

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, October 29, 1968, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to review the preliminary budget of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1969.

Present:

Robert B. Vojvoda, Supervisor
 Bruno Zaloga, Town Justice
 Thomas R. Costello, Town Justice
 Vincent B. Grodski, Councilman
 George G. Young, Councilman

Also present: William C. Haugaard, Town Attorney.

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Clerk submitted affidavits of posting and publishing Notice of Hearing upon Preliminary Budget for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1969.

The affidavits were ordered filed.

There were 60 persons in attendance.

Supervisor Vojvoda announced that the Board can decrease any of the items as contained in the published budget, but cannot increase any items with the exception of estimated expenditures relating to the highway budget or to the indebtedness of the town.

Supervisor Vojvoda also announced that the Receiver of Taxes has submitted the following information showing the percentage breakdown of the 1968 tax dollar.

County and State Tax	19.5%
School Tax	41.5%
Town and Highway Tax	21.4%
Special District Tax	10.3%
Sewer Tax	7.3%

Supervisor Vojvoda declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard in favor of or in opposition to any of the items as contained in the proposed Preliminary Budget for the year 1969.

Mrs. Colleen Tooker, 251 Hubbard Avenue, Riverhead, asked the necessity of having increased the welfare item for 1969.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated that the increase is due to welfare grants having been increased by the State, such as rents, clothing allowances, etc., and also because there is a decided increase of recipients on the rolls.

Mrs. Tooker asked what the amount of State reimbursement would be on the \$100,000 appropriation.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated it would be 50% or \$50,000.

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Mrs. Tooker asked if it is possible for the Town to enact its own laws on residency requirements.

Supervisor Vojvoda answered in the negative.

Mrs. Tooker asked if the local authorities have considered placing able bodied recipients in jobs.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated he had asked Perry Duryea to set up a Blue Ribbon Panel to look into the matter of enacting special legislation on welfare but that this measure received no support and suggested that the taxpayers write to their congressmen, senators and assemblymen and make known their views on welfare.

Mr. Martin Isaacs suggested that the salaries of the Councilmen remain as proposed in the budget and consideration be given to raising these salaries to attract qualified persons for the job.

Mr. Isaacs further stated that a salary of \$6000 is not enough compensation for a councilman who has to pass on spending a \$1,250,000 budget.

Mr. Maurie Semel stated that it is within the rights of the Town Board to put men in jobs and this has been done time and time again but evidently it has lapsed all of a sudden and asked the Town Board to reconsider this once again.

Supervisor Vojvoda answered stating that the Town has been doing this and is still doing this - that there is a man on Home Relief presently working with Butch Okula on the parking fields and the rest of the recipients presently on Home Relief are women or persons unable to work.

Supervisor Vojvoda added that the people he would like to be able to place in jobs are those receiving grants from the County. That last week eight women from Home Relief Rolls were put in jobs at Rocky Point, transportation being provided by the Labor Department and these eight women have been removed from the Home Relief Rolls.

Mr. Semel stated that he could see an increase in the salary of a councilman if a councilman were put on full time - a councilman and a Justice of the Peace and made strong objection to the increase which is being afforded the councilmen and justices for the reason that this is compensation above and beyond the work that is put in by the individuals in these particular jobs.

Mr. Semel added that in 1963 the councilmen's wages were \$3500 and now the anticipated \$6000 is an increase of 60% in that short period of time and in the case of the Justices the increase is about 57%.

Mr. Semel further stated that he dares say that not any individual who puts in an honest day's work - full day's work has come up with a salary increase anywhere near approaching the increases being contemplated for the councilmen and town justices.

Mr. Semel further added that he thinks the increases are out of line for these particular part-time positions and the raises for the other elective officials - there is a feeling that the raises are above and beyond what they should be, and once they are established for the councilmen and the town justices these are the magnitude of the salaries which will be given to - if there are incoming town justices or incoming councilmen after next year's elections and these will be levels at which the new ones will be started.

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Mr. Semel continued stating that in the case of some elected officials that could be changed and of course in the case of appointed officials the Town Board can make changes and recommendations as far as salaries are concerned for it is in their prerogative to do so.

Mr. Semel further added that the main objection is because they are part-time and were they full time we certainly could see salaries much higher than what they are here.

