

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on January 18th, 1972 at 7:00 P. M.

Present:

John H. Leonard, Supervisor
 Thomas R. Costello, Town Justice
 Robert G. Leonard, Town Justice
 Vincent B. Grodski, Councilman
 George G. Young, Councilman

Also present: Francis J. Yakaboski, Town Attorney
 Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways

Supervisor Leonard called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 P. M. and on behalf of the Town Board welcomed the people to the evening meeting.

Supervisor Leonard announced that a meeting on Attitude Survey Summary Analysis and "Kick-Off" on Riverhead Master Plan Updating, will be held at the Roanoke Avenue School at 7:30 P. M., on February 1st, and urged everyone to attend this all important meeting.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on January 4, 1972, be approved as submitted, with the exception of the salaries of the three Tax Receiver's Part-time Clerks, as contained in Town Board Resolution on page 17 of the January 4th, 1972 Minutes of the Town Board.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, 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 following bills submitted on Abstracts dated January 18, 1972:

General Town	\$15,509.98
Highway Item No. 1	1,864.84
Highway Item No. 3	8,369.55
Highway Item No. 4	7,413.67

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

RESOLVED, That General Town bills in the amount of \$15,509.98, be approved for payment, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following Highway bills be approved for payment.

Highway Item No. 1	\$1,864.84
Highway Item No. 3	8,369.55
Highway Item No. 4	7,413.67

RESOLUTION continued:

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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

Wickham C. Tyte, Sr., Chairman of the Riverhead Conservative Party Town Committee, read statement containing resolution of the Conservative Party which he presented on July 6, 1971, on which no action was taken by the old Board and stated he is presenting it to the new Board in the hopes that it will be given consideration. The resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS approximately 2000 Riverhead residents currently dwell in mobile homes in this township; and

WHEREAS current zoning Ordinance #26 makes it mandatory for mobile homes to be placed in mobile home parks, except in rare instances, and

WHEREAS many of our citizens forced to live in mobile home parks are subject to unbelievable harassment, unfair treatment, exploitation and continual fear of imminent eviction, and

WHEREAS these hardships fall heaviest on young married couples with limited incomes and senior citizens living on social security and, or other fixed incomes, and

WHEREAS currently mobile homes are designed scientifically with modern heating, plumbing, lighting, refrigeration, etc., and make for gracious living, and

WHEREAS the Federal and State Governments are encouraging the use of mobile homes to help solve our very serious housing shortage;

We make the following recommended changes to zoning Ordinance #26:

1. The repeal of Section 301N "Prefabricated dwellings. "
2. Recognition that the word dwelling or residence as used in this Ordinance includes mobile homes as defined in Section 102, point #8 and #15.
3. That the minimum area requirement for mobile homes shall be 500 sq. ft. - the same area given apartments in 204E point #3 of this Ordinance).
4. The owner or lessee of a mobile home shall comply with the Town of Riverhead Building Code Ordinance #35 only in connection with the provisions covering application for Building Permits, Fees, and Certificate of Occupancy (as in Section 204A point #8). " (End)

Mr. Tyte congratulated the Town Board and especially Supervisor Leonard for getting together with the other East End Supervisors in regard to the matter of County Division and added saying that forces are in operation to saddle us with a million dollar sewer, which is only one item of many things.

Mr. Tyte reminded the Board that it is an inherent right under the Constitutions of the United States and State of New York for people who own private property to put their domestic domicile and/or place of business on this property and this Ordinance has taken away this right - if it is not unconstitutional - it is unfair.

Mr. Tyte concluded saying that he had read in the papers that the Supervisor had said that he would appoint various committees to guide him in the fundamental policy of the Town, and made request that he have a three party representation on such committees and offered to submit names for such committees.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Ormand Ewers, Wading River, President of Wading River Civic Association, appearing before the Board as an individual, said he listened to Mr. Tyte and his talk was obscured by references to sections and paragraphs and asked what exactly was his purpose and intent in amending the ordinance regarding home trailers and prefabricated homes.

