliminary Budget for General Town calls for a Town levy of \$3,116,510.26. The rate per 100 of assessed valuation would be \$6.24.8. This is based upon a police force of forty-five men. Forty of these men are figured in the tax rate. In round figures for each \$6.25 of tax \$3.10 would be attributable for police services. If we assume an average home to be assessed at \$50,000, the average home owner would pay \$155.00 for police services next year.

Thirdly, if we add sufficient money to the preliminary budget to cover the salaries of the ten officers the total General Town levy would rise to \$3,323,758.72. This does not include five civilian radio dispatchers. The rate per 100 assessed valuation would rise to \$6.66, the average home owner would pay approximately \$175.50 for police services of this \$6.66 per 100 of assessed valuation. \$3.51 would be attributable to police and then I have some other facts that I set forth that might effect these figures."

Lee Moorhead: "Are you telling us that \$175 would cover the five policemen staying on and \$133 would be the amount that we would be letting them go at. The difference of about \$40.00 to \$20.00 to keep the five policemen on per home and this is the amount we're arguing about is \$20 per home?"

Supervisor Smith: "Yes."

Lee Moorhead: "Well I think \$20 per home is a very, very small amount that we would have to pay to keep five policemen in addition to what we have. I don't feel that anybody here is going to argue with a \$20 difference. This is the figure I asked you for before and I think anybody here hearing \$20 difference per home is going to say keep those five men on."

Supervisor Smith: "Thank you."

Fred Gallo, Jr., Riverhead: "Councilman Young, I want to ask you a question. It states here on the paper that your salary is \$8,855.00 a year. Is that with your benefits?"

Councilman Young: "My salary with benefits is a little over \$12,000."

Fred Gallo, Jr.: "Yes. How many hours do you have to work for the Town for this salary?"

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Councilman Young: "I don't work any specific number of hours, but I work 24 hours. I'm on call and I am called on at any time 24 hours."

Fred Gallo, Jr.: "In other words you don't have any special set hours that you have to work for your salary?"

Councilman Young: "I don't have any special hours that I have to work. But I have to run every four years for election to get this job. A police officer is in for 20 years."

Fred Gallo, Jr.: "Yes, I understand that. Is your job as risky as a police officers?"

Councilman Young: "My compensation rate which is figured by an insurance company - they figure the risk of different jobs and your compensation rate is figured on the risk that the insurance company figures for different jobs. My compensation rate is twice that of a policeman. In other words, my job - and I'm only a salesman is supposed to be twice as dangerous as the Riverhead Police Department's compensation rate."

Fred Gallo, Jr.: "Okay, that's all I can ask you. Thank you."

John Sheppard, Wading River Chamber of Commerce.: "I spoke here about a month ago. Since then we've had an awful amount of trouble in Wading River. We had some break-ins, some burglaries and so on in the Snack Bar as well as the Liquor Store in the Shopping Center. They broke two windows, they robbed liquor out of his windows and then only about ten days ago they broke my window again. It cost me \$300 and the butcher next door, his name is Carl, they took a \$1,700 scale. They took a case of hams, cartons of cigarettes, and \$40 in cash and damages of \$150. They did about \$300 worth of damages on my display window."

Now I have a resolution from the Wading River Chamber of Commerce addressed to the Board." Mr. Sheppard read as follows:  
Town Board  
Town of Riverhead  
Riverhead, N.Y.

"Dear Members:

The Wading River Chamber of Commerce representing over 500 local merchants is seriously concerned with the possible reduction of police services in our area. In the past, a number of our members as well as village residents, have been the victims of the increasing crime rate in our community.

The minimum police coverage received in the Wading River area at the present time is less than adequate considering the growth of our village in the past few years, and certainly will not be satisfactory if our present population and business services continues to expand."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

"Since one of the principal responsibilities of Town government is to provide suitable police services to its citizens, the Wading River Chamber of Commerce petitions the Town Board to give serious consideration to prevent any reduction in the size and effectiveness of our police services at this time. Respectfully submitted, the Board of Governors of the Wading River Chamber of Commerce. Thank you."

The resolution was submitted to the Town Clerk for filing.

