

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 17, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner

Frank J. Yousik

Charles W. Gatz

William J. Leonard, Justices of the Peace

Thomas M. Stark, Town Attorney, and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, were also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on November 5, 1953 were read and on motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Leonard, it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication, <sup>together with plans</sup> dated November 16, 1953 was read from the Riverhead Town Planning Board reporting on the widening of East Avenue; 1. It is not felt that the expenditure is justifiable of the widening of East Avenue due to the houses near the road on both sides and the acquisition of property now being used as homes. 2. With respect to this avenue and all other avenues or streets less than 50 feet in width that an ordinance be adopted prohibiting the erection of buildings within 25 feet of the center line of the street so that when the narrow streets have become commercialized there would be adequate room for movement of traffic. 3. In studying the area adjacent to East Avenue it is believed to be advantageous to extend First Street to Maple Avenue and widen Maple Avenue from Second Street to Main Street, and so direct traffic that Maple Avenue would be the main exit and entrance to Main Street thus eliminating an exit and entrance on East Avenue. 4. It appears that the shopping district of Riverhead will in the future be utilizing First Street and that will create a parking problem. It is recommended that consideration be given to the purchase of parking areas with a 10-year use to the owners, and that a parking district be established to finance the project. The communication was ordered placed on file and the Supervisor was directed to advise Mr. Al Sigal of the results.

A communication dated November 16, 1953 was read from the Riverhead Town Planning Board in regard to the matter of one-way traffic on Roanoke Avenue, recommending for a trial arrangement that traffic be allowed both ways on Roanoke Avenue, but at Main Street there be no left turns either in entering Roanoke Avenue from Main Street or exiting from Roanoke Avenue to Main Street. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Justice Gatz offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Warner:

WHEREAS, by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of

Riverhead made on May 5, 1953, this Board did apply to the State Traffic Commission to establish Roanoke Avenue as a one-way street, north bound only from Main Street to Second Street on a trial basis, for such limited period as will indicate the success of such plan on a permanent basis, and

WHEREAS, by letter of May 11, 1953, the State Traffic Commission did acknowledge receipt of said resolution and agree to such one-way restriction for a trial period, and did thereafter on August 20, 1953, make a traffic commission order limiting the movement of vehicles to a northerly direction only on said Roanoke Avenue between its intersection with State Route 25 and its intersection with Second Street, and

WHEREAS, said restriction has been in effect over a period of approximately three months, and the Police Department of the Town of Riverhead, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, and the Riverhead Town Planning Board, have had an opportunity during said time to observe the effect of traffic conditions resulting from such restriction and it appearing to these three agencies that such restriction has not alleviated to any extent the serious traffic conditions at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Main Street and at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Second Street, but rather has resulted in a more serious traffic hazard at Roanoke Avenue and Second Street, and numerous complaints having been received by the Board from local residents concerning the one-way restriction and upon recommendation of the Riverhead Town Planning Board,

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead respectfully apply to the State Traffic Commission to terminate such one-way restriction, and to establish the following traffic control at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Main Street: That vehicles proceeding south on Roanoke Avenue be prohibited from making a left turn into Main Street and that vehicles proceeding east on Main Street be prohibited from making a left turn into Roanoke Avenue, and that Signal 82 located at said intersection, be modified accordingly.

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

A communication was read from Charles A. Wood, Wading River, N.Y. advising the Board that the Town Superintendent of Highways straightened out the roads in front of and adjacent to my premises, situated at the south side of North Country Road, and which is adjacent to the Wading River Cemetery. As a result of the improvement made by the Town, his property no longer abuts the road and would like to have the Town convey the strip of land lying between his land and the bed of the road. The matter was referred to the Highway Committee and the Superintendent of Highways for their consideration and recommendation.

The Supervisor's report for the month of October 1953 was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

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On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that Mrs. Norma F. Roder, 415 Ostrander Ave., Riverhead, N.Y., be and she hereby is appointed Dog Enumerator for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1954. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the Bond of the Receiver of Taxes, Charles Allen Horton, for the year 1954 be fixed at \$25,000.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to borrow the sum of \$4,000.00 on a budget note for the purpose of snow removal. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the Town Board meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 1, 1953 at 10:00 A.M. at which time it will consider the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department for a sum not to exceed \$7,500, and that the Town Clerk publish notice thereof pursuant to law. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that Dorothy Drobot, Alice Carey and Rena Downs be appointed as part-time clerks in the office of the Receiver of Taxes under the supervision of the Receiver of Taxes as of November 23, 1953, salaries fixed at the rate of \$8.00 per day. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Gatz it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to place one (1) 300 c.p aerial street light on Court Street, Pole #9 and one (1) 300 c.p aerial street light on pole 100 feet south of the corner of Court Street and Griffing Avenue, in the Riverhead Lighting District, and further resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to place one (1) 100 c.p. aerial street light on Pole #12B, Center Street in the South Jamesport Lighting District. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Gatz and Leonard, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. 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--\$7274.52 and Highway Machinery Fund--\$2318.17.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 1, 1953 at 10:00 A.M.

*Harry J. Grato*  
Harry J. Grato, Town Clerk

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