Mr. Tyte replied: "There is a housing shortage - situation has to be solved and if we don't take care of it ourselves, eventually the Federal and State Governments will step in and take care of it for us. The cost of normal house building has gone up so high that many people are not able to build and finance at these high interest rates - yet they must have a place to live. There are certain number of people who have been given permits to build mobile home parks - it is a franchise - and one which has certain rules and regulations - these people who live in these parks are being harassed and are being discriminated against - they are not given leases and if the owners don't like you - out you go. "

Mr. Tyte continued saying: "On the other hand mobile homes are good for retired people - for people that want to live quietly. The young couples with children are being discriminated against. There is that group who should have that right to own their own property and live in their mobile home. "

Mr. Ewers: "I'm glad you put it so frankly - I disagree with every thing you said - but I would defend unto death your right to say it. If anyone wishes to live in an \$80,000 house they should not have to have a mobile home trailer park erected next to them to decrease the value of their home. I don't believe that allowing mobile homes to be established any where in the community will solve our community problems."

Mr. Tyte: "I am fighting for the right of a person to own his property under a mobile home. "

Supervisor Leonard recessed the meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 P. M.

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of publishing and posting Notice of Hearing on Application for Special Permit to operate a YMCA Youth Center on premises located on the northeasterly corner of the intersection formed by West Main Street and Raynor Avenue.

The affidavits were ordered filed.

Supervisor Leonard thereupon declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the aforesaid matter.

Allen M. Smith, Esq., representing the YMCA Youth Center appeared before the Board and stated that the Town Board on two prior occasions has granted a Permit for six months at a time for such use which is a permitted use and a request is again being made to have the Permit extended for another six months.

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Mr. Smith further stated that the building is open for the use of the community. Several different groups have made use of it as well as a membership of over 200 youngsters. That the Center has received help from the County and now has several men who have helped with the young people.

Mr. Smith asked if the Board has any questions.

Judge Leonard: "Do you still have Mr. Larabee with you?"

Mr. Smith: "Yes, and we have a staff of three other part-time men involved with the project. "

Judge Costello: "Mr. Smith, I think you people are doing a terrific job and I'm all for it. "

Mr. Smith: "Thank you".

Dorothy Jermusyk, Calverton: "Can anyone from the street walk in and participate?"

Mr. Smith: "It would depend on what was going on at that particular moment - it is a membership organization and there is an annual fee of \$7. 50. "

Mrs. Jermusyk: In other words if I were under 18, I could go?"

Judge Costello: "You could go even if you were over 18. "

Councilman Young: "Doesn't the "M" stand for then?"

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Leonard, declared the hearing closed and re-opened the meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES-continued:

Peggy Suden, Riverhead, representative of Mobile Home Owners Ass'n., addressed the Board and said that if she were a property owner in Riverhead she would pitch a tent on that property and asked if there were any laws prohibiting her doing so - further that she is a new comer to Riverhead and loves Riverhead.

Mrs. Suden told the Board that the Mobile Home Park had applied to the Highway Department for a reduction in the speed limit on Mill Road to 30 MPH and were told that the request was denied.

Councilman Young advised Mrs. Suden that the request was made to the State Department of Transportation who investigated and denied the request and stated that we can ask them again.

Councilman Young reminded Mrs. Suden that on February 1st, there will be the first meeting of the Town Master Planning Operation and this is where the people should come and submit their ideas and opinions.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES continued:

Gordon Danby, Wading River, expressed his appreciation to the Board for holding this evening meeting and made objection about the building the Town sold for \$200, which building is being moved next to the cottage owned by the individual who purchased the building. He said that this building the people would have liked to buy and burn.

Mr. Danby further stated that the Civic Association had requested they be notified of coming zone changes but have not been apprised of such changes. He recommended that in the future all organizations in the Town be notified of any notices that are being published even if there is a charge for this service. He also stated that he realizes these notices are published in the local paper but sometimes people are too busy to read them.

Judge Leonard: "What building are you referring to, Mr. Danby?"

Mr. Danby: "The house that belonged to the Town and which a gentleman bought for \$200. He is moving it to a 50 ft. strip, south of his present cottage on the edge of the wetland. I hope that something like this will not happen again."

COMMUNICATIONS

Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways, dated 1/18/72, advising the Board that he does not recommend sending anyone from the Highway Department to the State Convention to be held in New York in February as in the past he had received very poor or no reports from representatives at this Convention, also that he feels it is not advisable for the Town to allocate any money for this purpose. Filed.