Walter Witt, Wading River, stated as follows: "Most of the issues I wanted to speak on were practically covered but it seemed to me nobody brought up the petition that was signed. Has the Board taken this into consideration? Over 3,000 signatures of interested people. Are they thinking of the future or the present? Are things gonna get safer or worse?"

Supervisor Smith: "Walter, I don't understand your question. Are you talking about the petition? Are you talking about an abstraction?"

Walter Witt: "I'm sorry, it's two questions in one. Are you considering the petition?"

Supervisor Smith: "I have considered the petitions. Yes, and I think the petition will have to be considered by each Board Member in his specific relationship to how he got elected."

Walter Witt: "I think you had quite a bit of time to consider."

Supervisor Smith: "All right. Then I'll spell out what I'm talking about. I think that during the campaign last November, a year ago - my particular stand personally as one member of this Board with reference to police salaries was an issue. And I think that that issue had a large measure to do with my getting elected.

So as I have been going through the petition and I have been reading it, I have been comparing it against the registered voters in this Town. On some pages none of the people who signed are registered voters. On some other pages lets say half are registered voters.

Now in my own mind as I make up my mind to vote I've got to weigh the numbers that turned out and happened to elect me, Supervisor, as opposed to the signatures on this petition. I have a mandate I think maybe Mr. Young got into that issue too and that's something he's gonna have to judge. The others have other considerations that they may wish to make."

Walter Witt: "But if you're gonna keep it political, in other words - If I'm a Republican I don't get the protection?"

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Witt, If you haven't checked the environment lately you'd know that I didn't stand a snow ball's chance in Hell in getting elected by Just Democrats."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Walter Witt: "Well, you're forgetting the Republicans."

Supervisor Smith: "I don't think that this is a Democratic or Republican issue."

Walter Witt: "But actually you shouldn't consider just the voter, you have a lot of local residents that don't actually get out to vote but they are taxpayers and they are residents."

Supervisor Smith: "You are playing the numbers game with me and you've got one set of numbers here and I'm talking about another set of numbers and I'm gonna consider both."

Walter Witt: "One other thing. Do you think crime is on the uprise in Riverhead or our Town here?"

Supervisor Smith: "Are you specifically referring to the statistics that were in the paper?"

Walter Witt: "Correct."

Supervisor Smith: "Okay. As the Chief can tell you those statistics are skewed in comparison - Let's say to Southampton. By the fact that the reporting of those statistics does not include for the Township of Southampton or the villages in Southampton. So for you to get an accurate comparison of between Southampton and here you must include all the villages in Southampton. Now I would also advise you to read the editorial in Newsday on Monday. They criticize those very same statistics that you are referring to. And there's another way of looking at those statistics too."

Walter Witt: "Well I go by what I read. The F.B.I. put out that report not Newsday - They sell newspapers, I don't read it."

Supervisor Smith: "Okay. Thank you Mr. Witt. Miss Block to make all of this legal would you please read the Notice."

PUBLIC HEARING 8:00 P.M.

The Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Public Notice calling Public Hearing for November 3, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. in the matter of the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1976.

Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Ray Mauro, Shoreham, Counsel for P.B.A.: "I think, Mr. Smith, just about everything I wanted to say has been covered in one way or another. I did miss some comments on the salaries."

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

"I think somebody made a statement as to whether or not to use the word skewed. You've been using the word skewed whether or not the salaries had been unjustly skewed upward on behalf of Police Officers within the Town. And that you denied giving those figures out to the Press."

Supervisor Smith: "I have prepared and I have here and they are generally available in the Town Hall, the budget projections of costs per man, per employee throughout the Town, not necessarily just on police for the year 1977. The police figures are based as best we can determine upon the Fact Finders Award that you will litigate tomorrow."

Mr. Mauro: "No I'm speaking about the figures. The first time I heard them were from Mr. Ganim here during our preliminary negotiations. I heard them again during your campaign when I heard you speak a few times throughout Town and again in the paper in recent weeks where you've given the figures that the police salaries within the Town range from \$22,000 I think to \$27,000 and I believe that you've represented that those are the current salaries. I'm speaking about the salaries of Police Officers within the Town."

Supervisor Smith: "No sir. I have not been discussing it. I have tried not to discuss this matter. What I have done is I have prepared as part of the budget process..."

