

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 16, 1945 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Frank J. Yousik,
William J. Leonard,
Frank J. Smith, Justices of the Peace

Arthur H. Lundberg, Town Attorney, was present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on May 2, 1945 were read and on motion and vote ~~was~~ duly adopted.

A Committee representing the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Town Board relative to the establishment of a Garbage Collection District in Riverhead. Mr. Solomon Raffe addressed the Board for the Committee stating that the Chamber of Commerce feels that a District should be created as the way that garbage is now collected is very unsatisfactory. It is their opinion that the cost per family would not be any more than at present and the collection would be more satisfactory. He suggested that a Committee be appointed by the Town Board to work with the Chamber of Commerce Committee to study the situation and obtain facts and figures in order that the matter may be submitted to the taxpayers at a Special Election or the next Town Election this fall.

Mr. Albert P. Warner, a member of the Committee addressed the Board stating that he has looked into the matter in other Towns where garbage districts have already been created and found in all instances that they have worked out very satisfactorily. He said that he expects to receive some figures on the cost of operation of some of the districts he had contacted and will give them to the Committee as soon as he receives them.

Mrs Gerber of East Ave. addressed the Board stating that she is in favor of a garbage district.

A communication was read from the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce stating that at the May meeting of the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce it was the unanimous opinion of the members, that the Town of Riverhead should create a garbage district in the same territory as is covered by the present sewer district. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mrs Richard J. Carey of Southern Parkway stating that the lack of adequate garbage disposal facilities for Riverhead is becoming acute and that any measures which the Town Board may be able to take to remedy this situation would be of great benefit to the community. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly appointed Justice Yousik, Justice Smith and ^{the} Town Attorney as a Committee to work in conjunction with the Committee from the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce to study the above matter and report at the next regular meeting.

Rev. Charles W. MacLean, Deputy Director of Civil Defense, Town of Riverhead addressed the Board and stated that probably this would be the last time that he would come before the Board in regard to Civil Defense. He said that the greatest thing that came out of it was the ability everyone showed to work together. He wished at this time to thank everyone of the Corps for their loyalty and full cooperation given him. He also wished to thank the Town Board for the full cooperation it had given him. He advised the Board that the stock room was being dismantled and that the loose material was given to the Red Cross and other welfare agencies and the rest was sold for \$105.23 and turned over a check in that amount to Supervisor Kelly. Rev. Mac Lean then presented the members of the Board who served on the Civil Defense Council with Certificates of Merit from the Suffolk County Civil Defense Board.

Supervisor Kelly thanked Rev. MacLean on behalf of the Town Board for his splendid work and accomplishments as Deputy Director of Civil Defense for the Town of Riverhead.

Mr. J. Harry Brown also commended Rev. MacLean for the excellent and efficient work he had done.

Justice Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Warner,

WHEREAS with our entry into the War when the enemy was at his greatest strength and advancing on all fronts by land and by sea there existed during the period of our unprepared defenses a well founded belief and concern that sabotage would be attempted upon our war production, public utility and public service plants and that our coast line towns and cities would be indiscriminately subjected to attack by means of explosive and incendiary bombs or by the dissemination of dangerous and poisonous gases, and

WHEREAS, as the tide of war changed in our favor and the possibility of enemy attack became more remote, there nevertheless continued to exist the threatened strike and thrust of a desperate and vengeful enemy, and

WHEREAS, during these early dark and apprehensive days there was established the Office of Civil Defense, a civilian organization of volunteers who were recruited in each city and town for the purpose of protecting the safety and welfare of the inhabitants and their homes and giving aid and comfort to the injured, and

WHEREAS, there was recruited in the Town of Riverhead a well trained and cohesive organization for this purpose whose members gave unselfishly and loyally much of their time in pursuing courses of study and in trial performances in order to prepare themselves and to be able and ready to serve in the event of actual danger or disaster, and

WHEREAS, with the progress of the war the danger from attack grew steadily from imminence to remote possibility and finally by the grace of a merciful God to none with the unconditional surrender of one our enemies on V. E. Day, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Civil Defense has been discontinued and the

vigilance of those who have stood watch, been alerted to serve and ready to be of help during these past four years is no longer necessary, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that this Board in behalf of the residents of the Town of Riverhead, render thanks and express grateful appreciation to all who served with, or were in any way associated or connected with the Riverhead Office of Civil Defense for their spirit of loyalty and their desire to be of help and assistance to their Country and fellow men in time of need and in particular to the Reverend Charles W. MacLean, Deputy Director, for his untiring efforts and loyal and faithful interest. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead subscribe to a page of advertisement in the American Legion Journal for 1945 to be issued in conjunction with its Suffolk County Convention for the sum not to exceed \$10.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No.0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A petition signed by numerous taxpayers from the Towns of Riverhead and Brookhaven requesting that the plans and the building of a new bridge over the Peconic River at the junction of River and Terry Roads be completed and built as soon as materials are available.

The Town Clerk was instructed by the Board to acknowledge receipt of the petition and to advise ^{that a substantial amount would be placed in the budget this year} ~~that~~ due to the present lack of material and manpower, a more opportune time for the construction of the bridge will be forthcoming in the very near future.

The Supervisor's Report for the month of April 1945 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Tax Receiver's Report showing the amount of taxes collected as of May 16, 1945 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to change the 80 C.P. street lamp to a 600 C.P. lamp on pole No 7 in front of the Riverhead Fire District Headquarters on East Second Street in the Riverhead Lighting District. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, NO 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town bills to date.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, June 6, 1945.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.