The Town Clerk made the following comment regarding the above communication: "I cannot understand Mr. Horton's letter - Mrs. Egert has been the representative for the Highway Department and had attended every session and brought back with her all the reports and information."

Mr. Thomas Gallagher, Jamesport, dated 1/10/72, submitting three recommendations to insure safety of pedestrians in the vicinity of Main Road, Jamesport, as follows:

1. Install one push button North side and one on the South side of Route 25 and Jamesport Avenue for pedestrians to safely cross at Cross walk. At present there is positive traffic control for vehicles and none for pedestrians.
2. A sign to regulate parking on South side of Main Highway Route 25, between Jamesport Avenue and Barber shop. 15 minutes is sufficient - at present time delivery trucks double park. Also make driveway available for ingress to Main Road. Have had three accidents in one year.
3. Strict enforcement of violators blocking private driveways and crossing double yellow line. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Police Chief.

Police Chief Stephen J. Grodski reported that he had reviewed Mr. Gallagher's recommendations and had sent a member of his Department to advise him as follows:

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

1. State would not approve the push button as it would necessitate assigning a policeman to watch and prevent children from using it needlessly.
 2. State would not approve parking restriction for less than one hour.
 3. That violations of blocking private driveways, etc. will be enforced.
- Supervisor Leonard thanked Police Chief Grodski for his report.

Fresh Pond Civic Association, dated 1/1/72, stating that on October 29th, 1971, at a meeting held with the former Supervisor and Judges Leonard and Costello and the Town Attorney, the Association was informed that the Town is planning to revise the Ordinance governing Mobile Home Parks and regarding Mobile home owners rights, also to discuss setting aside a parcel of land zoned for individual ownership by mobile home owners desiring to own their property. Asking that when this matter comes up for revision that representatives from Mobile Home Owners be placed on the Committee. Stating further that the Association has been in existence for three years and consists of owners in Thurm's Mobile Home Estates, Calverton - that their main function is to promote improvements and protection for the community. Filed. Copies to Town Board.

Town Clerk was instructed to reply asking the Association to schedule a meeting convenient for them to meet with the Town Board.

Francis J. Yakaboski, dated 1/7/72, advising that the use intended for premises to be conveyed by the Town to Dejomar Properties is not a permitted use. That the Zoning Board of Appeals has no jurisdiction to alter the provisions of the Ordinance and the only solution would be to amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit the use. Filed. Copies to Town Board.

After discussion the Town Board referred the matter to the Town Attorney.

John Brown asked why we can't wait for the Master Plan to solve this matter.

Councilman Young explained that the Master Plan will take two years to complete.

Town Attorney Francis J. Yakaboski explained that he had instructed the principals of the Riverhead Sanitation Company to apply to the Building Department for a Permit to build - they are willing to spend the money to buy and build in a place where it would not offend anyone. They will have to make application for a change of zone and if the Town Board directs, it will be referred to the Planning Board and a Public Hearing will be held.

Mrs. James A. Roche, Calverton, dated 1/6/72, requesting installation of street lights on River Road, Calverton, within the area of the Roll-in Mobile Home Park. Filed.

Town Clerk informed the Board that she had checked with the Clerk to the Board of Assessors and was informed that this area is not within a Lighting District.

REPORTS

Tax Receiver's, dated January 11, 1972. Filed.
Recreation Department, month of December, 1971. Filed.
Recreation Department, Beach Permit Report for 1971. Filed.
Jamesport Fire District, Annual Report of Treasurer for 1971. Filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control, dated 1/6/72, submitting policy memorandum #1, adoption of which is effective January 1, 1972, relating to water pollution control plants nutrient removal-Nitrogen. Filed.
Copies to Town Board, Town Attorney, Water and Sewer Districts.

Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control to Holzmacher, McLendon and Murrell, Engineers, dated 1/13/72, relating to preliminary engineering report on Riverhead Sewer District, Middle Road Pumping Station, which has been reviewed and asking clarification and/or additional information on several items. Filed.

Copies to Town Board, Town Attorney and Sewer District.

Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control to Plant Manager of Treat Company, Inc., dated 1/14/72, relating to Waste Disposal Area Clearance regarding the Treat Plant at 29 Sound Avenue, which Mr. Warner has been retained to clean up and outlining procedures to be used to accomplish the desired end result. Filed. Copies to Town Board, Town Attorney and Water District.

LILCO, dated 1/5/72, submitting survey for lighting needs on Park Street, within the Wading River Lighting District, providing lights on Poles #2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 - recommending that six (6) 1000 Lumen Street lights be replaced with six (6) 7600 Lumen Street lights, at an increased cost of \$187.20 per annum. Filed.

Mr. Cnute W. Beckman, dated 1/11/72, requesting street light fixture in front of his residence on 319 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, N. Y. Filed.

Miss Mae Lutz, dated 1/11/72, requesting street light fixture in front of her residence on 320 East Avenue, Riverhead, N. Y. Filed.

Town of Brookhaven, dated 1/12/72, submitting Notice of proposed amendment to Building Zone Ordinance relating to curbs and sidewalks. Filed.
Copies to Town Board, Planning Board, Building Dept. and Town Attorney.

Mrs. Alice Graff, dated 1/10/72, making recommendation to the Town Board to purchase the L. Y. Robinson house and convert it into a Town Hall. Filed.

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

Dr. Donald Pevney, dated 1/8/72, submitting resignation as member of the Narcotics Guidance Council, effective January 8th, 1972. Filed.

Henry F. O'Brien, dated 1/7/72, submitting resignation as member of the Narcotics Guidance Council. Filed.
Referred to Town Clerk for reply.

Rev. Richard Adinolfi and Sister Mary Hugh, representing Town Narcotics Guidance Council, dated 1/11/72, requesting a meeting with the Town Board to discuss the functions of the Council and matters pertaining to its funds. Filed.

Town Clerk was instructed to reply asking the Council to schedule a meeting convenient for them to meet with the Town Board.

Riverhead Town Planning Board, dated 1/13/72, relating to Petition of James Richard to amend Zoning Ordinance #26 to distinguish drive-in restaurants and require special permits for this Use - recommending that this Use be allowed only by Special Permit of the Town Board in all districts where restaurants are now allowed in Zoning Ordinance #26 and further stating that the Planning Board will study further the definition and the use with a view towards making future proposals and suggestions when the revision of the comprehensive plan is considered. Filed.

Copies to Town Board.

Chairman, Suffolk County Girl Scout Council, Inc., dated 1/11/72, outlining proposed activity to spot-light its Diamond Jubilee of Girl Scouting -- 60 years in existence-program (SMOB) called Sixty Miles of Beaches and Parklands for 60 years of Girl Scouting. Asking the Supervisor to determine to what degree he would like to have the troops participate in beach front or parkland clean-up operations under his jurisdiction during the week of May 19, 1972. Filed.

Referred to Stanley Grodski, Recreation Supervisor.

John J. Munzel (former Town Attorney) dated 1/10/72, advising he is holding files of:

People vs. John LaGrasse
Special Permit-Manson Properties
Suffolk Land Holding Corporation

pursuant to an agreement with the present Town Attorney, because of potential conflicts with Mr. Yakaboski's position due to prior representation involving his firm. Requesting he be advised as to the wishes of the Town Board as to the transfer of these cases. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney.

The Town Attorney explained the files and made the following recommendations:

People vs. John La Grasse: Matter is presently on appeal. Recommended the Town Board have Mr. Munzel represent the Town or retain other counsel.
Special Permit-Manson Property: Recommended file be returned to Town Clerk.
Suffolk Land Holding Corporation: Recommended file be returned to Town Clerk.
After further discussion the Town Clerk was directed to request Mr. Munzel to return all three files to her office.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT RE: MARINA BIDS

Councilman Grodski advised the Town Clerk that the Board had reviewed the specifications for sealed bids on the operation of the Jamesport Marina as submitted by the Recreation Supervisor, have found same in order and directed her to prepare the necessary resolution, notice to bidders and bid forms for the next meeting of the Town Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESSTown Hall Lease (Rental):

Town Attorney Francis J. Yakaboski recommended this item be tabled as he wanted to further discuss the matter with the Board.

Civil Defense Lease with N. Y. State Armory:

Town Attorney reported the request form is not yet back from Albany.

Town Dump Lease with Town of Southampton:

Town Attorney reported that he had apprised the Supervisor of the Town of Southampton that Riverhead is raising the rental fee for use of the Dump from \$3000 to \$6000 and that additional charges will be made for large-sized loads. That he had received the impression that the Town of Southampton may only expend the \$3000 allocated for the rental of the Dump and will ask for a six month lease, and for the balance of the year arrange to have pickups in the Flanders area by its own highway department trucks. However, this is not an official decision as the Board is still considering the matter.

TOWN DUMP RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT: read by Councilman Grodski and copies made available to the Town Board and Town Attorney:

"The committee for the Town Dump recommendations, consisting of Alex Horton, Superintendent of Highways, Councilman Young and myself, have met and set forth the following items for the Town Board and Town Attorney to consider:

1. That stumps be allowed to be dumped at the Town Dump on a fee basis broken down to three categories:

1. 5 yd. capacity load - \$5.00
2. 10 yd. capacity load - \$10.00
3. 15 yd. capacity load - \$20.00

2. That the Town Clerk have available for any contractor a book of receipts, which will be sold to him at above mentioned fees. Receipts are to be collected by dump dispatcher and turned back into the Town Clerk.

3. That hours should be set at 7:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., excluding weekends when accommodations will be made for the public at the entrance.

4. That a dispatching office be set at the entrance and the dispatcher charged with collecting fee receipts, when necessary, and directing all vehicles entering premises. A sum of \$700.00 should be allowed to construct a 10' x 12' single construction type office. A phone at this time does not seem necessary as there is a phone in the equipment garage adjacent to the dog pound. An extension phone could be implemented.

5. The immediate plan would be to clean up the area near the main road and maintain a cleaner looking entrance once the area is completely filled, which is in the near future.

TOWN DUMP RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT continued:

6. The large excavation now being made should accommodate the refuse for a good number of years and the feeling of the committee is to abandon the idea of acquiring the southerly land offered to the Town for three reasons:

1. That it seems to be getting too close to a populated area.
2. That the Suffolk County Department of Health will probably not allow the intrusion upon the water table and/or existing stream.
3. That the land now owned by Suffolk Cement Products will more than likely be available to the Town after the mining operation is finished in the area.

7. We now have a solid and scavenger waste disposal report prepared by the two Stony Brook students which we could very well use as a guide and reference which could be applied by the Superintendent of Highways.

8. It is also a recommendation that once the system of hours is set, then the two equipment operators will be able to work together at the same time for more efficiency while the dispatcher handles all traffic. This would enable more use of the bulldozer as recommended on page nine of the Stony Brook report. (End). Filed.

NEW BUSINESSCreation of One Lighting District for the Town of Riverhead:

Referred to Lighting Committee (Town Justice Costello), Town Attorney and Board of Assessors to schedule meeting with representatives of the Lighting Company.

Assignment of Environmental Control Committee:

Town Clerk informed the Town Board that the Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control is requesting all townships in Suffolk County to form Environmental Committees and has called her office three times asking if the Riverhead Town Board had formed such Committee.

Supervisor Leonard announced that if anyone here is interested to be on the Environmental Committee to leave their name with him or the Town Clerk.

The matter was tabled for the next meeting of the Town Board.

RESOLUTION

Councilman Young stated that in view of the large attendance this evening, he assumes that this night meeting is a success and offered the following resolution which was seconded by Supervisor Leonard.

RESOLVED, That the second regular meeting of the Town Board be held on the Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P. M. in the evening for the balance of the year.

The vote: Councilman Young, Yes.

Councilman Grodski: No, we have already set up a procedure and I don't see any sense in changing it.

Town Justice Leonard: No.

Town Justice Costello: I have no objection whatsoever if the good Councilman would offer a resolution for the second February meeting to be held in the evening and to see whether or not we will have such an attendance as this, but to make it a steady diet, I vote, No.

Supervisor Leonard: Yes.

The resolution was defeated.

