

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1963 AT 10:30 A. M.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM J. LEONARD, SUPERVISOR  
THOMAS R. COSTELLO, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
ULICK BELL, JR., COUNCILMAN

ABSENT:

BRUNO ZALOGA, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

ALSO PRESENT: J. LEO SAXSTEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND THADDEUS ZEMBKO, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

COUNCILMAN BELL REPORTED THAT THE RESOLUTION ON PAGE 211 OF THE GENERAL TOWN MINUTES RELATING TO ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ROCK SALT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ: "COUNCILMAN BELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY JUSTICE COSTELLO" IN LIEU OF "COUNCILMAN BELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL."

THE TOWN CLERK STATED THAT HE WOULD CORRECT SAME.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE TOWN BOARD HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON AUGUST 20TH, SEPTEMBER 3RD, AND SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1963 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED AND CORRECTED.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES SHALLOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD RELATIVE TO THE MISTREATMENT OF A DOG OWNED BY ONE OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.

THEY STATED THAT THE DOG BARKS ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY CAUSING THEM GREAT ANNOYANCE.

SUPERVISOR LEONARD STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE ASPCA AND ARRANGE A MEETING WITH MR. AND MRS. SHALLOW FOR A DISCUSSION OF THIS PROBLEM.

MR. LEWIS DAVISON APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD RELATIVE TO THE USE OF THE TRACTOR AT THE WADING RIVER PUBLIC BEACH FOR THE LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY OF BOATS.

COUNCILMAN BELL STATED THAT HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE USE OF THE TRACTOR BE STOPPED AT THE WADING RIVER BEACH AND THAT A BOAT RAMP BE INSTALLED AT THE END OF HULSE LANDING ROAD.

MATTER TABLED FOR FURTHER STUDY.

ATTORNEY PIERRE G. LUNDBERG APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AND SUBMITTED A "PETITION" SIGNED BY MILDRED W. HUBBARD AND JOSEPH A. CONFORTI FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

PETITION ORDERED FILED.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE "PETITION" OF MILDRED W. HUBBARD AND JOSEPH A. CONFORTI FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR ITS STUDY AND REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

AFTER BEING DULY ADVERTISED SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT FOR USE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WERE OPENED AS FOLLOWS:

HIGHWAY MATERIALS COMPANY, INC. - \$15.60 PER TON DELIVERED  
INTERNATIONAL SALT COMPANY - \$15.00 PER TON DELIVERED

BIDS ORDERED FILED.

MATTER TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

A PETITION SIGNED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD HEADED AS FOLLOWS:

"WE SUBMIT THAT WHEREAS WE THE UNDERSIGNED ARE RESIDENTS, TAXPAYERS AND OWNERS OF ADJOINING PROPERTY:

THAT WHEREAS THERE WAS DEEDED TO THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD, A PUBLIC PARK AND PLAYGROUND AREA KNOWN AS ROANOKE HOMES PARK. THE CONVEYANCE OF THIS AREA IS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 5142, PAGE 273 OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS ON MARCH 23, 1962.

THAT WHEREAS THERE EXISTS UPON THIS PLAYGROUND AREA A DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE, IN POOR AND DANGEROUS CONDITION THAT IS KNOWN AS THE "OLD BARN."

THAT WHEREAS THIS OLD BARN IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DEFINITE HAZARD TO THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY.

THAT THIS NUISANCE IS A GREAT FIRE HAZARD AND REMAINS AN "ATTRACTIVE" NUISANCE WHEREBY, THE LIVES AND LIMBS OF THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY ARE CONSTANTLY IN DANGER.

WE ASK THAT THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD REMOVE THIS OLD BARN SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE A CONSTANT THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF ANYBODY.

BEING MINDFUL OF THE VARIOUS PLAY AREAS AND BEACHES THAT THE TOWN BOARD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR THE COMMUNITY, WE SUBMIT THAT AN APPROPRIATION BE MADE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THIS PLAY AREA SO THAT IT MAY BECOME A USEFUL AND BENEFICIAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY. " END.

MATTER REFERRED TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY FOR INSPECTION, STUDY AND REPORT.

PETITION ORDERED FILED.

ATTORNEY ALEXANDER J. CHASE APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AND SUBMITTED A "PETITION" SIGNED BY MORTON ZAHLER FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

PETITION ORDERED FILED.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE "PETITION" OF MORTON ZAHLER FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR ITS STUDY AND REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

A COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1963 FROM THE PLANNING BOARD WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF ALEX ZDUNKO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN "OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA".

COMMUNICATION ORDERED FILED.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

WHEREAS APPLICATION FOR AN OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA WAS MADE BY ALEX ZDUNKO ABOUT MAY 22, 1962 COVERING PREMISES THEREIN DESCRIBED, AND

WHEREAS THE SAID APPLICATION WAS REFERRED TO THE RIVERHEAD PLANNING BOARD, AND

WHEREAS SAID RIVERHEAD PLANNING BOARD HAS REPORTED TO THIS BOARD THAT IT RECOMMENDS THE CREATION OF SAID OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN SAID RESOLUTION,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN OPEN DEVELOPMENT BE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SAID APPLICATION OF ALEX ZDUNKO COVERING THE SAID PREMISES, UPON SUCH CONDITIONS AND SUBJECT TO SUCH LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY GENERAL OR SPECIAL RULE OF THE RIVERHEAD PLANNING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 280-A OF THE TOWN LAW.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

A COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1963 FROM THE JAMESPORT-SOUTH JAMESPORT CIVIC ASSOCIATION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING:

1. THAT THE RIVERHEAD TOWN BOARD GO ON RECORD AS REQUESTING OUR GOOD FRIENDS, THE FARMERS, TO MAKE A SUPREME EFFORT THIS YEAR TO GET THEIR COVER CROPS IN ON TIME AND THAT THESE CROPS BE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE HAVOC CREATED LAST YEAR BY THE CATASTROPHIC "SAND STORMS" CREATED BY SOME OF THEIR CARELESSNESS OR NEGLECT IN PLANTING TOO LATE OR NOT AT ALL; AND THAT THE RIVERHEAD TOWN BOARD REQUEST THE NEWS REVIEW TO EITHER EDITORIALIZE THIS PROBLEM WITH SUCH A REQUEST TO THE FARMERS OR AT LEAST REMIND THE FARMERS, IN SOME WAY, OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD.

2. THAT THE RIVERHEAD TOWN BOARD BE REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF POOR DRAINAGE AT PECONIC BAY BOULEVARD AND LAUREL LANE, RESULTING IN HARDSHIP TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND DEPRECIATION OF THEIR PROPERTY, INASMUCH AS TOP SOIL, GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS, ETC., ARE CONSTANTLY BEING WASHED AWAY." END.

THE TOWN CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO REPLY THAT THE MATTER OF THE PLANTING OF COVER CROPS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT GIVE THIS MATTER DUE PUBLICITY IN ITS PUBLICATION, SUFFOLK COUNTY FARM NEWS.

FURTHER, THAT THE MATTER OF THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT LAUREL LANE AND PECONIC BAY BLVD. WILL BE REFERRED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR STUDY AND REPORT.

COMMUNICATION ORDERED FILED.

A COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1963 FROM THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD RELATIVE TO ITS STUDY OF TOWN ORDINANCE No. 3.

COMMUNICATION ORDERED FILED.

RECREATION REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1963 WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND ORDERED FILED.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1963 WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND ORDERED FILED.

TWO COMMUNICATIONS DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1963 FROM THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD RELATIVE TO CHANGES IN ITS BUILDING-ZONE ORDINANCE.

COMMUNICATIONS ORDERED FILED.

COUNCILMAN BELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY JUSTICE COSTELLO.

RESOLVED, THAT THE SUPERVISOR BE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$1,350.00 FROM THE GENERAL TOWN CURRENT SURPLUS ACCOUNT TO THE TOWN BOARD/OTHER EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A DOWN PAYMENT ON THE PURCHASE OF THE SECURITY BANK BUILDING, WEST MAIN STREET, RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

A COMMUNICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1963 FROM SHIRLEY FIELDS WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD THANKING THE BOARD FOR APPOINTING HER A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD.

COMMUNICATION ORDERED FILED.

THE TOWN CLERK REPORTED THAT RESIDENTS OF WEST MAIN STREET HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE PROPOSED EXTENSION No. 3 OF THE RIVERHEAD LIGHT DISTRICT BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ONLY THAT AREA ALONG WEST

MAIN STREET FROM MILL ROAD WESTERLY TO THE RAILROAD BRIDGE, AND FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS SOUTH TO PECONIC RIVER.

MATTER REFERRED TO ALDEN W. YOUNG.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR ONE 1964 CAR FOR USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; ONE 1963 FORD POLICE CAR TO BE USED AS A TRADE-IN; BIDS TO BE RETURNABLE UP TO 11:15 A. M. ON OCTOBER 1, 1963; SPECIFICATIONS TO BE PREPARED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SELL TWENTY (20) USED POLICE OVERCOATS AS THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

CHIEF OF POLICE GRODSKI STATED THAT HE RECOMMENDED THE PURCHASE OF A RADAR SET FOR USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$1,500.00.

MATTER TABLED FOR FURTHER STUDY.

AT 12:45 P. M. SUPERVISOR LEONARD CALLED A RECESS FOR LUNCH, THE BOARD TO RECONVENE AT 2:30 P. M.

AT 2:30 P. M. THE BOARD RECONVENED WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT EXCEPT JUSTICE ZALOGA.

MR. HARRY RAMBO APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD RELATIVE TO A DRAINAGE PROBLEM AT DOCTORS PATH AND OAK DRIVE.

MATTER REFERRED TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND ALDEN W. YOUNG.

COUNCILMAN BELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY JUSTICE COSTELLO.

RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE EXCAVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 35,000 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH AND GRADING FOR A RECHARGE BASIN OFF OF MANOR LANE, JAMESPORT; BIDS TO BE RETURNABLE UP TO 11:30 A. M. ON OCTOBER 1, 1963; SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS TO BE PREPARED BY ALDEN W. YOUNG.

THE VOTE--COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, YES. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

JUSTICE COSTELLO REPORTED THAT UNDER THE LAW THE TAX RECEIVER MUST COLLECT WATER RENTS.

OLIN P. TUTHILL, RECEIVER OF TAXES, APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AND STATED THAT HIS JOB AT PRESENT IS A SIX MONTHS JOB, AND IF HE HAD TO KEEP HIS OFFICE OPEN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR, THEN HE WOULD EXPECT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN SALARY.

AFTER DISCUSSION THE MATTER WAS TABLED FOR FURTHER STUDY.

THE TOWN BOARD CONVENED AS A BOARD OF AUDIT AND EXAMINED ALL TOWN BILLS TO DATE, THE TOTAL OF WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL TOWN---\$7,730.00.

JUSTICE COSTELLO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL.

RESOLVED THAT THE GENERAL TOWN BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,730.00 BE APPROVED AND PAID AS RENDERED.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN BELL, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, ABSENT, JUSTICE COSTELLO, 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 3:45 P. M. TO MEET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1963 AT 10:30 A. M.

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