

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, April 16th, 1974, at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

John H. Leonard, Supervisor
 Robert G. Leonard, Town Justice
 Gregory R. Manning, Town Justice
 George G. Young, Councilman
 Francis E. Menendez, Councilman

Also present: Allen M. Smith, Town Attorney
 Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:30 A.M., April 16th, 1974

9:30 A.M. - Thomas Samuels & Edward Bucholz re: Environment Permit
 10:00 A.M. - John Lombardi re: Sanitation
 10:30 A.M. - Stanley Grodski re:
 1. Counselling - Narcotics Guidance Council
 2. Busing for swimming and physically handicapped
 3. Senior Citizens
 11:00 A.M. - John Mahoney re: Sanitation
 11:30 A.M. - Charles Cuddy re: Metrohouse Associates

Supervisor Leonard called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 P.M.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

Alex Horton questioned minutes of last meeting in regard to Mr. Hooper's statement of "Driver-Messenger" position in Highway Dept. stating Supervisor's Office was responsible for job not being created.

Supervisor Leonard: "For your information it was never okayed by Civil Service."

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on April 2nd, 1974, be approved as submitted.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

BOARD OF AUDIT

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined the bills submitted on Abstracts dated April 16, 1974, as follows:

General Town	\$18,014.11
Special Districts	\$ 25.55
Highway Item #1	\$ 6,580.71
Highway Item #3	\$11,474.05
Highway Item #4	\$ 429.00

RESOLUTION - (Board of Audit) cont:

Town Justice Manning offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following bills be and are hereby approved for payment:

General Town	\$18,014.11
Special Districts	\$ 25.55
Highway Item #1	\$ 6,580.71
Highway Item #3	\$11,474.05
Highway Item #4	\$ 429.00

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

REPORTS

Tax Receiver's, dated: April 15, 1974. Filed.

Supervisor's, month of March, 1974. Filed.

Recreation Department, month of March, 1974. Filed.

OPEN BID REPORT - Traffic Paint - Highway Dept.

After being duly advertised the following Bids were opened by the Deputy Town Clerk at 11:00 A.M., on Monday, April 15, 1974:

Capitol Highway Materials, Inc.
Route 6
Baldwin Place, New York 10505

Delivered price per 100 gal. White
Traffic Paint in five gal. containers: \$5.05 per gallon

Delivered price per 100 gal. Yellow
Traffic Paint in five gal. containers: \$5.40 per gallon

Delivery Date 30-45 days (upon acceptance)

* The Rodgers Company
33 Lodi Street
Hackensack, New Jersey

Delivered price per 100 gal. White
Traffic Paint in five gal. containers: \$4.15 per gallon

Delivered price per 100 gal. Yellow
Traffic Paint in five gal. containers: \$4.38 per gallon

No Delivery Date Specified.

*This Bid did not present all the necessary requirements according to Specifications presented by Town.

ALL Bids were tabled until further notice.

HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Alex E. Horton spoke on drainage problem on Bob Hogan's property.

Nothing further was discussed on the above mentioned matter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, dated 3/25/74 requesting the necessary permits to display fireworks on Saturday, July 6th or rain date July 13th. Also enclosed was insurance permit for filing. Filed.
Copies to Town Board.

Mrs. F. Miller, Northville Tpke., dated 3/29/74, calling Town Board's attention to strip of dirt sidewalk on Ostrander Avenue just before intersection with Northville Tpke. Wonders if sidewalks could be extended in cement, as several people have fallen. Filed.
Copies to Town Board & Supt. of Highways.

Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways, dated 3/28/74, stating since several additional houses have been built at Calverton Acres, a very bad flooding condition at the north end of Kay Road has resulted. Requests Town Board look into situation. Filed.
Copies to Town Board.

This matter was referred to Councilmen Young and Menendez.

East End Surf Fishing Club, dated 3/29/74, relating to public access to beach off of Penney's Landing Road, requesting Town Board consider clearing and paving access for 1974 recreational season. Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

LILCO, dated 3/29/74, submitting survey for installation of street light on Pole #8, Beach Road, Wading River. Filed.
Copy to Lighting Committee.

Town of Southampton, dated 4/4/74, relating to adoption of amendment to Southampton Town Zoning Ordinance. Filed.
Copies to all Town Agencies.

Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, dated 3/27/74, requesting earliest possible confirmation on monies in Town Budget earmarked for expenses relating to 4th of July Celebration for 1974. Filed.
Copies to Town Board.
Town Board to consider request.

Peter Hickey, Research Director, N.Y.S. Select Committee, dated 4/4/74, stating as follows:

"I noted with interest your letter of February 20 on the action of the Town Board. I am sure that many town authorities have been concerned about the impact and purpose of the costal zone management proposal by Senator Bernard C. Smith."

COMMUNICATIONS - continued:

Unfortunately, I feel that many people have been confused and misled by some of the accounts in the news media. The reporting has been good, except that the news media has worked under the handicap of not having copies of the actual bill in hand. This handicap has left many gaps in the information available to officials and these gaps have resulted in some erroneous assumptions in what the bill is intended to do and would accomplish.

I am enclosing a copy of the Smith bill which was just released in print this week. I hope that the board will review the proposed legislation. Senator Smith and I would welcome further views on the part of the board, yourself or any other town official."

Aforementioned bill is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone wishing to review it. Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

Suffolk County Dept. of Planning, dated 4/5/74, re amended Building Zone Ordinance #26 for the Town of Southampton, stating in the event no replies are received by April 25th, 1974, it will be assumed there are no objections. Filed.

Copies to all Town Agencies.

State of New York Public Service Commission, dated 4/4/74, stating that an additional public hearing on proposed rate increase by LILCO will be held at Riverhead High School, 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 17, 1974 and continuing if necessary on April 18th. Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

(2) Friedlander, Gaines, Ruttenger & Goetz, Counsellors at Law, for Long Island Airport Limousine Service Corp., copy of letter to Supervisor Leonard stating they wish to renew franchise with Town of Riverhead for above mentioned Limousine Service and will prepare necessary petition for same.

Also states check for \$75.00 in payment for franchise fee for 4/6/71 to 4/6/74 has been forwarded to Supervisor's Office. Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

Second letter from aforementioned Attorneys, dated 4/4/74, stating Long Island Airport Limousine Service Corp. wishes to operate, in addition to previous routes, an alternate route as follows:

"Alternate Route:

On L.I. Expressway between Edwards Road (Exit 71) and L.I. Expressway (Exit 72) (Route 25, West Main Street);

On Route 25, (West Main Street) between L.I. Expressway (Exit 72) and Osborn Avenue. "

Also states they hereby petition the Town of Riverhead to grant their consent to Long Island Airport Limousine Service to operate in said Town. Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

Referred to Town Attorney to call Public Hearing.

COMMUNICATIONS - continued:

State of New York Public Service Commission, dated 4/8/74 re proposed rate change for Teletypewriter Exchange Service Connection Charges - "Public Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held in the above matter before Examiner Robert W. Husband, at the office of this Commission, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y., on Wednesday, May 8, 1974 at 10:00 A.M. to be continued from day to day, as required." Filed.

Copies to Town Board

Police Chief Grodski, dated 4/8/74 as follows:
"SUBJECT: Prohibition of Parking on Horton Avenue

TO: Town Board, Riverhead, N.Y.

1. The undersigned recommends that parking of motor vehicles be prohibited on the east and west sides of Horton Avenue between its intersections with Osborne Avenue and Sound Avenue for the following reasons:

- A. This is a narrow town highway and in the residential area there appears to be sufficient driveways and parking spaces for off street parking.
- B. In the residential area there are numerous small children who walk on or cross this highway constantly. Parked cars make it unsafe.
- C. On certain days, and more so on weekends, a number of cars park along the anchor fence of St. Isidore's Cemetery and other properties for the purpose of participating or witnessing unauthorized events and upon departing leave the areas in question littered.
- D. The terrain along this highway is subject to flooding during most of the storms and the full width of the road is necessary for safe travel.

