

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 24, 1957 at 9:30 A.M.

Present:

William J. Leonard, Supervisor

Thomas M. Stark

Otis G. Pike

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

John H. Benedict, Councilman

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

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on September 10, 1957, were submitted to the Board and on motion made by Councilman Benedict and seconded by Justice Stark, it was Resolved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, Yes; and Supervisor Leonard, Yes. The resolution was there upon declared duly adopted.

A letter dated September 16, 1957 from Alice W. Kappenberg, Secretary, Calverton School Organization, was read to the Board, whereby she requested the installation of stanchions or markers on the State Highway, in front of the Calverton School.

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

WHEREAS, a request has been made to have installed two school zone stanchions on the State Highway in front of the Calverton Public School, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to have these school zone stanchions installed, not only on the State Highway in front of the Calverton School, but also on the State Highway in front of the Aquebogue and/Jamesport School, in the Township of Riverhead, at the

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Traffic Commission be requested to make a survey of these proposed school zone stanchion sites in the hope that authorization may be received from the State Traffic Commission to have these stanchions installed.

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

A letter dated September 16, 1957 from the Long Island Lighting Company was read to the Board regarding their survey for improved street lighting on Benjamin Place in the Riverhead Light District. Communication ordered filed.

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

RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to install improved street lighting on Benjamin Place in the Riverhead Light District as per letter and sketch dated September 16, 1957.

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

A petition dated September 12, 1957 signed by twelve residents was read to the Board as follows:

We, as countersigned, taxpayers, and voters, of the Town of Riverhead, hereby submit to you the following petition:

We urgently request that some action be immediately taken against the Riverhead Town Dump.

As residents surrounding this site, we find it unbearable at times with the smoke and odor of the burning of this rubbish. Also, our homes are being infested with large disease carrying rats. Both these facts are not only a menace to us all, but more so, both these situations are very very unhealthy for our children.

Riverhead Town has grown considerable in population and homes over the past few years and we therefore, suggest that is this Town Dump cannot be moved to a site more suitable for its purpose, we again suggest that action be immediately taken on the proposal of an incinerator for garbage disposal for the Riverhead Town. We thank you kindly and await your reply. End.

Communication ordered filed.

Matter tabled until next Town Board meeting.

After being duly advertised, sealed bids for a Police Car for the Riverhead Town Police Department, were opened as follows:

Island Motors, Inc.	net	\$1718.
Brauser Motors, Inc.	net	1533.15

Bids ordered placed on file.

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

RESOLVED that the bid for the Police Car be and it is hereby awarded to Brauser Motors Inc., Riverhead, N.Y., at a total net price of \$1533.15 as per bid and specification form submitted by Brauser Motors Inc. dated September 18, 1957.

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

After being duly advertised, sealed bids for Police wear for the Riverhead Town Police Department, were opened as follows:

Perkins & Company	\$	955.28
Robert Vojvoda		963.40
Louis Frank		1248.00

Bids ordered placed on file.

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

RESOLVED that the bid for Police Apparel be and it is hereby awarded to Perkins & Company, Riverhead, N.Y., at a total price of \$955.28 as per bid and specification form submitted by Perkins & Co. dated September 24, 1957.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead during each year expends large sums of money for the support of employable persons under the provisions of the Social Welfare Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, under Section 164 of the Social Welfare Law it is possible to require such employable persons to perform work for the town in order to obtain such relief, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to require employable persons obtaining home relief to perform work for the benefit of the Town, which work shall not be work ordinarily performed by regular employees of the town, state or county.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby determines and directs pursuant to the provisions of §164 of the Social Welfare Law that employable persons in receipt of home relief shall be assigned to perform work relief for the Town of Riverhead, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the welfare officer of the Town of Riverhead be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to assign employable persons receiving home relief to work projects within the town provided he is satisfied that such persons will not be used to replace, or to perform any work ordinarily performed by, regular employees of any department or other unit of the town, or to replace, or to perform any work which would ordinarily be performed by, any craft or trade in private employment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the development of the town's parks and beaches and the development of town recreation areas and athletic fields shall be the first work projects under such work relief program.

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

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

RESOLVED that Superintendent of Highways, Myron C. Young, be authorized to attend a Superintendent of Highways Meeting at Rochester, N.Y. on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1957, and that all necessary expenses be paid.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, 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 Roscoe Palmer and Francis White of the Police Dept. be authorized to attend a Fire Arms School conducted by the FBI, at Camp Smith, N.Y., on October 14th, 1957, and that all necessary expenses be paid.

