

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

William J. Leonard

Otis G. Pike

Frank J. Yousik, Justices of the Peace

Austin H. Warner, Justice of the Peace, Absent

Henry M. Zaleski, Town Attorney, Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, Stephen J. Gredski, Police Chief, Rosella Benjamin, Water Plant Superintendent, and John Riedsorph, Asst. Supt. to the Water District, were also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on February 2, 1954, were read and on motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike, it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Riverhead, submitted a report of the amount of taxes collected as of February 16, 1954, and the report was ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor's Report for the month of January 1954 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Peter J. Czaja, representing the Polish National Alliance, addressed the Board and requested permission to use the Fairgrounds during the week of August 23, 1954 for the purpose of holding a carnival.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the request of the Polish National Alliance to hold a carnival on the Fair Grounds during the week of August 23, 1954, be granted, subject to the rules and regulations governing the use of Town controlled property for bazaars, carnivals and circuses. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly reported on the present status of the Riverhead Town Civil Defense program and expressed the desire for an Executive Assistant to the Town Coordinator.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that Robert Leonard be appointed Executive Assistant to Supervisor Joseph V. Kelly, Town Coordinator of Civil Defense, at no salary, and that said Robert Leonard be authorized to attend the Administrative School for Civil Defense officials to be held in Maryland on March 28, 1954 through April 3, 1954, and that all necessary expenses be paid. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Proof of Publication of the adoption of Ordinance #19 and Affidavit of Posting Said notice were submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

A communication dated Feb. 8, 1954 from the Long Island Lighting Company was submitted to the board advising that on January 8th, 1954, five (5) 100 c.p. aerial street lights were placed in operation along Ostrander Avenue in the Riverhead Lighting District as per enclosed sketch. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Town of Riverhead Planning Board relative to the acceptance of Hub Drive, in the Town of Riverhead, as a public highway, and the communication was ordered placed on file.

Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Yousik:

WHEREAS, by resolution made and adopted on October 6, 1953, the Town of Riverhead Planning Board recommended the acceptance by the Town of Riverhead as a public highway, Hub Drive in the Town of Riverhead,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the Town of Riverhead Planning Board regarding this proposed public highway be accepted, and that said public highway be accepted by and dedicated to the Town of Riverhead at such time when the requirements as to the value of the adjacent property have been met and when the roads have been constructed all in accordance with the rules and regulations for the acceptance of highways within the Town of Riverhead, except for the circular "green" shown on the proposed plan midway between Pulaski Street and County Road No. 58, which it is understood is for the developer's plan ~~for~~ for utilizing adjacent property, which should be eliminated and highway accepted by the Town as a straight highway, and circular turnout be laid out as private roadway on the developer's land. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from the Town of Riverhead Planning Board relative to the acceptance of "River-Bogue Lane" and "Midwood Drive," in the Town of Riverhead, as public highways, and the communication was ordered placed on file.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Leonard:

WHEREAS, by resolution made and adopted on February 2, 1954, the Town of Riverhead Planning Board recommended the acceptance by the Town of Riverhead as a public highway, "River-Bogue Lane" and "Midwood Drive", Aque bogue, Town of Riverhead, N.Y.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the Riverhead Town Planning Board regarding these proposed public highways be accepted, and that said public highways be accepted by and dedicated to the Town of Riverhead at such time when the requirements as to the value of the adjacent property have been met and when the roads have been constructed all in accordance with the rules and regulations for the acceptance of highways within the

Town of Riverhead. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Yousik, it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to purchase all of the Bedell interest in the so-called Peconic Bay Beach property at a price of \$15001.25 and all of the M. C. Young interest at a price of \$3485.00. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from Meade C. Dobson, Editor of the "Long Island--The Sunrise Homeland" enclosing an announcement of the 17th edition and requesting the Town Board to take the usual space for a description of ~~the~~ attractions and facilities of the Town of Riverhead. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Leonard it was resolved that the Town of Riverhead take one-half page of advertisement in the 17th Edition of "Long Island--The Sunrise Homeland" published by the Long Island Association for the sum of \$125. The Vote, Justices Leonard and Yousik, Yes; Justice Pike, No; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike it was Resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to publish an advertisement for bids in the News-Review for the pruning of 337 trees in the Town of Riverhead, such bids to be opened at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2, 1954 at 11:00 A.M. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Yousik offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead did heretofore on March 25, 1953, adopt a Bond Resolution authorizing the acquisition of land in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, for use as a parking field for said Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead pursuant to the aforesaid resolution has purchased certain of the parcels of land shown on an amended map filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on the 25th day of March, 1953, in connection with the aforesaid Bond Resolution, and