2. The residents in this area requested a speed limit on Horton Avenue, but the State turned such request down." Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

Referred to Town Attorney to call Public Hearing.

LILCO, dated 4/8/74, submitting survey for street light installations:

1. Install one (1) 21,000 LMV street light on Pole #101, corner of Broad Avenue, Aquebogue, at an annual cost of \$91.20.
2. Install five (5) 7600 LMV street lights on Pole #'s 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10, Broad Avenue, Aquebogue, at an annual cost of \$52.20@ or \$261.00.

COMMUNICATIONS - continued:

Town of Southamton, dated 4/15/74 re public hearing on
 Amendment to Town of Southamton's Building Zone Ordinance #26. Filed.
 Copies to all Town Agencies.

LILCO, dated 4/11/74, submitting survey for installation of
 sixteen (16) light fixtures on Pole #'s 200 through 227, on Peconic
 Bay Blvd., Jamesport. Filed.
 Copy to Lighting Committee.

LILCO, dated 4/11/74, submitting survey for installation of
 street light on Pole #104.5, Route 25 and Linda Avenue, Aquebogue. Filed.
 Copy to Lighting Committee.

LILCO, dated 4/11/74, submitting survey for installation of
 four (4) street lights on Cove Street, Aquebogue, on Pole #17, corner
 of Cove Street and Broad Avenue, Pole #19, between Broad and Linda
 Avenues, Pole #21, opposite Linda Avenue, and Pole #23, corner of Cove
 Street and Shade Tree Lane. Filed.
 Copy to Lighting Committee.

Riverhead Garden Club, dated 4/15/74, requesting permission
 to plant a tree in Grangebelle Park in honor of Arbor Day, Friday,
 April 26th. Also requests earliest possible reply from Town Board. Filed.
 Copies to Town Board.
 Town Board granted permission - Town Clerk's Office to notify
 Garden Club of Board's decision.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Supervisor Leonard asked if anyone wished to be heard and the
 following replied:

Dr. Alfred Smith, representing Northville Civic Association and
 Riverhead First Committee commented on a meeting of the New England
 River Basin Commission that was held at Riverhead High School in July
 of last year inviting all elected officials of Suffolk County of which
 Mr. Beecher Halsey attended. On March 9th a similar meeting was held
 in Southold. The only official that attended was Councilman George
 Young. He pointed out that sub-region 8 which tells what they plan to
 do for recreation and beach widening projects and what Northville Dock
 plans to do - they want to develop new-inland storage sites.

He also commented on LILCO plant in Jamesport and recent study
 put out by LILCO which is on file in the Riverhead Library. He cau-
 tioned the Board to find out as much as they can regarding the petition
 of LILCO for this plant.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

James Reed, Fishel Avenue, Riverhead: "I'd like to ask Dr. Menendez a question. Doctor, at the last Town Board Meeting there was a resolution introduced by yourself and passed by four members of the Board that dismissed Mrs. Tessie Munson from her employment in the Assessors' Office. I wonder at that time of what I read, I wasn't at the Meeting but what I read in the newspapers and from the Minutes of the Meeting it appeared to me to be rather unclear her reason for dismissal. I wondered if you would care to digress on that."

Supervisor Leonard: "Just a minute - I have an idea what is going on but I don't think this is the time to discuss this. I think it was brought out in the papers and I think you realize what happened and I think everyone else here realized what happened."

James Reed: "Mr. Supervisor I don't realize. I still haven't heard the reason she was dismissed. I would like Councilman Menendez to answer this."

Councilman Menendez: "In the first place, Jim, that entire conversation is in the Minutes of the last Meeting. If you take time to read it every word is there."

Jim Reed: "I read it and it is still unclear."

Councilman Menendez: "Then you don't read very good. If you are depending on reading in the papers to get your facts straight,

Jim Reed interjected: "I don't get my facts from the newspaper."

Councilman Menendez continues: "You will be ninety years old before you get a straight story."

Jim Reed: "That may be so."

