

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 16, 1958 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: Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways.

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board held on September 2, 1958 and September 9, 1958, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Zaloga, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted.

A large group of people appeared before the Board relative to the oil spillage on the Sound and Sound beach. Also in attendance was Attorney Reginald C. Smith and Mr. Joseph Shaffery of the Northville Dock Corporation. Discussions followed:

Mr. George Cadwell-President, Northville Civic Association:

"The last three tankers that unloaded oil at the dock, spilled oil. I present to you gentlemen of the Board, pictures of the tremendous amount of oil on the beach. We thank the Board for their efforts in our behalf but how can we be assured that this will not happen again."

Mr. Joseph Shaffery-Northville Dock Corporation:

"The oil leak was caused by a broken hose leading from the inlet line on the tanker to the underwater pipeline. We are using a front-end payloader in order that the beach may be cleared up. We have hired engineers and consultants to repair the damaged oil line and to make further recommendations in order for the safe unloading of our oil. One person owning beach front property informed us not to cross his property and not to bother cleaning up the beach in front of his property. This hindered our clean up operations. We will clean up the debris on the beach."

Mr. Clyde Tooker-Riverhead:

"The oil on the beach cannot be cleaned up with heavy machinery. I have found oil on a field 200' back from the beach. This was dropped by a machine employed by the Dock Corporation to clean up the beach. We want these machines kept off of our property."

Mr. Edmondo Quattrocchi-Riverhead:

"The oil problem is depreciating the value of beach property and homes. I will not set still and be annoyed by oil on the beach. Town officials have done what they could do and I intend to keep fighting this undesirable condition."

Mr. Earl Granttham-Riverhead:

The Northville Dock Corporation allowed a tanker to unload a third time when they had oil leakage at prior unloadings. Our group has warned time and again about the operations of the Northville Dock Corporation. This Board has done nothing to prevent spillage of oil on our beaches. We want leaders not technical discussions."

Justice Pike:

"I would like to ask Mr. Smith if the final plans for the construction of the oil terminal call for the burial under the floor of the Sound, the oil pipes leading to the marker buoys. I take exception to the remarks of Mr. Granttham wherein he states that this Board has done nothing regarding the operations of the Northville Dock Corporation. Before the Northville Dock Corporation obtained permission to construct its pier and terminal, the Town Board bitterly opposed the granting of their permit. The owners of properties and the Town could institute court actions to enjoin the Northville Dock Corporation from continuing its operations but I doubt that such an action would be successful under the circumstances."

Attorney Reginald C. Smith-Northville Dock Corporation:

"We express our deep regret that this oil has been spilled. There has been a memorandum to the plans saying that the underground oil line be jettied down. We now have a suit pending against the Missouri Valley Dredging Company for its failure to properly jetty down the pipe line. A tanker settled on a line causing the break in the oil line. I wish to assure you that a competent firm of engineers will approve all further operations, additional unloading facilities will be constructed and the pipe line will be jettied down."

Mr. Clyde Tooker-Riverhead:

"I do not agree with Mr. Granttham that this Town Board has done nothing. We have received every cooperation from this Town Board and they have done all that they could in face of the circumstances. It seems that we have to live with the present condition but the Dock Corporation should realize its full responsibility to property owners and tax payers and to completely guard against the spillage of any oil."

Supervisor Leonard thanked all for appearing at the meeting and assured those present that everything within the power and province of the Town Board would be done in a continuing effort to prevent the spillage of oil in the Sound and on the beaches. He mentioned that a follow-up telegram was sent to the U. S. Corps of Engineers; Supervisor of N.Y. Harbor; N. Y. State Department of Public Works; N. Y. State Conservation Department; N. Y. State Council of Parks; N. Y. State Attorney General and Governor Averill E. Harriman as follows:

"A major oil leak, the third in six weeks is covering many miles of Long Island beaches and Long Island Sound with heavy oil. The Town of Riverhead, having reported previous damage now demands that the operations of the Northville Dock Corporation at Northville, Long Island be suspended until the method of operation is completely revised." End.

A report from the Colonel, Corps of Engineers (T. DeF. Rogers), Supervisor of New York Harbor dated September 2, 1958 was read to the Board as follows:

"As a consequence of your telegram dated 21 August 1958, an inspection was conducted by this office of the Northville Dock Corporation at Northville, Long Island, on 23 August 1958.

The results of this inspection disclosed that a spillage of oil had occurred at this facility when a tanker struck one of the company's two submerged oil pipelines. The damaged portion of this pipeline has been repaired and at the time of this inspection, no evidence of any oil leakage was detected.

Since the circumstances surrounding the discharge of oil, in this instance, were of an accidental nature, no legal action is contemplated by this office. However, a further inspection of this area will be made

to determine if any possible precautions can be taken by this company to prevent a future recurrence of this accident.

It was disclosed during this inspection that a considerable amount of old partly burned piles and timbers are located on this company's property in such manner that they are subject to being washed into the tidal waters where they would endanger navigation. The company has been directed to remove this debris.

This office is fully cognizant of the immeasurable damages and inconveniences caused by oil pollution and endeavors, consistent with available funds, to apprehend and prosecute all violators of Federal anti-oil pollution statutes. In order to accomplish this task, the assistance and cooperation of the public is both solicited and necessary.

This office would appreciate being notified promptly in the event any future instances of oil pollution are observed." End.

A telegram from Governor Harriman's office dated September 11, 1958, was read to the Board as follows:

"On behalf of Governor Harriman, I am replying to your telegram regarding oil leakage into Long Island Sound. At the Governor's direction I have brought this situation to the attention of the State Conservation Department which is sending a law enforcement officer promptly to investigate. U. S. Coast Guard also has been notified of your complaint." End.

A telegram from the State Department of Public Works, dated September 12, 1958, was read to the Board as follows:

"Jurisdiction of this Department questionable. Investigation being conducted." End.

Communications ordered filed.

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

Whereas, Raymond Nugent was previously appointed Dog Warden for the Town of Riverhead on a fee basis for each dog, pursuant to Section 119 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas it is the desire of this Board to establish with greater certainty the expenditures for seizure and disposition of dogs and more particularly for budget purposes to determine a definite amount to be spent,

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED That the services of Raymond H. Nugent, as Dog Warden on a fee basis for each dog, be and the same are hereby terminated as of September 30, 1958, and

Further RESOLVED that said Raymond Nugent be and he hereby is appointed, pursuant to Section 119 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, as Dog Warden for the Town of Riverhead as of October 1, 1958; That his compensation shall be the stipulated annual salary of \$5200.00, payable in equal monthly installments during his term of service, which said service shall include the furnishing of vehicle or vehicles to pick up dogs and the furnishing of proper facilities for care and disposition of same; and that as Dog Warden he serves and is removable at the pleasure of the Town Board.

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.

Supervisor's Report for the month of August 1958 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

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

Whereas, Pulaski Street, a Town Highway and Roanoke Avenue, a County Highway are subject to heavy vehicle traffic, partly due to the Riverhead High School and St. Isidore's Church, and

Whereas, a new grocery store has been opened situate at the intersection of Pulaski Street and Roanoke Avenue which severely limits the view at this intersection, and

Whereas, congestion is caused by parked vehicles in the area, Now, Therefore, Be It RESOLVED that permission be and it is hereby requested of the State Traffic Commission and the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, for the installation of a traffic signal light at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Pulaski Street in the Town of Riverhead.

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.

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

Whereas, The Certificates of Deposit of the General Repairs Item No. 1 Highway Account in the amount of \$30,000.00, and of the Town Highway Garage Account in the Amount of \$5,000.00, deposited at the Suffolk County National Bank, Riverhead, N.Y., will mature on the 24th day of September, 1958, and

Whereas, the funds of the deposits are needed to meet current obligations of the Town, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to surrender the aforesaid Certificates of Deposit, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the principal and interest be deposited in the General Repairs Item No. 1 Highway Account and the Town Highway Garage Account respectively.

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

At 10:30 A.M. notice of public hearing, which was duly published, was read and submitted to the Board relative to the adoption of Ordinance No. 25 (Bingo Ordinance).

Supervisor Leonard declared the Hearing open to anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or objecting to the proposed ordinance.

No one wishing to be heard, Supervisor Leonard declared the Hearing closed.

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

WHEREAS, after due publication of notice, a public hearing upon an ordinance authorizing conduct of the game of bingo in the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk and State of New York, having been held

in the Town Hall on the 16th day of September, 1958,

Now, Therefore, at a regular meeting of the Town Board held on the 16th day of September, 1958, it is RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the following proposed ordinance be adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 25
(Bingo Ordinance)

It shall be lawful for any authorized organization, as defined in Section 476 of Article 14-G of the General Municipal Law, upon obtaining the required license, to conduct the game of bingo within the territorial limits of the Town of Riverhead, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, Article 14-G of the General Municipal Law and Article 19-B of the Executive Law, and the following restrictions:

1. No person, firm, association, corporation or organization other than an authorized organization licensed under the provisions of this article, shall be permitted to conduct such games.

1-a. No bingo game shall be held, operated or conducted on or within any leased premises if rental under such lease is to be paid, wholly or partly, on a basis of a percentage of the receipts or net profits derived from the operation of such game.

2. The entire net proceeds of any game shall be exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the organization permitted to conduct the same.

3. No single prize shall exceed the sum or value of two hundred fifty dollars.

4. No series of prizes on any one occasion shall aggregate more than one thousand dollars.

5. No person except a bona fide member of any such organization shall participate in the management or operation of such game.

6. No person shall receive any remuneration for participating in the management or operation of any such game.

7. No person under the age of eighteen years shall be permitted to participate in any game or games held, operated or conducted pursuant to any license issued under this article unless accompanied by an adult.

8. The unauthorized conduct of a bingo game and any wilful violation of any provision of any such local law or ordinance shall constitute and be punishable as a misdemeanor.

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 hereby is authorized and directed to give public notice in the News-Review, the official newspaper published in the Town, and a printed copy thereof posted on the sign board maintained by the Town Clerk pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty of the Town Law, as follows:-

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE, that at a regular meeting of the Riverhead Town Board, held at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on September 16, 1958, the following Ordinance was duly adopted:-

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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.

Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Stotzky.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and he hereby is authorized and directed to give public notice in the News-Review, the official newspaper in the Town, as follows:-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held on October 14th, 1958, at 2 o'clock P.M. (D.S.T.) in Riverhead Town, Suffolk County, New York, at the following polling place: For all voters at the Town Hall, Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York; and the polls shall remain open until 8 o'clock P.M. (D.S.T.), or for such longer period of time as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes. At such election the following proposition is to be voted upon:

PROPOSITION

Shall Bingo be permitted within the territorial limits of the Town of Riverhead in accordance with the provisions of Article 1, section 9, of the Constitution of the State of New York as amended; the provisions of Article 14-G of the General Municipal Law, Article 19-B

of the Executive Law, the rules and regulations of the State Lottery Control Commission and in accordance with the provisions of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Town Board on September 16, 1958, entitled "Ordinance #25, an Ordinance permitting Bingo in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York".

And it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post or cause to be posted in five conspicuous places in said Town copies of such notice at least ten days prior to such election.

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 September 9, 1958 from Franklyn Schmersal, President, Junior Walther League of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, was read to the Board requesting reconstruction of the driveway leading to the parking lot behind the Church.

Letter ordered filed and matter referred to the Superintendent of Highways.

A letter dated September 11, 1958 from Irving Zeitz, Secretary, Riverhead Youth Commission was read to the Board as follows:

"The Riverhead Youth Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting of September 10, 1958 voted to make the following recommendations to the Riverhead Town Board for its consideration in reviewing the Recreation Program for the Town of Riverhead

The members of the Youth Commission feel very strongly that the need for a continuous, well directed recreation program in our Town is a very urgent one. We, therefore, urge the Town Board to allocate a sum of approximately \$12,000.00 for the next fiscal year for a recreation program -- this sum to be allocated to a recreation program and to include the salary of a full-time recreation director. This director, we feel, should be a well-qualified person, preferably a graduate of a college with specialized training and/or experience in recreation administration.

We feel the growth of the Town calls for such a step at this time. Our young people need the kind of year around program which will provide them with opportunities for wholesome recreation under trained leadership. We sincerely hope you will give this matter your very careful thought in preparing the budget and that you will find it possible to include this item in the budget. We feel that the various organizations in the Town are deeply concerned and that many will help financially to supplement the tax funds allocated. We know that you, with all of us, want the best opportunities for our children we can afford to provide." End.

Letter ordered filed.

It was the consensus of the Board that this matter be given serious consideration in the preparation of the 1959 Town budget.

Councilman Stotzky offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaloga.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk advertise for bids for one (1) used tractor with bucket loader, comparable to a Caterpillar D4, for use at the Riverhead Town Dump. Bids to be returnable up to 10:15 A. M. on October 7, 1958. One International tractor with blade to be used as a trade-in. All tractors on which bids are submitted to be subject to inspection by the Town Board before awarding of bid, and to include a ninety (90) day guarantee, parts and labor.

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 the Town Clerk advertise for bids for one (1) new International dump truck and one (1) new FWD dump truck for use of the Highway Department. Bids to include an allowance on a 1947 International truck and a 1947 FWD truck, now owned by the Town. Bids to be returnable up to 11 A.M. on October 7, 1958.

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.

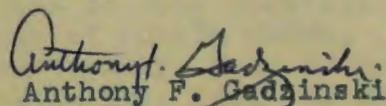
Justice Zaloga offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Benedict.

RESOLVED that the Town Board hold their next meeting on Friday, October 3rd, 1958 at 10:00 A. M.

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---\$3,476.60 and Machinery Fund---\$1,927.72. 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 Friday, October 3, 1958 at 10 A. M.


Anthony F. Gadjinski, Town Clerk