WHEREAS, certain garage type buildings are situated upon the aforesaid premises, which buildings serve no useful purpose in connection with the operation of a public parking field and infact will tend to impede the efficient operation of said public parking field, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead has no other and separate use for said buildings whatsoever,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the buildings situate on property now owned by the Town of Riverhead, South of East Main Street, in said Town, be removed and disposed of; that the general public be invited to file sealed bids containing offers for the individual removal of such buildings with the Town Clerk on or before March 1, 1954; that such sealed bids as are so filed be opened at the Town Board Meeting to be held on March 2, 1954 at 11:00 A.M. that the Supervisor be, and he hereby is authorized to dispose of said buildings individually in accordance with the most advantageous offer made in each instance as determined by the Town Board, and it is further

RESOLVED, that an abstract of this resolution be published once in the News-Review for the issue of February 18, 1954.

The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike it was Resolved that the Superintendent of Highways, be and he hereby is authorized to fill in and grade the beach premises at Wading River, N.Y. and the Peconic Bay Beach area. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board adjourned to convene at 2:00 P.M.

The Town Board reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with Supervisor Kelly, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Present; Justice Warner, Absent.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Parks and Beach Committee be authorized to proceed forth with the construction of men and women's toilets and the sinking of a well at the Peconic Bay Beach, for a sum not to exceed \$500.00. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that a survey be made of the parking field situate on the South side of East Main Street in the Town of Riverhead, and that as soon as the Field is ready, that the Superintendent of Highways be authorized to oil and mark said parking field and remove present existing islands. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike it was Resolved that entrance into the parking field, on the South side of East Main Street in the Town of Riverhead, for traffic moving South on Peconic Avenue be prohibited, and that entrance to said parking field, commonly known as "24th Street" be used by pedestrians only effective as of May 1, 1954. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the Superintendent of Highways be and he hereby is authorized to prepare for use the parking field situated at the corner of Second Street and Griffing Avenue in the Town of Riverhead, and that the cost thereof be paid from the Parking Meter Account. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Pike it was Resolved that the operators of the buses operating in the Town of Riverhead, namely Robert Brown and Henry W. Agelwerth, be invited to attend the meeting of the Town Board on March 2, 1954 at 2:00 P.M. in regard to certain matters relating to the parking of their buses in the Town of Riverhead. The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Leonard:

WHEREAS, it is apparent that a disproportionate amount of the work required of the police, the justices of the peace and the welfare department of the Town of Riverhead involves that small portion of the Town of Riverhead, commonly known, as "The Bottom," being that area comprising parts of Griffins Path, Telephone Street and Cranberry Street, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to take such steps as may be practicable and available to it to lower the incidence of crime, improve the health conditions, and start to rehabilitate this area, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does hereby request the Suffolk County Department of Health to make a general survey of the area in question, with particular reference to the population, housing conditions, water supply, sewage disposal, general sanitation, uninhabitable or unsanitary buildings, and to report their findings back to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead together with a report on existing violations of the Public Health Laws of the State of New York and/or of the Suffolk County Sanitary Code.

The Vote, Justices Leonard, and Pike, Yes; Justice Yousik, Not Voting; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A discussion was had as to advisability of abandoning the roads leading to the Town Beaches. The matter was referred to Alden W. Young for survey and descriptions and then it is to be referred to the Town Attorney for the necessary legal procedure.

The Town Attorney was instructed by the Town Board to write a letter to Mr. Simon Ullian, Riverhead, N.Y. regarding his premises presently being used by the Town for parking field purposes. The Town Attorney was authorized to make a definite and final offer to Mr. Ullian at the rate of 40¢ per square foot.

Mr. Lyndon Hallock of Sound Avenue, Riverhead, N.Y. appeared before the Town Board. Mr. Hallock is the owner of a building situate on the site of the Pier Avenue Bathing Beach, which building he is to move from this site. He requested that he be given until April 15, 1954 to move this building to a new location. The extension was granted by the Board.

A discussion was held in relation to Traffic Ordinance No.#3. It was decided that this ordinance should be revised and the matter was referred to the Town Attorney for study and suggestions.

Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Pike,

WHEREAS, the term of Carl C. Young, as a member of the Town of Riverhead Planning Board, expired on December 31, 1953, and

WHEREAS, Carl C. Young, has declined to accept a new appointment as a member of the Town of Riverhead Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has appreciated his cooperation, his efforts and the time he has so freely given as a member of the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that through the efforts of Carl C. Young, many things have been accomplished toward the improvement of the Town of Riverhead, NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead express its grateful appreciation for the outstanding services rendered by Carl C. Young.

The Vote, Justices Leonard, Pike and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes; Justice Warner, Absent. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town Bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund---\$10,416.71 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$4,182.93.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 2, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

Anthony F. Gadzinski
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk