

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 1, 1944 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 and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on October 18, 1944 and minutes of a budget hearing held on October 26, 1944 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from Daniel R. Young, C.E. asking for an extension of time for the filing of the final surveys in connection with the Post-War Public Works Planning Project # 1944 (Townwide Sidewalk Project), stating that due to the shortage of help he is unable to finish the work on time. The communication was referred to Supervisor Kelly.

The Welfare Report for the month of October 1944 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Town Board then discussed the adoption of the Annual Budget. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that all items where there is a question of a change, there should be a roll call vote.

Shall Item #2 in the preliminary budget be adopted. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard No, Justice Smith and Supervisor Kelly Yes.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the appropriation for the Supervisor's Salary be reduced from \$4500.00 to \$4000.00, and that the appropriation for the salary of the Senior Stenographer to the Supervisor be reduced from \$2100.00 to \$1900.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly No. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Shall Item #5 in the preliminary budget be adopted. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith No, Supervisor Kelly Yes.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the appropriation for the Senior Clerk to the Board of Assessors be reduced from \$2350.00 to \$2100.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly No. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Shall Item No 6 in the preliminary budget be adopted. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard No, Justice Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the appropriation for the salary of the Receiver of Taxes be reduced from \$2200.00 to \$2000.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith No, Supervisor Kelly No. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Shall Item #1-Police Department in the preliminary budget be adopted. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard No, Justice Smith not voting, Supervisor Kelly No. It was declared defeated.

On motion made by Justice Smith and after relinquishing the Chair seconded by Supervisor Kelly, it was Resolved that the total appropriations of salaries and expenses of the Police Department be reduced to \$25000.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard No, Justice Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared defeated.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the total appropriations of salaries and expenses of the Police Department be ~~fixed at~~ \$27,500.00. The Vote, Justices Warner Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith No, Supervisor Kelly Not Voting. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Shall the appropriation for the salary of the Investigator of the Welfare Department in the preliminary budget be adopted. The Vote, ^{Justices} Warner, Yousik and Leonard No, Justice Smith Not Voting, Supervisor Kelly Yes. It was declared defeated.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the appropriation for the salary of the Investigator of the Welfare Department be reduced from \$1800.00 to \$1600.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith Not Voting, Supervisor Kelly No. The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Leonard

WHEREAS this Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, and

WHEREAS the preliminary budget was amended by the foregoing resolutions, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that such preliminary budget as here^{to}before amended, be and hereby is adopted as the annual budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January 1945 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board as follows:

TOWN OF RIVERHEAD BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1945

"A" GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Item No. 1-TOWN BOARD

TOWN HALL AND OFFICES:

Rental	4,800.00	
Purchase of Furniture and Equipment	400.00	
Repairs, Lights and Telephone	600.00	
Other Expenses	1,000.00	

Insurance:

Compensaion	2,900.00	
Official Bonds	1,000.00	
Fire and Liability	3,000.00	
Other	100.00	

Printing and Advertising (All Depts.)	1,000.00	
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Employees' Retirement System (Town Share)	<u>6,000.00</u>	
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TOTAL TOWN BOARD		20,800.00
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Item No. 2-SUPERVISOR

Salary	4,000.00	
Office and Other Expenses	200.00	
Compensation-Senior Stenographer	<u>1,900.00</u>	
TOTAL		6,100.00

Item No. 3-JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Salaries	7,200.00	
Office and Other Expenses	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL		7,700.00

Item No. 4-TOWN CLERK

Salary	3,000.00	
Office and Other Expenses	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL		3,100.00

Item No. 5-ASSESSORS

Salaries	5,100.00	
Traveling Expenses	750.00	
Office and Other Expenses	150.00	
Compensation of Senior Clerk	2,100.00	
Clerk Hire	700.00	
Maps	<u>400.00</u>	
TOTAL		9,200.00

Item No. 6-RECEIVER OF TAXES

Salary	2,000.00	
Office and Other Expenses	375.00	
Clerk Hire	<u>2,200.00</u>	
TOTAL		4,575.00

Item No. 7-TOWN ATTORNEY

Salary	<u>1,200.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>1,200.00</u>

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$52,675.00
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"B" PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Item No. 1-POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries	23,750.00	
Expenses	3,750.00	
TRAFFIC LIGHTS	600.00	
DOG WARDEN	1,200.00	
FOREST FIRES	400.00	
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		\$29,700.00

"C" - EDUCATION

Attendance Officers	500.00	
TOTAL		500.00

"D" - RECREATION

Parks & Playgrounds:

Salaries	400.00	
Other Expenses	500.00	
<u>Patriotic Observances:</u>		
Memorial Day Expenses	50.00	
TOTAL		950.00

"E"-PUBLIC UTILITIES

Town Dump	1,300.00	
Parking Space	1,600.00	
Peconic River Buoy Lights	600.00	
Total		3,500.00

"F"-MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

<u>Redemption of Debt:</u>		
Cert. of Indebtedness-Snow Removal	3,000.00	
Cert. of Indebtedness-Hurricane	3,000.00	
<u>Interest on Debt:</u>		
Int. on Cert. of Indebt.-Snow Removal	60.00	
Int. on Cert. of Indebt.-Hurricane	15.00	
TOTAL		6,075.00

"G" -MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT

Veteran's Organizations for Rooms	400.00	
Suffolk County Historical Society	300.00	
Riverhead Service Center	1,000.00	
TOTAL		1,700.00

"H" -REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Compensation	100.00	
Fees of Physicians	45.00	
TOTAL		145.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS \$95,245.00

GENERAL FUND-ESTIMATED REVENUES

County Treasurer: Mortgage, Income, Franchise, Log and Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	30,000.00	
Fees of Assessors	160.00	
Fees of Town Clerk	400.00	
Fees of Justices of the Peace	800.00	
Tax Penalties-Tax Receiver	300.00	
Water District	500.00	
Sewer District	180.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		32,340.00
UNEXPENDED BALANCE		10,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES-GENERAL FUND		\$42,340.00

GENERAL FUND-SUMMARY

APPROPRIATIONS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	52,675.00	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	29,700.00	
EDUCATION	500.00	
RECREATION	950.00	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,500.00	
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	6,075.00	
MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT	1,700.00	
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS	<u>145.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$95,245.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		<u>42,340.00</u>
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED FOR GENERAL FUND		\$52,905.00

TOWN WELFARE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN WELFARE

Home Relief	3,000.00	
Non-Reimbursable Relief	300.00	
Salary-Investigator	1,600.00	
Expenses-Investigator	180.00	
Rental, Telephone and Office Supplies	<u>774.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		5,854.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Reimbursement of Home Relief from State	1,200.00	
Reimbursement of Investigator's Salary from State	<u>640.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>1,840.00</u>
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR WELFARE FUND		4,014.00

HIGHWAY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1945

GENERAL REPAIRS ITEM NO. 1

General Repairs	<u>70,000.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		70,000.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

State Aid	4,500.00	
Unexpended Balance	<u>2,000.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>6,500.00</u>
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		63,500.00

BRIDGE ITEM NO. 2

Labor and Material	<u>400.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		400.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Unexpended Balance	<u>200.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>200.00</u>
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		200.00

MACHINERY ITEM NO. 3

Repairs & Upkeep of Mach. & New Machinery.	15,600.00	
New Snow Plows for replacements	<u>960.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		16,560.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Unexpended Balance	<u>600.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>600.00</u>
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		15,960.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM NO. 4

Salary Town Superintendent	3,600.00	
Expenses Town Superintendent	400.00	
Removing Obstructions caused by Snow	2,000.00	
Other Miscellaneous Purposes	<u>10,800.00</u>	
Total Appropriations		16,800.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Unexpended Balance	200.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>200.00</u>
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		16,600.00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR HIGHWAY FUND		<u>\$96,260.00</u>
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SPECIAL DISTRICTSROANOKE HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT

Retire Bonds No.s 31 and 32	1,500.00	
Interest on Bonds	<u>587.50</u>	
TOTAL ROANOKE HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT		2,087.50

RIVERHEAD FIRE DISTRICT

	<u>16,124.00</u>	16,124.00
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RIVERHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

	<u>4,250.00</u>	4,250.00
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Wading River School Dist. No. 1	8,865.33	
Manorville " " " 2	2,500.00	
Baiting Hollow " " " 3	7,000.00	
Calverton " " " 4	12,349.00	
Riverhead " " " 5	133,397.55	
Aquebogue " " " 8	21,500.00	
Jamesport " " " 9	16,264.20	
Sound Avenue " " " 10	13,000.00	
Roanoke " " " 11	6,500.00	
Baiting Hollow " " " 12	3,200.00	
Southold-Laurel " " " 11	2,143.53	
Wildwood " " " 13	3,075.00	
Brookhaven " " " 31	<u>32.94</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS		229,827.55

STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS

Riverhead District	8,800.00	
Wading River District	2,150.00	
South Jamesport District	<u>1,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LIGHTING DISTRICTS		11,950.00

SEWER DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

Retirement of Bonds	20,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	6,534.00	
Sewer District Maintenance	<u>13,450.00</u>	
TOTAL SEWER MAINTENANCE		39,984.00

RIVERHEAD WATER DISTRICT

Estimated Receipts	\$23,200.00	
Estimated Disbursements	<u>21,500.00</u>	

WATER RENTS-ARREARS

	<u>526.50</u>	526.50
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TOTAL SPECIAL DISTRICTS

		<u>\$304,749.55</u>
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TOTAL GENERAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 52,905.00
TOTAL TOWN WELFARE APPROPRIATIONS	4,014.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT. APPROPRIATIONS	96,260.00
TOTAL SPECIAL DIST. APPROPRIATIONS	<u>304,749.55</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR THE YEAR 1945	\$457,928.55

The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith No, Supervisor Kelly No. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

J. Wilson Stout, Assessor addressed the Board stating that in spite of the fact that the assessments in the Town of Riverhead have been increased approximately \$3,000,000.00 this year, our equalization rate is about the same as it was a year ago. He felt that the equalization rate of the Town of Riverhead should have been changed from the debit side of the ledger to the credit side. He read a letter from the State Tax Commission acknowledging the efforts of the Assessors in trying to make the assessments more equitable, stating that they hoped that Riverhead would receive proper credit. Mr. Stout said that he feels that this letter was an invitation for an appeal and hoped the Town Board would take some action on the matter.

Thomas J. Danowski, Assessor addressed the Board stating that he agreed with Mr. Stout and urged the Board to take an appeal.

Justice Smith stated that he felt that some definite action should be taken. He said that there is too much at stake to ignore the matter, especially after all the efforts of the Board of Assessors.

Justice Warner concurred with Justice Smith and felt that the Board should look into the matter.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that the Town Attorney be instructed to look into the legal aspects of an appeal to the State Tax Commission and ascertain the proximate cost if possible. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

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, November 15, 1944 at 2:00 P.M.

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