

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1959 AT 9:30 A. M.

PRESENT:

OTIS G. PIKE  
BRUNO F. ZALOGA, JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

JOHN H. BENEDICT  
ELMER A. STOTZKY, COUNCILMEN

ABSENT: WILLIAM J. LEONARD, SUPERVISOR

ALSO PRESENT: JACOB HARDING, TOWN ATTORNEY AND MYRON C. YOUNG,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

COUNCILMAN BENEDICT OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STOTZKY.

RESOLVED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERVISOR, JUSTICE OTIS G.  
PIKE BE AND HE IS HEREBY DESIGNATED TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THIS  
MEETING.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, COUNCILMAN BENEDICT, YES,  
JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD,  
ABSENT. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD HELD ON MARCH 31, 1959,  
WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND ON MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN  
BENEDICT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT  
THE MINUTES BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN  
STOTZKY, YES, COUNCILMAN BENEDICT, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE  
ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, ABSENT. THE RESOLUTION WAS  
THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

POLICE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1959 WAS SUBMITTED TO THE  
BOARD AND ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

A LETTER FROM WILLIAM M. BURCHER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY,  
DATED MARCH 31, 1959, WAS READ TO THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

"THE SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS JUST  
ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO MAKE  
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE ITS COUNTY-OWNED  
FACILITIES, SUCH AS MARINAS, DOCKS, PARKING FIELDS  
AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED  
TO PREPARE A DRAFT OF SUITABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
TO EFFECTUATE THIS. IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED  
IF YOU COULD FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY SUCH REGULA-  
TIONS THAT YOUR MUNICIPALITY MAY HAVE ADOPTED." END.

LETTER ORDERED FILED.

THE TOWN CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE TOWN DOCK ORDINANCE TO MR. BURCHER.

MR. FRANK TRUSKOWSKI, RIVERHEAD, APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD. HE COMPLAINED THAT WATER IS BEING PUMPED OUT OF CELLARS OF DWELLINGS ON HORTON AVENUE ON TO THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY AND THAT THIS WATER THEN FLOWS ON TO HIS PROPERTY.

MATTER WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ATTORNEY HARDING.

A LETTER DATED MARCH 19, 1959 FROM ATTORNEY REGINALD C. SMITH, RIVERHEAD, WAS READ TO THE BOARD IN REGARD TO LEGAL FEES FOR SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE SO-CALLED GRUMMAN BILL.

LETTER ORDERED FILED.

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS DATED APRIL 1, 1959 FROM TAX RECEIVER CHARLES ALLEN HORTON, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

LETTERS DATED MARCH 18, 1959 FROM THE LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY WAS READ TO THE BOARD ADVISING THAT THEY HAVE INSTALLED IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING ON LINCOLN STREET AND OSTRANDER AVENUE IN THE RIVERHEAD LIGHTING DISTRICT AS PER REQUEST OF THE BOARD.

LETTERS ORDERED FILED.

A LETTER AND SKETCH DATED APRIL 2, 1959 FROM THE LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD RELATIVE TO A SURVEY FOR IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING ON MAIN STREET SOUTH OF ROUTE 25, IN THE JAMESPORT LIGHTING DISTRICT.

LETTER 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 ON MAIN STREET SOUTH OF ROUTE 25 IN THE JAMESPORT LIGHTING DISTRICT AS PER LETTER AND SKETCH DATED APRIL 2, 1959.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, COUNCILMAN BENEDICT, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, ABSENT. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

A LETTER DATED MARCH 25, 1959 FROM ATTORNEY FRED M. AHERN, HICKSVILLE, N.Y., WAS READ TO THE BOARD RELATIVE TO THE DEDICATION OF HEROD POINT ROAD IN WADING RIVER TO THE TOWN AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

MR. AHERN MENTIONED THAT HE WAS REPRESENTING MR. WERNER AMACHER OF WADING RIVER AND THAT MR. AMACHER WAS OPPOSED TO THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN OF HEROD POINT ROAD.

THE TOWN CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO REPLY TO MR. AHERN STATING THAT NO ONE HAS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN A DEED OF DEDICATION FOR HEROD POINT ROAD AND IF ANYONE DID MR. AMACHER WOULD ALSO HAVE TO SIGN IT.

LETTER ORDERED FILED.

A LETTER DATED APRIL 2, 1959 FROM THE LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY WAS READ TO THE BOARD RELATIVE TO IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING ON ROUTE 58 AT THE CENTRAL SUFFOLK HOSPITAL.

LETTER ORDERED FILED. MATTER REFERRED TO COUNCILMAN BENEDICT.

REV. HERBERT PERRY, RIVERHEAD, APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AND SUBMITTED A REPORT OF THE SURVEY ON SLUMS IN THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD AS PREPARED BY THE SLUM CLEARANCE-HOUSING COMMITTEE.