Mr. Mauro: "I realize what you have done, but what I'm saying is as far as what the press reports are concerned is that your position as it has been stated in the press and coincidentally it seems to go right in line with that of your negotiator Mr. Ganim. I believe he prepared the figures. That Police Officers currently are receiving salaries of \$20,000 to \$25,000 to \$30,000 range right now within the Town."

Supervisor Smith: "You're creating a strawman. I really don't know what you're talking about. We have an existing rate that was awarded pursuant to a contract that's signed which I have before me..."

Mr. Mauro: "Which is a maximum salary of \$15,410."

Supervisor Smith: "For a fifth year patrolman and it goes up from there."

Mr. Mauro: "It goes up from there. I don't know exactly what the maximum is, but the average street cop that's what he's making."

Supervisor Smith: "Wait a minute now. We are in a budget process. I see where you're going. We're sitting here talking about how much the taxpayer will pay and to determine how much a taxpayer will pay is not \$15,410. How much the taxpayer will pay is \$15,410 plus a figure that as you know will range probably somewhere between 40 and 48%."

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

Mr. Mauro: "Exactly. Now a similar approach has to be taken with your salary. And your \$23,000 salary when we attach to it the cost of medical insurance, we attach to it the cost of state wide retirement system, your car and expense probably would be anywhere in the neighborhood from \$33,000 to \$35,000."

Supervisor Smith: "Without the car, Sir, is \$28,792.77."

Mr. Mauro: "Now when you take the figures with police have you accepted the figures. Have you done this Gospel according to Mr. Ganim, breaking down vacations, including that in the cost and I haven't gotten the chance to review it yet, taking an average number of sick days and protecting that as a cost?"

Supervisor Smith: "No sir, I'm talking about dollars. You want me to take an officer and read it out for you?"

Mr. Mauro: "I can review them and I'm sure we'll see them more tomorrow. But incidentally you said excluding the car, now including the car is there anyway you can set a value on the car then?"

Supervisor Smith: "Let's call it an even \$2,000 a year."

Mr. Mauro: "So it's up to \$30,000 if we take it at \$2,000. Okay. I briefly looked at your report and have you considered what it would cost a taxpayer within the Town of Riverhead to disband the Police Department and go County 100%. I think we discussed that the last time I was here and I wonder if you have considered that cost as we did during the Fact Finding Proceeding."

Supervisor Smith: "With the accuracy that I've prepared these other figures, no."

Mr. Mauro: "Don't you think that if that were as I have alleged here a figure that would be a substantial savings to the taxpayer and augmentation and an increase in police protection. Don't you think that's something you should be doing right along with the other figures that..."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Mauro, are you assuming when you make that claim that the Fact Finders Report is confirmed?"

Mr. Mauro: "No. I'm not just saying!"

Supervisor Smith: "You're saying at existing salaries the County Force will be cheaper or at some figure in between."

Mr. Mauro: "The Fact Finder accepted that logic. Mr. Ganim never argued against that during the Fact Finders!"

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

Supervisor Smith: "You are asking me to assume the Fact Finders Report and you are saying you would like us to investigate whether it would be cheaper for the taxpayer?"

Mr. Mauro: "I thought we discussed this last time."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Mauro, one requirement of law that you know which is the incorporation of the Township of Riverhead into Suffolk County Police District is subject to a mandatory referendum and that the last time that that was done the people of the Township of Riverhead voted against it."

Mr. Mauro: "But that wasn't done in face of a loss of Police protection, it wasn't done in the face of what has become quite a clash between the P.B.A. and the Town Board."

Supervisor Smith: "Those are considerations, Mr. Mauro."

Mr. Mauro: "Especially from someone who is sitting here and saying that you have to consider the electorate that elected you. I would think that you might want to take that question and put it right to the electorate and that would be a vehicle in which you can do it."

Supervisor Smith: "That's a possibility, Mr. Mauro."

Mr. Mauro: "There's one other thing I wanted to mention and I will mention it. I had brought to my attention the other day a two-page written document that was an offer or at least that was the way it was presented, written in your hand, presented to the President of the P.B.A. I'm led to understand it was withdrawn a couple of days later. It just appears to me and I want to say it to the residents that are here and to the Members of the Press that are here because I know that at least one has made the statement that the P.B.A. is being unreasonable in taking a hard line position with the Town Board. I think that if you're at all familiar with the process that we have gone through since last October, I'll just ask you if you do know whether or not this statement is accurate that that is the first offer in over one year from the Town of Riverhead to the P.B.A."

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Mauro we have taken a position and we maintain a position that no salary increase is warranted."

Mr. Mauro: "Fine, so that I think that our reasonableness will be something that everybody here can estimate on their own. Thank you."

Supervisor Smith: "Anyone else?"

Barbara Gallo, Aquebogue; "In your plans to lay-off the five policemen, how will that affect our ambulance service? Will we still have it?"

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

Supervisor Smith: "We see the necessity for the ambulance service and yes the men that are being considered for the lay-offs - several of them are called E.M.T.S. They were either trained prior to coming with us or after they were here. For instance Wading River Community supplies E.M.T.S. service through the Fire Department. If we are unable to handle the emergency services in the way that it is currently being handled, we will have to develop either or train additional personnel for that purpose. We are paying these men now."

Barbara Gallo: "Now, if these men go, new ones will have to be trained. What would be the cost to the Town of training them?"

Supervisor Smith: "Rocky, do we pay for that?"

Police Chief Palmer: "No, we include their services during the period of training?"

Barbara Gallo: "So how many would have to be trained, two, three? All right that would be at least three more men which would be off the road for approximately how long? Is it a year program or month? So we would have say three less patrolmen?"

Supervisor Smith: "There are other options. Again if we are that concerned about uniform patrols we have to abolish our Detective Division and put those men into uniform."

Barbara Gallo: "And then what happens to five through seven, they go off too?"

Supervisor Smith: "No ma'am."

Barbara Gallo: "They still stay, but the ambulance service will remain as is."

Supervisor Smith: "Not necessarily as is!"

Barbara Gallo: "We've had the private and it was horrible. The public ambulance you can't beat. The people worked hard to get that ambulance with donations and everything else."

Supervisor Smith: "Ma'am, there is a cost for all of this. I have said before there is no longer any free lunch. We've spelled the cost out and that's the judgment we have to make."

He then asked if anyone else wished to be heard and declared the Hearing closed at 8:20 P.M.

Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways; addressed the Board after the Hearing was closed and stated: "There's an item in here where I get a big raise of \$125 which I would like to have crossed off, if the Town Board can't do better than that I don't want it."

Supervisor Smith: "All right."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Alex E. Horton: "And also this \$100,000 which was cut out of my budget is just impossible. How can I run a highway with a \$100,000 cut? You're gonna raise the employees and what am I gonna buy material with. This is the County's trouble right now. The employees take all the money and they've got nothing to buy material with."

Supervisor Smith: "So you want me to put more money in the budget so the employees can have it?"

Alex E. Horton: "No, not the employees, but I need money to buy material."

Supervisor Smith: "If you have additional requests beyond the budget requests that you submitted to us, you spell out what you want and how much it would cost and the Town Board will consider it. Those are the figures you have before you Sir."

Alex E. Horton: "Well - with a \$105,000 less."

Supervisor Smith: "I don't know off the top of my head. I can't recall how many men you have on the Highway Department. But I'm not about to give them \$100,000 raise next year."

Alex E. Horton: "This is not for the men. This is for material."

Supervisor Smith: "All right. If you'll spell out what you want to do with the material, the Board will consider it."

George Schmelzer; Calverton, "I just wanted to give you these copies of Patents-Colonial Patents which applied to Riverhead Town. By the way this past Sunday it was exactly 300 years old - October 31, 1976. It includes all of Riverhead Town, north and east of the Manor Line which is a greater part of the Town. The land south and west of the Manor Line is the Smith Patent. We got another Smith in. The Town started off with a Smith. One of them is dated 1697. That's the second one. The first one is a little earlier. So that all the titles that talk of the land of Riverhead Town are based on these patents. I got these copies from the Secretary of State of the State of New York in the mail yesterday. I'd like to give them to the Town - two sets. I thought maybe one set they could put in the capsule."