Dr. Caryl Granttham addressed the Board and said: "Ted Kennedy in a speech to the National Press Club yesterday said, "One of our basic problems is not so much that people distrust their government as government distrusts the people" - and the issue of setting a meeting at a regular time - and we have demonstrated throughout the Summer and Fall the fact that this is above politics - that people only as they become accustomed to a certain routine will they come, and I again say, it's not so much that we distrust you, but that you distrust us."

Dr. Granttham's comment was followed by much applause.

RESOLUTION

Councilman Grodski offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Grodski.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the second February Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead be held at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on February 15th, 1972 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized to publish notice of said meeting in the February 3rd issue (1972) of the News-Review.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

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 In the Matter of the Application of the Young Men's Christian Association of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Inc., Riverhead Branch for a Special Permit pursuant to Section 210A, paragraph 2(j) :
 of Ordinance No. 26 of the Town of Riverhead.

RESOLUTION

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 WHEREAS, a written application dated December 8, 1971, was duly filed with the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, requesting the said Town Board to grant a special permit pursuant to Section 210A paragraph 2 (j) of Ordinance No. 26 of the Town of Riverhead permitting the use of premises at the northeasterly corner of the intersection of West Main Street and Raynor Avenue as a Y. M. C. A. Community Center for a period of six (6) months, commencing January 1, 1972, and:

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on said application before the Riverhead Town Board at the Town Hall on the 18th day of January, 1972, at 7:30 P. M.

NOW THEREFORE, after due consideration, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the written application of the Young Men's Christian Association of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Inc., dated December 8, 1971, be and hereby is granted for a term of six (6) months commencing January 1, 1972.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLVED, That Highway bills submitted on Abstract dated January 18, 1972, as follows: Item No. 3-Machinery-Municipal Machinery Co., Inc., 7 bills dated December 16 and December 31, 1971, totalling \$3,144.33 and Rolle Bros., bill dated December 31, 1971 in the amount of \$1,453.06; Item No. 4-Miscellaneous - Mid-Island Lumber & Supply Co., Inc., bill dated December 31, 1971, in the amount of \$582.47, and Municipal Machinery Co., Inc., bill dated December 21, 1971, in the amount of \$564.00; be and are hereby approved for payment.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for HEATING FUEL OIL for use by all Departments and Districts within the Riverhead Town Government for the year 1972, and such bids shall be returnable on Monday, January 31st, 1972 at 11:00 A. M., and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and is hereby designated to open publicly and read aloud on Monday, January 31, 1972, at 11:00 A. M., at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 220 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, New York, all sealed bids bearing the designation "Bid on Heating Fuel Oil".

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

RESOLVED, That Edward Gadzinski, Heavy Equipment Operator in the Sanitation Department, be paid time and one-half compensation for overtime worked to control the fire at the Dump on December 25 and 26, 1971, for eight hours at the rate of \$6.23 hourly in the sum of \$49.84.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

RESOLVED, That bill of C. Kander, Inc., for repairs to dog pound building (caused by vandalism) in the amount of \$727.00, and \$1600 for building one 26 ft. high chimney, total amount \$2,327.00, be and is hereby approved for payment.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Board ratifies the action of the Supervisor in purchasing the following Time Certificates of Deposit:

January 7th, 1972

General Town Account	\$100,000	Security National Bank	90 days	4-1/8 %
General Town Account	\$100,000	Security National Bank	120 days	4-1/2 %
General Town Account	\$100,000	Security National Bank	150 days	4-3/8 %
General Town Account	\$100,000	Franklin National Bank	180 days	4-1/2 %
General Town Account	\$100,000	Security National Bank	210 days	4-5/8 %

January 11th, 1972

Lighting Districts	\$ 30,000	Suffolk Co. National Bank	180 days	5%
Northville Homes Dist.	\$ 3,500	Security National Bank	210 days	4-3/8%
Town Welfare Fund	\$ 10,000	Security National Bank	60 days	3-7/8%
Town Welfare Fund	\$ 15,000	Suffolk Co. National Bank	90 days	4%
Highway Item No. 1	\$100,000	Franklin National Bank	270 days	4.76%
Highway Item No. 3	\$ 20,000	Security National Bank	60 days	3-7/8 %
Highway Item No. 4	\$ 20,000	Security National Bank	60 days	3-7/8%

January 19th, 1972

Parking Meter Fund	\$ 3,000	Security National Bank	120 days	4-3/8%
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The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to renew a Recreation Project, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Riverhead is about to submit an application for such renewal to the New York Division for Youth for its approval, and if approved, to apply subsequently to the State of New York for partial reimbursement of funds expended on said project, as provided by Chapter 556 of the Laws of 1945, as Amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such application renewal is in all respects approved, and John H. Leonard, Supervisor, is hereby directed and authorized to duly execute and to present said application renewal to the New York Division for Youth for its approval.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to renew a Recreation Project for the Elderly, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Riverhead is about to submit a program application for such renewal to the New York State Education Department and State Recreation Council for the Elderly for approval, and if approved, to apply subsequently to the State of New York for partial reimbursement of funds expended on said project,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such application renewal is in all respects approved, and John H. Leonard, Supervisor, is hereby directed and authorized to duly execute and present said program application to the State Education Department and State Recreation Council for the Elderly for approval.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Dr. Donald Pevney as member of the Town of Riverhead Narcotics Guidance Council, effective January 8th, 1972, be and is hereby accepted, with regrets.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Henry F. O'Brien as member of the Town of Riverhead Narcotics Guidance Council, effective as of this date, be and is hereby accepted, with regrets.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Sophie V. Waski, Deputy Welfare Officer, be and is hereby authorized to attend the Town Social Services Officer Meeting to be held on January 21, 1972 in Sayville, New York and that all expenses incurred thereto be paid.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Long Island Lighting Company be and is hereby authorized to replace six (6) 1000 Lumen street light fixtures on Park Street, Wading River, within the Wading River Street Lighting District, with six (6) 7600 Lumen street light fixtures, said installation to provide for lights on Poles #2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, as per plan survey submitted under date of January 5, 1972, outlining additional charge of \$187.20 per annum.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Long Island Lighting Company be and is hereby authorized to make a survey for a street light fixture in the area of 319 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, within the Riverhead Lighting District.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Long Island Lighting Company be and is hereby authorized to make a survey for installation of a street light fixture in the area of 320 East Avenue, Riverhead, New York, within the Riverhead Lighting District.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Dr. Alfred H. Smith of Sound Shore Road, Jamesport, New York, be and is hereby appointed to the Town of Riverhead Narcotics Guidance Council, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Donald Pevney, term ending March 3rd, 1973, and to serve without compensation.

The vote, Councilman Young, Yes, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The following comment by Mr. Wickham Tyte was made after adoption of resolution setting the time of the February 15th, Town Board Meeting on page 33 of this meeting: "I want to remind the Town Board that the County Legislature meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and if our town meetings are scheduled on these days it will be impossible for the Supervisor to attend the Legislative meetings. I would suggest that alternate meetings be scheduled."

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution dated January 4, 1972, fixing the salaries of the employees of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1972, be and is hereby amended and modified to read as follows:

Marguerite Fleischman	Part-time Clerk	From \$3.30 per hr. to \$3.00 per hr.
Wanda Pawloski	Part-time Clerk	From \$3.30 per hr. to \$3.00 per hr.
Cornelia Gatz	Part-time Clerk	From \$3.30 per hr. to \$3.00 per hr.

A lengthy discussion ensued which was entered into by Receiver of Taxes Irene Pendzick and the members of the Town Board.

Mrs. Pendzick: "I am confused by the resolution as the salaries were set at \$3.30 per hour for these employees by the unanimous vote of the Board on January 4th, and I feel that the Board should have first discussed this matter with me before presenting this resolution".

Judge Leonard: "Is the salary based on six or seven hours?"

Mrs. Pendzick: "Six hours since they are my clerks and they are not under the CSEA Contract. I don't understand this motion and neither was I advised".

Judge Costello: "The hours were fixed for all employees. Now a per diem rate of \$19.75 and an hourly rate is a different rate - now I think that the Board through Mr. Zaloga fixed the hours and in the CSEA Contract that your hours were fixed - now we have a permanent part-time clerk that is equal to your clerks who has been with us for over 15 years and is getting \$3.00 per hour - now if they want to work seven hours per day then you are permitted by this resolution to pay them \$21.00."

