

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 3, 1959 at 9:30 A. M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Otis G. Pike

Bruno F. Zaloga, Jr., Justices of the Peace

John H. Benedict

Elmer A. Stotzky, Councilmen

Also Present: Jacob Harding, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways.

Minutes of the meetings of the Town Board held on January 6, 1959 and January 20, 1959 were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Pike, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Mr. Boardman, a representative of the Boy Scouts of America, escorted the following Boy Scouts to the Board meeting to act in the capacity of honorary Town officials for this meeting: Robert T. Stenger, William A. Carey, Jeffrey Lee, Wayne Meyer, Elmer Robinson, and Barry Karlin.

Members of the Town Board and Town Clerk relinquished their chairs to the boys so that a picture could be taken. After the meeting the boys were treated to lunch.

Rabbi Asher Schapiro appeared before the Board and presented to the Board the following resolution:

"We the undersigned clergy of Riverhead Town call upon each and every citizen of Riverhead to acknowledge his individual responsibility for the community neglect which resulted in the tragic death by fire of three children on Horton Avenue in our Town on Thursday, January 29. We further urge all citizens of our community to appeal to the Board of Health, the Police Department, the Town Board and the Town Supervisor to bend every effort to enforce existing fire and building laws. Where adequate laws do not exist, we urge that new ones be adopted and enforced so that further tragedies of this nature may be averted. We submit that it is senseless and evasive to blame any one department of our Town government for this tragic incident. Rather must it rest on the conscience of every citizen to prevent a recurrence of this tragic incident through effective and enforced legislation." Signed by: Rev. Herbert R. Perry, First Congregational Church; Rev. William Cochrane, AME Zion Church; Rabbi Asher Schapiro, Temple Israel; Rev. Foster Nelson, Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. Murray Hunter, First Methodist Church; Rev. Robert Samuelson, Aquebogue Cong. Church; Rev. George Paboojian, Jamesport Cong. Church; Rev. Blockwood, Missionary Alliance Church; Rev. Paul Halls, Lutheran Church; Father Bienz, Grace Episcopal Church; and Dr. Edward Martz, Baiting Hollow Cong. Church. End.

Resolution ordered filed.

Rabbi Asher Schapiro further mentioned that the clergy of Riverhead are willing to cooperate in any way to prevent another tragedy of this kind and any action by the Town Board would be appreciated.

Supervisor Leonard appointed Justice Zaloga and Police Chief Grodski to make a survey of speed and traffic-sign requirements in the Town, to report to the Board as soon as possible.

Police Report for the month of January 1959 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

After being duly advertised, sealed bids for the purchase of liquid asphalt requirements for the Town Highway Department for the year 1959, as per specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Highways, were opened as follows:

	Welsh Asphalt Co. Riverhead, N.Y.	Asphalts, Inc. Mattituck	Lansdell Co. Smithtown	C.B. Van Alen Smithtown	Brook'n Asph. Bellport
<u>A. Furnished and applied price per gallon:</u>					
MC 1	.1825	.1830	.1877	.1829	.184
MC 2	.1825	.1830	.1877	.1829	.184
RC 2	.1825	.1830	.1877	.1829	.184
RS 1	.1925	.1930	.1977	.1929	.194
SS 2	.1975	.1985	.1977	.20	.2015
<u>B. Furnished price per gallon to be delivered to roadside points and applied by Town equipment:</u>					
MC 1	.1625	.1630	.1677	.1629	.164
MC 2	.1625	.1630	.1677	.1629	.164
RC 2	.1625	.1630	.1677	.1629	.164
RS 1	.1725	.1730	.1777	.1729	.174
SS 2	.1775	.1785	.1777	.18	.1815
<u>C. Furnished price per gallon to be picked up at plant by Town equipment:</u>					
MC 1	.1620	.1630	.1677	.1629	.164
MC 2	.1620	.1630	.1677	.1629	.164
RC 2	.1620	.1630	.1677	.1629	.164
RS 1	.1720	.1730	.1777	.1729	.174
SS 2	.1770	.1785	.1777	.18	.1815