Councilman Menendez continues: "Everything is twisted and slanted so you can't believe a word they print. If you want a straight story it's in the last Minutes. Go read it!"

Jim Reed: "It still remains unfair to me - the reason - that's all I'm asking for (rest of reply was inaudible) a straight forward answer."

Supervisor Leonard: "I have to explain to you that it was brought up by.....I have no intention of making a political battle here - if that's your reason for it. If you want to understand why we did it.....the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, it was his idea, and he had contacted some members of the Board and that was the decision of the Board."

Councilman Menendez: "Are you down here as a private citizen or on the orders of your boss?"

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

Supervisor Leonard: "I'm sorry, but that's as far as this is going to go."

Jim Reed: "Thank you."

Residents from Calverton Acres appeared regarding the flooding conditions on Kay Road and Laurin Road. The drains are not taking care of the water fast enough. The drains need cleaning.

Mr. Horton advised the Board that it is not the highway's fault - it is the builders that built the houses. The builder broke the barrier down and all the water from the west side washes down.

After further discussion it was requested by the Board that Mr. Horton clean the present catch basins and that they will hire an engineer to investigate the area and advise the Town Board what has to be done and what it will cost.

Chief Grodski reported that the enforcing officer has advised him that we have approximately 1 month's supply of meter summonses. The Chief feels that a meter violation fee be increased and that an amendment re: a second offense be added.

After further discussion the matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

John P. Riesdorff: "A year ago, Mr. Horton planted trees down in the Village. I wonder if anybody was ever appointed to take care of those trees after they were put in."

Supervisor Leonard: "That's a good question."

Councilman Young: "Alex watered them last summer."

Alex Horton: "I took care of them last summer, but I approached the Board advising them they had to be sprayed last summer, but nothing was done. I think it is up to someone to take care of them."

John Riesdorff also spoke on Penny's Landing Road and the Supervisor advised Mr. Riesdorff that the Board is taking the matter under consideration.

Wickham Tyte, Riverhead spoke on parking meters and their purpose.

Mr. Tyte also spoke on the matter of the new Councilmanic form of Government and its different approaches and what is necessary for this plan. He would like to know the time table for this. Town Attorney, Allen Smith advised Mr. Tyte that he would get the information for him.

Mr. Tyte spoke further regarding map in Newsday which is similar to the Master Plan Map idea on density of land use. He wondered if anything further has been done regarding density.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES - continued:

Mr. Tyte further asked the Town Board to seriously consider the "Klein" idea, the implications of the erosion of private rights to their own property as against gradually coasting into a socialistic thing. Would like the Board to take a stand in this and let the County know.

Dr. Alfred Smith spoke regarding lights on Iron Pier Beach at Pier Avenue. He recommended that the lights be turned off for 3/4 of a year which would be a savings to the Town.

Stanley Grodski, Recreation Supt. advised Dr. Smith that the cost per month for these particular lights is \$2.19. Mr. Grodski further stated these lights help to prevent vandalism of buildings.

Judge Manning: "Those lights cannot be shut off. I checked with Mr. Kincaid after your first request on turning those lights off."

Alan Benjamin, Riverhead: "At the end of Riverside Drive, I presume the Town still owns Riverside Drive, does the Town own that piece of property from the end of the road to the river."

Mr. Benjamin was advised by Board Members, Alex Horton, Supt. of Highways and Thomas McKay, Chairman of the Board of Assessors that they did own the property.

Mr. Benjamin continued: "That's all I want to know. I've been informed that some of our fellows have been kicked off there by County Rangers. They claim the County owns the property and our fellows want to go down there and fish."

Another thing, why is the Town allowing that green to be half way across the Town Road around the curve?"

Mr. Benjamin was advised that the matter will be looked into.

Thomas McKay, Chairman of the Board of Assessors gave a report on the Board of Assessors' Office. He reported their progress with assessments, re-evaluations, new tax map and field work. Mr. McKay spoke further on assessments regarding improvements to one's home and their visits to new homes being assessed for the first time or when a major improvement is made.

Mr. Hooper spoke to the Board regarding improvements to present homes. The Board advised Mr. Hooper that no charge is made for painting or improvements such as fences or new roofing.

Mr. Hooper asked the Board to consider strongly the raising of the parking meter violation fee as the downtown area needs business. It will discourage people from shopping in the downtown area.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Town Justice Manning.

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Highways be and is hereby authorized to pay time and one-half overtime compensation for emergency snow removal, as follows:

Timothy Benton	March 29 & 30, 1974	11 Hours	@\$6.15	\$67.65
William Bilski	March 29 & 30, 1974	5 Hours	@\$6.15	\$30.75
Stanley Bokina	March 29 & 30, 1974	11 Hours	@\$7.50	\$82.50

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Town Justice Manning.

RESOLVED, That highway bills submitted on Abstracts dated April 16, 1974, as follows:

General Repairs Item #1: Mobil Oil Corp., bills dated 3/25 & 3/27/74, & 4/1 & 4/4/74, totalling \$1,010.10, and

Machinery Item #3: Municipal Machinery Co., Inc., bill dated 4/4/74, in the amount of \$783.90; be and the same are hereby approved for payment.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Town Justice Leonard.

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Highways be and is hereby authorized to pay overtime compensation to Thomas Sendlewski, Jr., C.E.O., for 21 hours @\$4.75 per hour for a total of \$99.75 for the month of March, 1974, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Highways be and is hereby authorized to pay time and one-half overtime compensation to Stanley Bokina for emergency work performed March 9, 1974 for 4 hours @\$7.50 per hour for a total of \$30.00.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued:

Town Justice Manning offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Long Island Lighting Company, be and is hereby authorized to install the following street lighting needs:

1. Install One (1) 7600 LMV street light on Pole #8, Beach Road, Wading River, at an annual cost of \$52.20.
2. Install One (1) 21,000 LMV street light on Pole #101, at the corner of Broad Avenue, Aquebogue, at an annual cost of \$91.20
3. Install Five (5) 7600 LMV street lights on Pole #'s 2,4, 6,8 and 10 on Broad Avenue, Aquebogue, at an annual cost of \$52.20 @ or \$261.00.
4. Install street lights on Pole # 200 to extend to Pole # 227, a distance of one-half mile on Peconic Bay Blvd. from Washington Avenue to Lockitt Drive, Jamesport, at an annual cost of \$52.20@ or \$835.20. (Sixteen lights)

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That Joseph Twomey be and is hereby appointed Park Laborer, effective May 6, 1974 to and including September 6, 1974, to be paid bi-weekly at the hourly rate of \$2.80 and to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Sophie Waski, Deputy Social Services Officer be and is hereby authorized to attend the Town Social Service Officers Meeting at Hauppauge, New York on Friday, April 26, 1974, and that expenses incurred thereto be charged to the Supervisor's Expense Account.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS - continued:

Town Justice Manning offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Long Island Lighting Company, be and is hereby authorized to install the following street lighting needs:

1. Install One (1) 21,000 LMV street light on Pole # 104.5, east of Linda Avenue, Aquebogue, on Route 25, at an annual operating cost of \$91.20.
2. Install Four (4) 7600 LMV street lights on Pole #'s 17, 19, 21 and 23 on Cove Street, Aquebogue, at an annual operating cost of \$52.20 @ or \$208.80.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Town Justice Leonard.

RESOLVED, That a public hearing be held on the 7th day of May, 1974, to consider an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 which proposed amendment is shown in the following public notice and that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post public notice of the aforesaid public hearing in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 7th day of May, 1974, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, at the Town Hall, 220 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, New York, to hear all interested persons in connection with a proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 of the Town of Riverhead in the following respect:

By adding a new section 203 (A) 2. as follows:
2. Special Permit Uses:

- a. Day care centers or nursery schools as defined by the Social Service Law by special permit of the Town Board.

The vote, Councilman Menendez, Yes, Town Justice Manning, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Councilman Young, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, May 7, 1974 at 10:30 A.M.

Elizabeth Edwards
Elizabeth Edwards, Deputy Town Clerk