Supervisor Smith recessed the Meeting for 15 minutes.

The Town Board reconvened and the Meeting was recessed to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:45 P.M.

The Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Public Notice calling Public Hearing for November 3, 1976, at 8:45 P.M. on the Proposed Ordinance #43 entitled "Licensing of Pawnbrokers"

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

Supervisor Smith made the following comment: "We have someone who wants to open a pawn shop in Town and in order to have a pawn shop you must have a pawn shop ordinance. So we need a pawn shop ordinance. A successor to Harry A. Toal, when you're in a hole see Toal."

Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Town Justice G. Richard Manning: "I just had a brief opportunity of reviewing the notice. It seems to me that somewhere in the ordinance it is spelled out that a fee will be set in the amount of \$250. Speaking with Doctor Menendez he seems to feel that the ordinance is read from 0 to \$250. That type of business I believe is primarily going to be set up to serve the poor people or the indigent - those that need money in a hurry. A \$250 fee is only going to mean that they're going to have to pay a higher fee and I just wondered if and why, \$250 would have to be set."

Supervisor Smith: "We'll consider that, Judge Manning."

Paul Meyer: "I only have one question. Does a pawn shop bring undesirable people into it?"

Supervisor Smith: "It probably brings people who need money and that includes all of us and I'm not undesirable I don't think."

Arthur Greenberg, Wading River: "Regarding the Pawnbroker, wouldn't the Police Department have to supervise his records. He'd have to keep very accurate records in order to prevent stolen goods from being put into the pawnbrokers shop."

Supervisor Smith: "There is supervision."

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Smith declared the Hearing closed, and re-opened the Meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Arthur Greenberg: "We're very concerned at Wading River about what we heard on the Fire Substation. I'm sure you're aware of it. The Fire Commissioner spitefully has decided to close down the old schoolhouse as of December 6th, take it down, destroy it and probably put up a Quonset House to house the extra engines he claims are necessary.

Now we had no objection to the placing of a substation for the Fire Department. Our objection was the safety of the firemen themselves putting a station on North Wading River Road which is completely unsafe for that type of operation. Now we voted it down basically for that reason among other reasons. They wanted to put a Community Center above the firehouse. The elderly people couldn't get up there."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

"Many of them can't climb the extra flight of stairs. To put the extension with 250 people proposed in that upper room and make provision of parking of 50 cars was totally illogical.

We had no choice but to vote it down. But now spitefully he wants to take that old schoolhouse down. It has historical significance. Is there something that can be done to prevent them from taking down that old schoolhouse? We need that for the community."

Supervisor Smith: "Under the land marks provision Sir, I believe it's being pursued by Mrs. Hoff with Mrs. Shirley Smith. As I explained on prior meetings that you may or may not have been here- The Board of Fire Commissioners is a cotemporaneous Board. They have powers that are unique to themselves over which we have no control. A long range solution is probably best found with the Board of Fire Commissioners in some sort of political action with reference to their decision.

I have stated previously and it certainly is the consensus of this Board you called it spite, maybe that's a good word for it. This business of telling the Recreation Department and the Senior Citizens that they must remove themselves from that location and I have their letter on my desk and we know the vote. I was going to write them another letter saying if you fellows really don't have immediate use for the thing will you please consider letting us continue to use it. And there also has been some consideration given to moving the structure.

If the only alternative is to have it wrecked and then you know that becomes a budget consideration of spending let's say at the moment \$10,000 to move the structure and you know again as I said earlier there's no free lunch. The money comes from some place and if it must be moved then it will have to be a consideration. If in fact they don't get that spiteful that they say we can have it to move it. I doubt it would go that far if they were going to wreck it."

Mrs. Marie Hoff: "This afternoon I noticed that the Fire Commissioners had a notice on our local stores-the Drug Store and the Delicatessen which are the places we look for information. and they indicated in the notices that they were going to as of November 11, they apparently resolved to put another referendum out on the purchase of a \$30,000 additional emergency vehicle.