Mr. Semel continued stating that there is no objection to the Supervisor's salary at \$13,000, as a matter of fact for a government which is now exceeding a budget of \$1,250,000. it would seem that the executive officer of this town government would certainly receive much more than that, but this is something for the Town Board to decide.

Mr. John P. Riesdorph asked if the state law requires the highway items be listed separately instead of grouping them into one account.

Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways nodded in the affirmative.

Mr. Kenneth Ross, Aquebogue, suggested that the Town Board hold future budget hearings in larger quarters such as the school auditorium, as he has already given up his seat four times and it is obvious that the town's quarters are inadequate.

Mrs. Irene Tennenberg asked how many full time employees are listed under the \$20,071 Recreation salary budget item.

Mrs. Patricia Downs answered stating there were five.

Mrs. Tennenberg asked if the Recreation Supervisor had an assistant.

Mrs. Downs answered in the negative.

Mrs. Tennenberg asked how many people took advantage of the recreation programs.

Mrs. Downs stated that a monthly report is kept on file and all such records are available for inspection.

Supervisor Vojvoda answered stating he would hazard a guess that there were over 80,000.

Mrs. Tennenberg asked who the Industrial Commissioner is and what his duties were.

Supervisor Vojvoda answered stating that Joseph Lopez is the Commissioner. That he works from the Chamber of Commerce office, is paid two-thirds of his salary by the Chamber and one-third by the Town. That his secretary is paid by the Chamber and his duties are to work with the Town Board to entice industries to settle in our town. That he is presently interviewing four industries who are interested in being established here and that it is certain one will be established here after the first of the year.

Mr. John Valek, Jamesport, asked about salary of parking meter man and if the parking meters actually pay for themselves.

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Helene M. Block, Town Clerk answered stating the salary item for the parking meter man is paid from the Police Department budget. That the salary will not be paid from this item until such time when most of the indebtedness for purchase of parking fields has been paid. That currently the total expenditures of the meter account total \$14,000 and the meter collections of \$14,000 offset the expenditures so that no taxes are raised for this budget item.

Mrs. Dorothy Podlas, Riverhead, stated she agrees with Mr. Semel that the raises in salaries for the officials are too large. That she feels the people who ran for office knew what the salary called for and were happy to take the job and now that they are in office they want more money.

Mrs. Podlas made objection that some people have other jobs and the town jobs are part-time and these people are not entitled to raises as this will raise taxes.

Mr. Isaacs stated he is happy to learn that Maurie is going to run for Supervisor again.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated: "He never has".

Mrs. Isaacs stated that he disagrees with Mr. Semel on the matter of salary raises for the councilmen and that while it is not necessary for the councilmen to defend themselves, suggested it would be to their advantage to explain their duties and the time they put in while attending town board and committee meetings while being town representatives.

Councilman George Young offered the following information: "It isn't only \$1,250,000 that we administer in the town budget. We administer the sewer and water districts. We probably built a million dollars worth of extensions to the water district and we made probably \$100,000 new improvements there. We spent \$700,000 in the shopping district facilities and we are now anticipating Jamesport Water District. So there is a great deal more responsibility then you see here in this budget.

Actually, you shouldn't take the aggravation into consideration for you know you are going to get a lot of it when you get into a job like this. You speak of the Justices salaries - we were discussing this and I told them they couldn't pay me enough money to be a town justice. Here is a guy who has to get up and put people in jail - people that he knows in Riverhead - that come in drunk and are raising the devil and sons of people he knows - he has a great responsibility and you can't put a dollar and cents value on a thing like this.

We just gave the town employees a raise that amounts to \$170,000 - this is a great responsibility - it's your money and we are spending it and want to spend it right and if you don't think that I am worth \$8000 or \$6000 or \$4000, I don't want it.

We stand here with our faces hanging out for criticism - if we thought the townspeople didn't want to pay this - we don't want it and I don't want it. Certainly sometimes I think I'm not worth it but again if you want the right kind of people to run your town, that are good responsible citizens, I think you are going to have to pay. Anybody that wants to come in here three years from now, I'll be happy to step down and let Maurie have it, and there again if Maurie takes it I will be willing to settle for \$6000, \$7000 or \$8000 for I think he'll be worth it."