Bids ordered filed.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

RESOLVED That the bid for the purchase of liquid asphalt requirements for the Town Highway Department for the year 1959 be and it is hereby awarded to Welch Asphalt Co., Riverhead, as follows:

A. Furnished and applied price per gallon:

MC 1	.1825
MC 2	.1825
RC 2	.1825
RS 1	.1925
SS 2	.1975

B. Furnished price per gallon to be delivered to roadside points and applied by Town equipment:

MC 1	.1625
MC 2	.1625
RC 2	.1625
RS 1	.1725
SS 2	.1775

C. Furnished price per gallon to be picked up at plant by Town equipment.

MC 1 .1620  
 MC 2 .1620  
 RC 2 .1620  
 RS 1 .1720  
 SS 2 .1770

Further RESOLVED That the acceptance of this bid is further subject to the bid and specification form submitted by Welch Asphalt Company and filed dated February 3, 1959, and

Further RESOLVED, That the items and services specified shall be purchased as directed by the Superintendent of Highways.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

After being duly advertised sealed bids for one (1) car for use of the Police Department were opened as follows: Net bid includes trade-in allowance on a 1958 Ford car now owned by the Town:

Crabtree-Okeefe Chevrolet Co.-----\$1199.80

Bid ordered filed.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

RESOLVED That the bid for one (1) car for use of the Police Department be and it is hereby awarded to Crabtree-O'Keefe Chevrolet Co., Riverhead, N.Y., in the net amount of \$1199.80, subject to their bid and specification form submitted dated January 29, 1959.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated January 29, 1959 from J. Leo Saxstien, Riverhead, was read to the Board in which he stated his views on Zoning. He recommended that people be given an opportunity to express their opinion of zoning by some sort of ballot.

Letter ordered filed.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

RESOLVED That James Mattie, Riverhead, be and he is hereby appointed a school crossing guard effective February 4, 1959, to be compensated at the rate of \$1.85 per hour payable semi-monthly.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby ratifies the transfer of moneys made by the Supervisor on January 29th, 1959, and placed on Time Certificates of Deposit as follows:  
 \$40,000. from General Town Current Surplus A/C-9 mo. period-Interest 3% Per Annum  
 \$5,000 from Town Highway Garage A/C-9 month period-Interest 3% Per Annum

\$25,000 from General Repairs Item No. 1-Highway A/C-6 month Period-3% Per Annum.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated January 23, 1959 from Ernest Rolph, President of the Manorville Taxpayers and Civic Association, was read to the Board relative to high taxes and the proposed increase in State Income taxes. Letter ordered filed.

A letter dated February 2, 1959 from Seldon Heatley, President of the Wading River Civic Association, was read to the Board relative to the recent public hearing on Zoning held in Wading River. Letter ordered filed.

A letter and sketch dated January 13, 1959 from the Long Island Lighting Company was submitted to the Board relative to improved street lighting in the Jamesport Lighting District.

Letter and sketch ordered filed.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

RESOLVED That the Long Island Lighting Company be and they are hereby authorized to install improved street lighting in the Jamesport Light District along Main Road from Washington Avenue to Manor Lane, as per letter and sketch filed and dated January 13, 1959.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

Whereas the Town Board, for the purpose of drainage and to protect a Town Highway and other property within the Town from floods, freshets and high waters, has had studies and surveys made of the situation on Parkway Street and has designated the project as "Highway Drainage No. 18; and

Whereas said Board has determined, from the results of said surveys, to construct drains, catch basins and/or other means for the passage of water, all for the purpose of proper drainage of said Parkway Street; and

Whereas the said Board deems it necessary and for the best interests of the Town to acquire a parcel of land adjacent to said Parkway Street for the above mentioned purposes, pursuant to Section 64, par. 11-a, of the Town Law; and

Whereas an option has been taken and a title search made of the parcel desired, which parcel is known as the Woodson parcel;

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED That the Town Board purchase in the name of the Town, for a sum not to exceed \$1500.00, the following parcel of land:

Beginning at a monument set at a point formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Silva with the northerly line of Parway Street, which monument is N 73° 45' E 176.46 ft. from a monument set at the intersection of the northerly line of Parkway Street with

the easterly line of Raynor Avenue, and running thence from said point of beginning N 19° 34' along the land of Silva 124.3 ft. to a monument set on the southerly line of the land of Duerschmidt; thence N. 70° 26' E along the land of Duerschmidt 44.92 ft.; thence S 19° 34' E along other land of the party of the first part 126.9 ft. to a point on the northerly line of Parkway Street 45.00 ft. to the point or place of beginning.