As I thought about that driving home from the Drugstore, I thought well no one can complain about an emergency vehicle we can always use another emergency vehicle but it then dawned on me, but, of course, where do we put this if we are already over crowded with six vehicles. And the timing of this seems to be another item of the same kind as the letter in my estimation. In other words we know surely you people will not turn down an emergency. This is just off the top of the head evaluation of what I just read this afternoon and I've been thinking about it. Whether this is timed so there will be pressure upon us to say go ahead and put the substation in the area you want it. I don't know. Something hasn't been evaluated, but it's there."

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Michael Peretta, Wading River: "Regarding the letter of the 28th from the Wildwood Acres Association which was sent into the Board. Another request was sent to the Fire Commissioners of Wading River asking them to delay the closing of the Wading River Community Center until April or May of next year. This suggestion was made not to physically inconvenience our senior citizens and other twelve organizations in Wading River who use the Community Center. I have a letter, which I will give to Helene, which says in essence tell it to the Town Board and the answer is no. I have that letter here, I can leave it with you."

Mr. Peretta read as follows:

"The Wading River Fire Commissioners have done their very best to please the community.

Unfortunately, we cannot delay the date as you suggested because the storage space at the community center is necessary. The present firehouse is already full to capacity and is becoming a hazard to both the firemen and the community.

May I suggest that you let the Town Board know your feelings on this matter. The Board of Commissioners tried their best to supply a community facility for the public and as you are probably aware it was denied.

Thank you for your concern.

Yours truly,  
Deborah Meier, Secretary"

Mr. Peretta continued to say: "Therefore, with the Fire Commissioners asking us to write you fellows a letter I got a letter here addressed to the Town Board and Mr. Allen Smith asking you and pleading for you people to help us in holding the closing date off until such a time we can get things settled to maybe April or May of next year."

Supervisor Smith: "We'll ask also. If they're being purely arbitrary we'll have to see. You know Fire Districts and Town Boards are supposed to work together. They are not supposed to be at each others throats and I got enough irons in the fire already without another one."

Mr. Peretta: "Well I believe that with a little pressure from the Town Board, I think that it could help our community."

Supervisor Smith: "We'll try."

Arthur Greenberg: "There's one very interesting fact, Mr. Smith, that I failed to bring out before. You know much of this equipment that they're speaking about, that they're looking for storage room for, are obsolete pieces of equipment which they have replaced. In other words they bought new equipment which they are using and these obsolete pieces of equipment for which they want to find storage place they don't even need them. They could sell them and get money for it. The firemen don't use these obsolete pieces of equipment and this is quite interesting."

PERAONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Supervisor Smith addressed Ray Wiwczar and said: "Is all that stuff down there in Wading River certified do you know?"

Ray Wiwczar: "When the Rating Organization comes out and inspects fire trucks - what they do is go according to the population in the certain Townships. So we'll say that Wading River only needs two pumpers, one tanker or whatever. They only rate those two pumpers. If they have six pumpers they only rate the two newest ones you have. Also the life span of a pumper is 20 years. So after 20 years no department can say all our equipment is number one equipment. There's no way they actually can do it unless they had the underwriters inspect each and every piece of equipment."

Supervisor Smith: "So in fact then there's some equipment that is not being currently certified by the underwriters?"

Ray Wiwczar: "Basically what Wading River would need would be two pumpers."

Supervisor Smith: "On another new topic, Mr. Meyer, I assume you would like to address the Board."

Paul Meyer: "I heard a couple of fellows here tonight - it sounds to me like they were rapping you. But you've got a pretty good pair of shoulders and you are able to take it. You gave good answers."

A year ago I brought up hunting behind my house. The former Chief of Police got a manual and showed me where there is no hunting to be done in the hamlet of Riverhead - but they are out there hunting. I don't know if the Police Department ever arrested any hunters but I did find out that the Conservation Department brought in a couple of hunters."

Mr. Meyer continued saying that he is not against raises for the Police as long as they are doing their job.

Mrs. Emma Karch related to the Budget and asked: "How much of an increase is this year's budget over last year's - roughly?"

Supervisor Smith: "Per hundred - \$1.77 in General Town."

Mrs. Emma Karch stated that she read in the papers that all the Towns would have rising budgets because of rising expenses and people were complaining.

She then said she was at a loss, tonight, because people seemed to want to increase the Budget.