REPORT ORDERED FILED.

HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THEY REQUEST THE TOWN BOARD TO APPLY TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING TO MAKE A SURVEY OF SLUM-CONDITIONS IN RIVERHEAD. AT THE COMPLETION OF THIS SURVEY, CONDUCTED AT NO COST TO THE TAX-PAYER, THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING WILL MAKE KNOWN ITS FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE TOWN BOARD, AND ALSO AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS VOTED: THAT THIS COMMITTEE FAVORS THE ADOPTION OF A ZONING ORDINANCE AS A PRE-REQUISITE TO ANY SLUM CLEARANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS MOTION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN BOARD BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH AND ALSO MAKE PUBLIC.

JUSTICE PIKE THANKED REV. PERRY FOR HIS REPORT. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THAT THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

JUSTICE ZALOGA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BENEDICT.

RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR POLICE APPAREL FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SPECIFICATIONS TO BE DRAWN BY POLICE CHIEF GRODSKI.

BIDS TO BE RETURNABLE UP TO 10 A.M. ON APRIL 21, 1959.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, COUNCILMAN BENEDICT, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, ABSENT. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADPTED.

A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RELATIVE TO SUNRISE COACH LINES, INC., PETITIONER, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AND ORDERED FILED.

COUNCILMAN BENEDICT REPORTED THAT MR. CHARLES BAYER, PEEKSKILL, N.Y., WISHED HIS NAME WITHDRAWN FOR THE POSITION OF RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE TOWN AS HE HAD DECIDED TO REMAIN WITH HIS PRESENT EMPLOYER.

COUNCILMAN BENEDICT FURTHER REPORTED THAT A MR. KENNETH ROWLAND WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION AND THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MR. ROWLAND ON MONDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 7:30 P.M.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD RELATIVE TO THE LETTER FROM MRS. KATHRYN M. MCCOLLOM REGARDING THE RENTAL AND/OR OFFER OF SALE OF HER PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF ROANOKE AVENUE, NOW PARTLY USED AS A TOWN PARKING FIELD.

THE TOWN CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO WRITE TO MRS. MCCOLLOM AND ASK HER FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE PARCEL SHE WISHES TO SELL TO THE TOWN.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD RELATIVE TO THE DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED BY THE POLICE IN OBTAINING A DOCTOR IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

COUNCILMAN BENEDICT STATED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH ONE OF THE LOCAL DOCTORS ABOUT THIS AND HE WAS TOLD THAT IN MANY EMERGENCY CASES A DOCTOR WASN'T NECESSARY, THAT WHEN DR. CANTOR WAS IN TOWN HE RECEIVED MOST OR ALL OF THE CALLS AND THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR A DOCTOR TO COLLECT FOR HIS SERVICES WHEN CALLED BY THE POLICE.

JUSTICE ZALOGA STATED THAT EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO SET UP A CALL SCHEDULE FOR DOCTORS BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET COOPERATION. RECENTLY EMERGENCY CALLS WERE MADE FOR WALTER FLANAGAN, SR., OF WADING RIVER, WHO HAD SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK. SEVEN DOCTORS WERE CALLED BEFORE ONE RESPONDED. HE ARRIVED AN HOUR FROM THE TIME OF THE FIRST CALL FOR A DOCTOR.

CHIEF GRODSKI STATED THAT POLICE ARE WELL TRAINED BUT ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO MOVE AN INJURED PERSON. IN AN EMERGENCY, POLICE CALL FOR A DOCTOR AND AMBULANCE ONLY IF THEY FEEL ONE IS NEEDED. DOCTORS ON CALL SCHEDULE DO NOT COOPERATE AND THE ONLY DOCTOR WHO WOULD CONSTANTLY RESPOND WAS DR. CANTOR WHO IS NO LONGER IN TOWN.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THAT THIS WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND SHOULD BE FURTHER STUDIED.

THE TOWN BOARD CONVENEED AS A BOARD OF AUDIT AND EXAMINED ALL TOWN BILLS TO DATE, THE TOTALS OF WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL TOWN---\$13,995.11 AND MACHINERY FUND---\$2,534.43. ON MOTION AND VOTE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS BE APPROVED AS RENDERED.

COUNCILMAN BENEDICT OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STOTZKY.

WHEREAS, NO FURTHER BUSINESS IS TO BE ACTED UPON BY THIS BOARD, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN TO MEET AT 7:30 P.M. ON APRIL 7, 1959 AT THE RIVERHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON ROANOKE AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD.

THE VOTE---COUNCILMAN STOTZKY, YES, COUNCILMAN BENEDICT, YES, JUSTICE PIKE, YES, JUSTICE ZALOGA, YES, AND SUPERVISOR LEONARD, ABSENT. THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED.

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