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Councilman Grodski stated as follows: "I concur with Councilman Young and would like to add a few items. For instance he mentioned the fact that we handle the water district, etc. A lot of other towns have water commissioners and sewer commissioners who take care of these jobs alone. Here in Riverhead we do it all.

I have nine committees myself. I am with Mr. Young on Sewer and Water. I have the Marina Committee, the Lighting Committee, the Building Code and the Multiple Residence Committees, Grievance Proceedings Committee and the Code of Ethics Committee. This is every week, and if the people want to know average-wise - how much time we actually put in - it is awfully hard to punch a time clock with this particular job, but I would venture a guess that it takes roughly up to 16 hours a week without any exaggeration."

Mr. Riesdorph stated that it has always intrigued him that in politics where we talk about a \$6000 figure - these men don't actually get this amount that they can spend for themselves, for it costs them hundreds of dollars to get elected and when there are tickets to sell for suppers and other affairs who do the people go to but to the town officials and employees.

Mr. John Leonard, Kratoville Avenue, Riverhead, stated that it has been reported that 16 hours per week were put in and he thinks that is pretty good money for 16 hours whether they buy cigars or tickets or anything else.

Councilman Grodski stated he didn't say he punched a time clock that 16 hours was only a guess.

Mr. Leonard: "Would you put that up a bit?"

Councilman Grodski: "No, I wouldn't say so, I am figuring all committee work."

Mr. Leonard: "That's about \$96.00 a day. I work 40 hours per week for \$8000 a year and I walk and every man on the Board has another job, except the Supervisor."

Supervisor Vojvoda: "This past year we administered an \$80,000 Sewer District budget and are presently looking into a \$60,000 improvement. We also administered a \$103,913. Water District budget which does not even reflect the new tank, pumping stations and test wells.

I think what Vint meant when he said 16 hours, I know I see them at least 16 hours, but I don't think they are taking into consideration the nights - much of this we'll meet night times - as you know when we get called - there isn't an organization that doesn't call on you whether you like it or not and if you add nights - I know in my own case I did this for about three months and I gave up. Because it figured out to 60 or 80 hours a week - the days and nights and Saturdays and Sundays."

Mr. Leonard: "We are not talking about you, we are talking about them."

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Supervisor Vojvoda: "Sometimes a taxpayer will stop them on Saturday or Sunday and they spend a couple of hours explaining things. We have no villages - other towns have villages. This Town Board takes charge of the whole town. We act in behalf of the water district and don't get extra salary for this. Incorporated villages relieve towns of a lot of work. They have their own highway and have their own village mayor."

Mr. Leonard: "When you listen to what is done it sounds big but when you hear it takes only 16 hours to do it in, it's not so bad."

Councilman Young (directing remark to Mr. Leonard) "Do you want the job?"

Mr. Leonard: "I'm thinking seriously about it."

Town Justice Costello: "I have never counted the hours I put in as Town Justice - we are in a peculiar position - we wear two hats - we are legislators and also town justices. Many of you people don't see us when we are really working. We hold trials at night that go as late as three o'clock in the morning. We handle quite a case load. As a matter of fact we handle about 4000 cases per year. In addition to that the money and fines that we get back practically pays for the running of our department."

And not only do we work on committees and work Saturdays and Sundays - I worked last Sunday morning when I had three or four people come in and say they couldn't come in on Monday and hear their cases. And I did not count the unnumerable telephone calls that I get during the week wanting some legal advice, wanting to see me on justice matters, civil, criminal and motor vehicle.

I think in this job you have to have quite a knowledge of the law. I feel that the two judges that you have are eminently qualified - I know in my case I hold many degrees and I don't put them out for that, but I hold a JB degree which is a Doctor of Jurist and you don't get those riding in subways. I have a Masters degree, I have a Bachelor of Laws degree, I have an AB degree from college and I think for the job that I and my brother justice does I have never counted the hours, but if you are worrying about whether it is part time or full time I would say that there is not a day that passed that I was not doing some kind of work that affected the town.

My brother justice and I were on the negotiating committee under the Taylor Law. We met several times with the committee. We didn't say that we could only work an hour - we worked until the job was done. In addition to that I got the job of preparing the collective bargaining agreement. When I was in private practice the minimum amount of money that I got was \$2500. It consists of 17 pages and Mr. Munson was bugging me day after day and I said I want to make a full and complete agreement and I just got finished with it and handed him over two copies of it.