Mrs. Pendzick: "Your argument doesn't hold, Judge."

Supervisor Leonard: "At the last meeting you passed a resolution to pay them \$3.30 per hour. I was here in December when the Tax Receiver was called here and got a good going over and you told her then that she should bring her people in at an hourly rate and the resolution to pay them \$3.30 per hour was passed by five members of this Board. Why you are changing now, I don't know - her help is not under the CSEA Contract."

Judge Costello: "Everybody else works seven hours per day."

Mrs. Pendzick: "My girls are not everybody else, they do seasonal work."

Discussion on Resolution continued:

Judge Costello: "They should not get better paid and I think the regular employees should be treated equally as well as the part-time employees."

Councilman Young stated that Irene Pendzick is an elected official and she is responsible to the people, she is doing a good job and if she wants to work the people in her office for six hours she should be allowed to do it. He further said he didn't think we should penalize them when they are doing a good job and further said that he does not go along with Tom and Bob.

Councilman Grodski: (To Councilman Young) "You agreed with the rest of the Board that a seven hour day policy be established and we have never settled this - and I agree and go along with the Judges because the division in arithmetic is intepreted in two different ways."

Councilman Young: "I think if you had a Republican down the cellar, things might be a little different."

Supervisor Leonard called for the roll call vote on the Resolution (see page 38) which resulted as follows:

The vote, Councilman Young, No, Councilman Grodski, Yes, Town Justice Leonard, Yes, Town Justice Costello, Yes, and Supervisor Leonard, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Leonard remarked: "And I think it is about time you stopped playing politics."

Mrs. Pendzick asked when the change in salaries was effective.

Judge Costello replied, "In 1972."

Councilman Young made the following comment in reply to a recent newspaper article lampooning a Town Board Meeting:

"Vice President Agnew has on many occasions ~~criticized~~ CBS and ABC. I believe that the time has now come for the Riverhead Town Board to take issue with the News-Review.

In the past it was said that the written word was more powerful than the sword. In this day of mass communication and sophisticated weapons, it is probably more devastating than the hydrogen bomb.

A weapon as powerful as this should never be used lightly. I think it is true, that in its ability to influence minds, the communications media sometimes acts as a sort of pseudo-government, more powerful than the ballot box to influence the course of history.

When used carefully and correctly this is the most important guarantee of democracy, but when used carelessly it becomes the opposite.

Councilman Young continues:

In last Tuesdays New Review an article appeared describing certain actions of the Town Board, and criticizing these actions as being excessively political. As the action described never took place I assume the article to be an attempt at satire, an attempt to ridicule the political motivation of this Board.

If the article was supposed to describe actual action of the Riverhead Town Board it was a lie, and as such libelous.

There was no indication in the article which of the above was the case. Many of the readers believed it to be factual reporting, which it certainly was not.

It is true that the American political system is not perfect and that it is sometimes even ludicrous. But just as the free press is necessary for the operation of a democracy, so too is it necessary that a sometimes cumbersome political system is maintained. In order for this system to operate, in order to make sure it best serves the people, there must be political parties with all their weaknesses as well as their strengths.

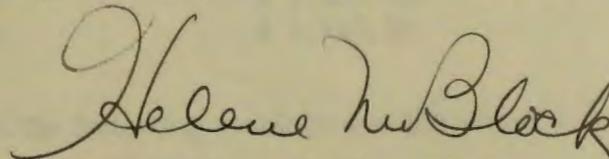
If the News Review knows of a better way I think it is incumbent on them to inform the public, just as I think it is necessary that they make very clear that their fictional stories are fiction." (End)

Charles Crump, Fanning Street, Riverhead, spoke to the Board about the piece of land it so graciously made available to the Sanitation Company and strongly urged that the land for the proposed garbage station be rezoned by the Town.

Supervisor Leonard again reminded the people of the February 1st. Meeting at the Roanoke Avenue School (7:30 P. M.) on the Riverhead Master Plan Updating and urged everyone to attend.

Supervisor Leonard also thanked the people for their interest in coming to this meeting.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P. M. , to meet on Tuesday, February 1st, 1972 at 10:30 A. M.



Helene M. Block, Town Clerk

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