Further RESOLVED that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to accept a deed for said parcel in the name of the Town and to pay the consideration for same out of the sums previously budgeted by this Board for drainage purposes; and

Further RESOLVED that the Town Clerk, within 10 days hereafter, shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of this Resolution and contain an abstract of such resolution concisely stating as herein the purpose thereof, and that the said resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

Whereas a request and inspection having been made for an additional street light,

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED That the Long Island Lighting Company be and they are hereby authorized to install a street light on Long Island Lighting pole No. 18 on the corner of Howell Avenue and Elton Street in the Riverhead Light District.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Stotzky reported that land now owned by the Riverhead Water District might be cleared for use as a playground area.

Supervisor Leonard appointed Councilman Stotzky, Councilman Benedict and Justice Zaloga as a committee to survey this project and report back to the Board.

A letter dated January 31, 1959 from Harold T. Smith, Editor and Publisher, Mobile Home Citizen was read to the Board regarding his views on Zoning regulations relative to mobile homes.

Letter ordered filed.

A boundary line agreement between Otto DeFriest and Anna DeFriest and the Town of Riverhead was submitted to the Board and ordered filed, pursuant to resolution of Town Board on December 30, 1958.

A Statement of Tax Collections dated January 20, 1959 from Tax Receiver Charles Allen Horton, was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A notice of Public Hearing, Town of Southampton, N.Y., to be held on January 27, 1959 at 11 A.M. relative to the proposed Amendment to Article XXIII, Subdivision 6 of the Building Zone Ordinance No. 26, was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A letter dated February 3, 1959 from Robert Stivers, Riverhead, relative to a vote on zoning was read to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A letter of resignation dated January 16, 1959 from Perry P. Weisen as a school crossing guard was read to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

RESOLVED That the resignation of Perry P. Weisen as a school crossing guard be and it is hereby accepted with regret.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated February 2, 1959 from Leo R. Mitchell, Chairman to the Board of Fire Commissioners, Jamesport Fire District, was read to the Board recommending Stanley Franzik of South Jamesport for the position of Fire Inspector for the Town.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Town Clerk reply advising that this recommendation will be given consideration by the Board. Letter ordered filed.

A letter dated January 29, 1959 from Roanoke Lodge, landlord, was read to the Board objecting to the burning of lead in the building by members of the Police Department.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Town Clerk reply advising that the burning of lead in the building would be forbidden. Letter ordered filed.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the pruning certain trees within the Town. Bids to be returnable up to 10 A.M. on March 3, 1959. Specifications to be prepared by the Superintendent of Highways.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for dolemite and grits for use of the Highway Department. Bids to be returnable up to 10:15 A.M. on March 3, 1959. Specifications to be prepared by the Superintendent of Highways.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for diesel oil for use of the Highway Department. Bids to be returnable up to 10:30 A.M. on March 3, 1959. Specifications to be prepared by the Superintendent of Highways.



I would like to appoint a committee soon to make a survey of the housing situation in the Town. On this committee, I would like to appoint Mr. Seay, other colored people, clergyman, business men and members of civic and other organizations.

Mr. Seay replied: I would be most happy to serve on this committee appointed by Supervisor Leonard. The community has been avoiding the housing problem and the Town Board should do something to prevent the building of six by six houses. This problem is greater than a personal problem.

Justice Pike replied: I believe that this Town Board should go on record as disapproving the financing of sub-standard housing by public money. I don't feel that the Suffolk County Welfare Department should allow rent allowances to people in any home not meeting requirements of the Suffolk County Board of Health.