There are many jobs that the justice of the peace does and he doesn't tell all the taxpayers about it. So if you are going to figure hourly rates of pay for a job that requires special skills than all I can say you don't rate it at \$2 or \$20 per hour or whatever it is. My brother justice and I - we sit here many hours discussing how to spend a dollar wisely. It's alright for people to call it part-time - we hold court anytime in the Town of Riverhead that we have police activity. That could be midnight or two o'clock in the morning. We don't put that on the radio, and I am available at anytime night or day."

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Town Justice Zaloga: "If I were to take a rough guess on the hours I put in during a week, I would say we probably average 25 to 30 hours, not including telephone calls at home. As a matter of fact my telephone rang so much, it's finally unlisted now.

Mrs. Brant our able secretary came up with the following figures:

In 1963 we had 2586 cases

In 1967 we had 4325 cases

Through September of 1968, we had 3336 cases.

In 1963 we received from Albany \$17,754

In 1967 we received from Albany \$21,344

And as of October, 1968, we received \$25,042.50. Now this is versus a \$32,000 budget for Justice Court."

Mr. Leonard: "Judge Zaloga has cited cases - these cases are traffic cases - they all come here and in about two hours it's all over."

Town Justice Zaloga: "I would like to come here on any court day and walk out in two hours. Would you believe 12 or 14 hours? There are trials involved as everyone does not plead guilty and one radar case takes from 2 to 2-1/2 hours to try."

Mrs. Patricia Mizkaliger, Riverhead, stated that the average taxpayer does not receive wages in keeping with the high cost of living and in view of the high school budget this year, questions those who proposed the raises having the best interest of the town at heart.

Town Justice Zaloga stated that he believes it is the salaries of the two councilmen and two justices that everyone is talking about tonight and explained that if you take the \$4600 involved in these raises, the average individual owning a \$20,000 house would pay about 13¢ in taxes for these raises.

Mr. Semel: "Justice Zaloga has made a statement about the minuteness of the raises that pertains to the charge per house or per capita. I think this is an important point for too often on the local level, on the county level, the state and federal level everyone is talking about a little bit here and little bit there, but unfortunately these little bits all add up to a great big sum which a lot of people are not able to handle.

Just for example we have here under "Enterprises/Parking Field Rental on First Street for \$2250." Now this is a parking field rental which is a charge on the town. I know we had an opportunity to bring this up to referendum if we wanted to, unfortunately it would have taken a lot of effort on the part of a lot of people and people were getting tired of having to put up their own permissive referendums to get something voted up or voted down.

Now there was absolutely no reason whatsoever for this parking field rental on First Street. Since the Town through the parking district acquired a similar sized lot immediately adjacent to this parking field - and as far as I am concerned for the next two or three years this \$2250 is being thrown down the drain. As of now making a count, day after day, after day of these two particular fields, the one that is a town charge and the one that is a parking district charge, you will find on the average of ten cars parked on both these lots each day, and to me that is an absolute waste of money."

PUBLIC HEARING - continued:

Mr. Semel continues: "Now, we've just fortunately dropped another charge because the option ran out and this was the \$1600 a year that we paid on the property of Grumman.. Now three years ago it was stated that we had all kinds of offers. People just dying to come into this area for packing industry - for fruit processing industry - they were going to use that Grumman property as a sewage basin for the waste from the processing plant. That in itself, to me was a bad idea. But then the idea of having to pay \$1600 for three years running and from that absolutely nothing. We had the field for three years and \$4800 thrown down the drain.

It's these little things that add up and we just can't throw them aside and say that only means 13¢ additional on your taxes."

Mr. Semel further stated that the matter of school taxes is out of order at this hearing because everyone has an opportunity to vote on school taxes during an annual school meeting and pointed out that this particular phase of the operation is something that you can vote on and added that as a matter of fact it is the only tax increase that you can vote on.

Mr. Semel urged that everyone take the opportunity to attend the annual school meetings and vote.

Mr. Semel further stated that as far as these tax raises are concerned the taxpayers do not have the opportunity to vote on and can only help persuade the Town Board that they should not go ahead with what they plan to do."

Mr. Stanley McArthur, Riverhead: "I just want to say that Judge Costello married me three years ago yesterday and that day he left what I think was a family party. I had a little envelope prepared and he wouldn't touch it. So I think there are other chores these men have on the Board in additions to those mentioned."

Supervisor Vojvoda: "The five Board members spend a lot of time delving into should we do this or should we not and if we expect the Town to grow we have to make decisions - right or wrong - we are not going to make them all "right"- we may make some bad ones but we made many that far outshadow any mistakes we have made."

Mrs. Tooker: "We heard from each member of the Board but we have not heard from the Town Attorney as yet."

Town Attorney William C. Haugaard: "Give me a topic".

Supervisor Vojvoda: "I think in all fairness - in Bill's case - as you know when we had the last full time Town Attorney-we were paying him \$12,500. Bill was new and we knocked the salary down to \$10,000 the first year. He had a good year to get his feet wet. I don't think there is a Board member or department head that doesn't feel his increase is not justified because he has been more than a full time town attorney. He does all our legal work, writes all our local laws, many of which you don't like, many of which you may like and in my own estimation he is underpaid today."

Mrs. Tooker: "It's not a question of whether anyone is being underpaid or overpaid - it's a matter of pure economics."

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Supervisor Vojvoda: "I agree with you and if you look back over the last five years you will see that our budget and Alex Horton's budget hasn't gone over more than a penny or two, but this is our year to pay for it - what with the Taylor Law and the eight new additional policemen we put on which I don't think anyone is against because we have done a wonderful job this year in this department.

Most of the increases are due to the new Taylor Law passed in Albany which we had no say in - which we didn't even know about - it has raised havoc throughout the State of New York. I know there's going to be some changes next year. In the meantime all of the taxpayers in the State are faced with the same problems that Riverhead is faced with."

Mrs. Tooker: "Will you explain the Taylor Law".

Supervisor Vojvoda: "This is where now all public employees including police have a bargaining set-up same as a union, and we now have to sit down each year and bargain. We used to have a salary increase which meant about 4-1/2% - this year instead of 4-1/2% it comes up to 9% plus fringes, hospitalization and this affects schools and county - normally they had an increment plan which was about a 5% raise. We spent about nine hours in a meeting one day. We did very well in our town compared to what we ended up in the County."

Mr. Harry Rambo: "I see where your town lawyer who does a considerable amount of work, has an office expense of \$150.00 a year, whereas under the Bingo expense there is an office expense of \$900.00."

Mr. Rambo further stated that if the Bingo which brings in revenue of only \$2800 and has an office expenditure of \$900 - then the Town Attorney should get a better office.

Miss Block explained that the Bingo Inspector is paid from the 3% Bingo Account as also part of one of her clerk's salary and that also equipment and supply forms are charged to this item.

Miss Block asked Mr. Rambo to come to the office and make inspection of the amount of Bingo work that is done in her office and pointed out that any un-expended funds revert to the surplus account at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Rambo stated that he is a taxpayer that cannot pay his taxes, and the records downstairs will show this.

Mr. Rambo further stated that he has no salary and he can't go on strike.

Mrs. Dorothy Podlas asked what the items under Health-Registrar of Vital Statistics \$450 and Laboratory Tests \$350 pertained to.

Miss Block answered saying the \$350 item is for Blood Tests requested by the Town Justices and State Police and is for payment of bills submitted by Doctors who make the tests.

Town Justice Zaloga stated that the tests are called for by the police department and the Doctors who draw blood testify in court when necessary.

Miss Block also informed Mrs. Podlas that the Registrar Fees are paid to her as Registrar for filing birth and death certificates.

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Mr. Paul Meyer, Riverhead, stated that he put up a wire fence to keep his leaves from blowing over to his neighbor's property and he thought the neighbor would be offended but instead she came and apologized and said that the reason she doesn't clean up or put a fence up is because the taxes would go up.

Mr. Meyer also stated that another friend had informed him that she had planted some bushes and her taxes went up.

Frank Yousik, informed Mr. Meyer that he is one of the Town's Assessors and stated that shrubbery, lawns, driveways and fences and leaves are not assessed and whether Mr. Meyer's neighbors rake their yard or not they will get the same assessment.

Mr. Meyer thanked Mr. Yousik and said he would sleep well tonight.

Mrs. Tooker asked if she could take three minutes to read something of a non-political nature.

The following are excerpts from Mrs. Tooker's statement:

"My first reaction at the thought of coming here tonight and making any statements was one of fear and anxiety. This has not changed to this moment- however, I feel I must.

A few days ago, when I was complaining about the increase of our taxes for the town and school district, a friend said to me, "What are you complaining about? You never had it so good." I have to agree. After 15 years of hard work, I can say I never had it so good. And I'll continue to work to keep it that way. And now the taxpayer must fight to keep it that way. The fight must begin in our local communities where people should have close contact with their local elected officials.

It seems to me we must establish priorities. What is most important? If the Home Relief program is to have top priority, let us deal with the first and get it under control to a reasonable level. Let us see to it that effective laws are enacted to accomplish this. If a new school is to be at the head of the list, let us get on with this program, and if raising the salaries of the public officials and employees is to have top priority, so be it.

Mr. Vojvoda and members of the Board, I appeal to you. Do not ask us to undertake all of these programs and more at once. If for one year, or maybe even one month our elected officials could see the view from where I and many other taxpayers sit, you could well understand why we feel we must protest. The middle-income taxpayer is (a quote from Babson's Point of Views)"locked in between the high and the low levels, he has too much income to obtain advantage from the low family exemption and from such government sponsored programs as Medicaid. On the other he does not make enough to permit him to take advantage of the numerous loopholes available to high-income people." (unquote) He is truly the "Forgotten American". (Personally, I would just as soon pay my own anyway).

I appeal to you, hold the line. Re-examine this preliminary budget. Are all increases necessary, especially in view of the additional burden we are evidently going to be asked to bear from other sources.

I do not expect these words will have much effect tonight and probably will be forgotten tomorrow. The taxpayers you see here tonight are the same voters who elected the members of this board. They will also become voters another day in the future. Look on us tonight as the same people, not a separate group. A majority welcome progress, but are unable to afford so much progress in one year.

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Mrs. Tooker's statement continues:

"Finally, let me remind you of an incident where one lone woman accomplished a feat that in my opinion did nothing to contribute to the betterment of our town, state, or country. One lone woman had prayers abolished from our schools.

I have no such high aspirations, but it shows very well, "Never underestimate the power of the weaker sex." (End)

At the conclusion of her statement, Mrs. Tooker received a round of resounding applause.

Supervisor Vojvoda asked Mrs. Tooker for a copy of her statement, saying it was by far the best speech he has ever heard as a Town Board member and a County Board member.

Mr. McArthur asked the Town Board to give some consideration to those who live on fixed incomes within the boundaries of the town.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated he wished all the people in the Town of Riverhead could attend a Senior Citizens Meeting to see how much they contribute to the town.

Mrs. Tennenberg stated she thought that \$500 was a paltry sum to appropriate for the senior citizens.

Supervisor Vojvoda pointed out to Mrs. Tennenberg that the Moose donate their facilities to the Riverhead group and the Town of Riverhead allows the Wading River group of Senior Citizens to use the Community Hall in Wading River.

Mr. Rambo stated that it was his understanding that the eternal light was dedicated to the Town by the American Legion and that the Gas company was to supply the gas and he feels that the Gas company could well afford to supply one little light.

Mr. Rambo further stated that he is not an accountant and not a mathematician but he realizes he cannot live on a budget as the town is required to do.

Mr. Rambo added saying that he hired an accountant who gave him figures and told him he could not possibly live - with the family he has and with the money he makes - he is not even here.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated it is possible that between the VFW and the American Legion Posts, the town may get all or part of this back and the amount in the budget will go into surplus.

Mr. Edward Purcell stated that the VFW and the American Legion Posts co-sponsored the eternal light.

Mr. Rambo asked the population of the town.

Supervisor Vojvoda stated that the last special census taken in 1964 set it at 17,400, but LILCO says it's about 20,000.

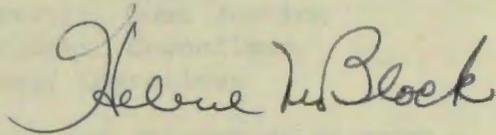
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PUBLIC HEARING continued:

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications having been received thereto, Supervisor Vojvoda declared the Hearing closed at 8:45 P.M.

Supervisor Vojvoda thanked everyone for coming and stated everything which was said here tonight will be taken into consideration when the Board next meets to adopt this budget.



Helene M. Block, Town Clerk

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