She also stated that she wondered if people were not speaking up, because the Budget was difficult to read.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued

Supervisor Smith: "An opinion. We've attempted to prepare as I say in the budget message and you know you're one of our regular attenders and you do pay attention to such things. I've attempted to prepare a budget that everybody can understand. You know in past years where they've listed something as an actual and what you have heard there is an appropriations figure. I've tried to show the actual. I've tried to show the deficits, and all the rest of that stuff an opinion, I think what happens is that people only pay attention to Town Government when their particular ox is getting goared.

Mrs. Emma Karch: "Well this I've learned from coming here all this time. So I mean that's the way everybody feels we'll go with it, right."

Supervisor Smith: "Not necessarily."

Mrs. Emma Karch: "No. I'll keep asking questions on your Revenue Sharing Report ending June 30, 1976. You gave \$6,000 to libraries, what libraries?"

Supervisor Smith: "The Town Attorney's Library. We have never had one ever before."

Mrs. Emma Karch: "I was afraid that you gave it to the Riverhead Public Library."

Supervisor Smith: "No, it's kind of hard to run this operation without some books."

Mrs. Emma Karch: "And the \$10,000 Recreation Department."

Supervisor Smith: "That was the Jamesport School."

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids on parts for Good Roads Snow Plows 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 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 15, 1976, 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 Monday, November 15, 1976, at 11:00 A.M., at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation, "Bid on Snow Plow Parts".

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for Two (2) New 1977 Dump Trucks 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 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 15, 1976, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and hereby is designated to open publicly and read aloud on Monday, November 15, 1976, at 11:00 A.M., at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation, "Bid on Two Dump Trucks".

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

WHEREAS, Nancy E. Neems was previously appointed as Probationary Clerk effective April 26, 1976, and

WHEREAS, she has satisfactorily completed her six months probationary period,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Nancy E. Neems be and is hereby appointed Clerk in the Building Department on a permanent basis, effective October 26, 1976, to be compensated at the rate of \$6336 per annum and payable bi-weekly.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for three(3) Tax Receipting Machines, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the specifications be prepared by the Receiver of Taxes, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is hereby designated to open publicly and read aloud on Monday, November 15th, 1976 at 11:00 A.M., at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation "BID FOR TAX RECEIPTING MACHINES".

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

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

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of the Town of Riverhead be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for One (1) New Brush Cutter for use of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department, and be it

RESOLVED, That specifications and forms for bidding be prepared by the Superintendant of Highways, and bids to be returnable up to 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 15, 1976, 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 Monday, November 15, 1976, at 11:00 A.M., at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation, "Bid on Brush Cutter".

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

RESOLVED, That Highway bill submitted on abstract dated November 3, 1976, as follows:

Miscellaneous-Item 4: Capitol Highway Materials, Inc., bill dated October 15, 1976 for \$880.00; be and the same is hereby approved for payment.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

WHEREAS, Duty Statements have been prepared for positions in the Building Department, the Nutrition Program, and Police Department, and the same have been classified by the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service as "Clerk-Typist", "Senior Citizens Center Manager", and "Radio Operator", and "Community Development Project Supervisor",

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the same are hereby approved, and that upon the setting of appropriate salaries, the same be returned to the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service and lists be requested therefor.

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued

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

WHEREAS, for years the County of Suffolk has maintained and operated a County dredge, and said dredge has been used extensively in the five East End Towns, and

WHEREAS, the work of the County dredge has lessened pollution and improved recreational boating activities in the five East End Towns,

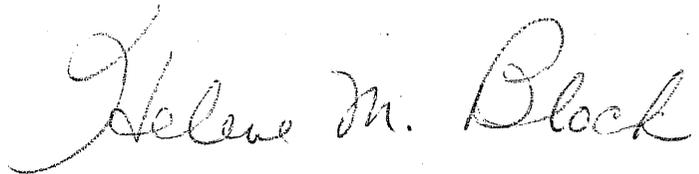
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board, on behalf of the people of the Town of Riverhead, request the County Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds for the maintenance and operation of the County dredge in the year 1977, and thereafter.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Abstain, 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 9:07 P.M. to meet on Tuesday, November 16, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.



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Helene M. Block, Town Clerk