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

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A letter dated September 10, 1957 from the Department of the Navy was read to the Board as follows:

This will acknowledge your recent communication advising that a resolution of the Riverhead Town Board was adopted on 6 August 1957 relative to Navy Project No. 184 to acquire land and safety easements adjacent to the Naval Industrial Reserve Aircraft Plant, Calverton, Long Island, N.Y. The Navy's Acquisition Project No. 184 has been discussed recently with the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives. It now appears that further hearings on this project will be deferred until Congress reconvenes in January 1958. End.

Communication ordered filed.

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

WHEREAS a Notice and Petition having been filed regarding the tax assessment of the Northville Dock Corp, the Riverhead Savings Bank and the Long Island Ice & Fuel Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Seth Hubbard, Esq. be and he is hereby retained as a special attorney in this matter.

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

A delegation of residents appeared before the Board again protesting to the operation of the Philbrick Starch Factory on Raynor Avenue. Another petition, signed by a large number of residents, was presented to the Board, reading as follows:

The undersigned, resident taxpayers of the Town of Riverhead, hereby petition the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to take all necessary and immediate legal steps to abate the public nuisance which has been created by the operations of the Philbrick Starch Company and its diffusion of offensive odors, stenches, smokes, gases and unnecessary noise, all of which has created a serious public health problem and annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of the below signed. End.

Petition ordered filed.

Mr. John Smith mentioned that conditions are as bad as they were before; that he felt the Board of Health was evading the issue; that nothing was being done with the waste in the swamp behind the factory, and that he had been in touch with the District Attorney's Office concerning this matter.

Mrs. John Smith mentioned that the fly and mosquito problem was unbearable due to this starch factory and that the Mosquito Commission had sprayed the area several times but this only provided temporary control of the flies and mosquitos.

Mrs. Stanley Troyan mentioned that she was told by the foreman of the starch factory that they had a health permit, but that he did not show it to her.

Dr. Raffle of the Suffolk County Board of Health appeared before the Board regarding this matter. He mentioned that the factory has been treating its waste; that odor and smoke nuisance

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has abated; that with zoning this problem would most likely not have come up; that in his opinion this was not a problem of the Board of Health as the nuisances created by the operation of this factory were not injurious to life and health.

On questioning by Justice Pike, Dr. Rafle stated that the starch factory did not have a health permit although the Suffolk County Board of Health had recommended to the State Board of Health that a temporary one year permit be issued.

Dr. Davids of the Suffolk County Board of Health mentioned that chemicals are being used to control the odors coming from the factory and that to his knowledge, solid wastes are being covered up.

John Riesdorph of the Riverhead Water District mentioned that residue from the solids treatment bed behind the factory may pollute the underground water supply.

Town Attorney Harding mentioned that these residents could possibly get injunctive relief through the courts, and he felt that their chances were very good.

It was the consensus of the Board that through cooperation of all persons and official departments, solutions to the various problems presented may be accomplished.

Officials of the Riverhead Savings Bank appeared before the Board with their attorney, Reginald C. Smith regarding their letter to the Board dated August 27, 1957, whereby they offered several recommendations to alleviate the vehicle and pedestrian traffic problem at the intersection of Peconic Avenue and Main Street. Also in attendance was Mr. Parsons of the State Traffic Commission.

Reginald C. Smith recommended the installation of "walk-lights" at this intersection and the construction of a bridge in the eastern part of the Town. William AtLee, President of the Bank, recommended the restriction of parking in front of the Bank. He further mentioned that the traffic situation at this intersection was detrimental to the business of the Bank.

Justice Pike reported that officials of the Town of Southampton have been unofficially approached regarding the construction of a bridge across the Peconic River and that they did not seem interested.

Mr. Norman Parsons of the State Traffic Commission stated that he did not feel that "walk-lights" were the answer as these would further delay the movement of traffic; that to his knowledge no consideration has ever been given to the construction of a bridge in the eastern part of Town, and that he felt that the only solution was to construct new roadways.

The Bank officials requested a traffic survey by the State Traffic Commission at this intersection.

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

WHEREAS officials of the Riverhead Savings Bank have requested the installation of "walk-lights" at the intersection of Peconic Avenue and Main Street, as an aid to pedestrian traffic, and

WHEREAS the movement of vehicle and pedestrian traffic at this intersection has been a serious problem for many years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Traffic Commission be requested to make a survey of this intersection in the hope that

recommendations may be offered that would alleviate this traffic problem.

The Vote---Justices Stark, Pike and Zaloga, Yes; Councilman Benedict, 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 were as follows: General Town---\$658.44, Machinery Fund---\$17,995.68, and Town Highway Garage Account---\$13,740.25. 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 Tuesday, October 1, 1957 at 9:30 A.M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski

Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

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