Justice Zaloga replied: We need an education program for those who spoil their own living quarters and spoil it for others.

Councilman Benedict replied that he is in favor of the formation of a committee to make a survey of housing conditions in the Town. Councilman Stotzky also favored this survey and mentioned that the Suffolk County Board of Health should also be contacted.

Mr. Wickham Tyte, Riverhead, appeared before the Board. He stated we should not get into public housing, as State and Federal authorities will then tell us what to do, employ outside help and it will be expensive and we will have to pay for it. He further stated that a committee should be made up of builders, painters, electricians and financiers to provide housing on a private enterprise or cooperative basis.

Mr. Tyte objected to Mr. Seldon Heatley's stand on Zoning, because he said Mr. Heatley is not a resident of the Town. He also favored a vote on zoning, conducted by a private group and supervised by the Town Board.

Justice Pike asked Mr. Tyte that although Mr. Tyte was opposed to zoning, would he be in favor of a building code. Mr. Tyte replied that he was not familiar with building codes.

Mr. George Schmelzer, Calverton, appeared before the Board and asked if the Town Board could regulate residence requirements of welfare recipients. He was told they could not.

Mr. Donald Warner, Riverhead, appeared before the Board. He said he favored enlargement of plot areas for trailer parks. He further stated that he objected to the poor enforcement relative to trailer park permits. He mentioned that to his knowledge Mr. L.Y. Robinson, who operates a trailer park, does not have a license. He felt that all trailer park operators should be forced to obtain trailer park permits.

It was the consensus of the Board that this matter be investigated.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

Whereas on the 2nd day of December 1958, the Town Board did give its approval to the Superintendent of Highways to rent or hire certain vehicle or equipment for snow removal purposes at a rate of \$29.40 to \$98.40 per eight (8) hour day, and

Whereas the rates were not specifically itemized for the various equipment, Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED That this approval is hereby recinded.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Benedict offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike.

RESOLVED That pursuant to Section 143 of the Highway Law, the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Riverhead, with the approval of the County Superintendent of Highways may and he is hereby authorized to rent or hire the following machinery or equipment:

- Unit #52, \$7.44 per hour, 3/8 yd bucket Tractor, Model-Ford NAA, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Company.
- Unit #53, \$12.18 per hour, Tractor 66, Model-TD 14A, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Company.
- Unit #54, \$13.35 per hour, Tractor 89, Model-TD 18A, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Company.
- Unit #55, \$11.01 per hour, (plus \$ .47 with plow), Loader, Tractor, 56, Model TD 9, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Co.
- Unit #56, \$15.98 per hour, 5/8 yd capacity Crawler Crane, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Company.
- Unit #57, \$15.17 per hour, 6 Ton Capacity Truck Crane, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Company.
- Unit #58, \$2.52 per hour, Carryall LeTourneau, Model M, owned by Riverhead Cement Block Company.
- Unit #59, \$12.18 per hour, Tractor 80, Model-D7, owned by Alex Horton.
- Unit #60, \$12.24 per hour, Grader, Weight-12,140, Model-AD 4, owned by Alex Horton.
- Unit #61, \$15.17 per hour, 5-8 Ton Truck Crane, owned by Alex Horton.
- Unit #62, \$18.56 per hour, 1 1/2 yd Crawler Crane, owned by Alex Horton.
- Unit #63, \$11.00 per hour, D 4, HT 4 Shovel, owned by Alex Horton.
- Unit #64, \$ 2.82 per hour, Truck , without operator, 2 Wh. Dr., Piston Displ. 337, owned by Alex Horton.

Further RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Suffolk County Superintendent of Highways.

The Vote---Councilman Stotzky, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; Justice Pike, Yes; Justice Zaloga, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town Bills to date, the totals of which was as follows: General Town---\$3,229.26 and Machinery Fund---\$3,138.36. On motion and vote, it was Resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on February 17, 1959 at 9:30 A. M.

*Anthony F. Gudzinski*  
Anthony F. Gudzinski, Town Clerk