

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 19, 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 July 5, 1944 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Notice of a public hearing on the question of the enactment of an ordinance regulating the business of pawnbroker, the operation of pawnshops and providing for the licensing thereof was read. and or

Proof of publication of the above notice was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly declared the hearing opened and anyone who wished would be heard at that time.

No one having appeared wishing to be heard, Supervisor Kelly thereupon declared the hearing closed.

The following resolution was offered by Justice Leonard and seconded by Justice Warner,

WHEREAS an application was recently made to this Board for a license to operate a pawnshop in the Town of Riverhead, and

WHEREAS without and ordinance therefor there is no authority or power in this Board to grant such license or to regulate the business of pawnbrokers or the operation of pawnshops, and

WHEREAS the Town of Riverhead is a second class Town, having a population according to the last Federal Census of 8,922 inhabitants and covers an area distant approximately 15 miles from east to west and approximately 5 miles from north to south, and

WHEREAS there now exists in the Town four well established and reputable banking institutions and other agencies for the loaning of money, and

WHEREAS it is the studied consideration of this Board that it will be for the best interest, welfare and protection of the inhabitants of this Town that the number of pawnshops permitted to operate within said Town be limited and that the granting of licenses to operate the business of pawnbroker be regulated and controlled, and

Whereas pursuant to resolution duly made and adopted by this Board notice that the public hearing upon this then proposed ordinance would

be held on the 19th day of July 1944 at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day was once duly published in the Riverhead News on the 7th day of July 1944 at least ten days prior to the date fixed for said public hearing, and

WHEREAS said hearing was duly held at the time and place specified in said prior resolution and notice and there being no opposition thereto, now therefore be it resolved that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 11.

Regulating the business of Pawnbroker, the operation of Pawnshops and providing for the licensing thereof:-

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of pawnbroker or shall run or operate any pawnshop within the limits of the Town of Riverhead, except upon the following conditions:-

Section 1. Said person, firm or corporation shall first obtain from the Town Clerk a license to operate such business upon a written form of application to be supplied by the Town Clerk which shall set forth facts establishing that the operation of said business shall not violate the provisions of this ordinance or any law regulating the same.

Section 2. Upon receipt of such application the Town Clerk shall deliver the same to the Officer in charge of the Special Policemen of said Town for the purpose of obtaining a report concerning the facts set forth in said application and for the purpose of establishing that such business and applicant will not violate this ordinance or any pertinent provisions of law regulating the same. The Officer in Charge shall make such report with due diligence and thereupon the Clerk shall issue such license if it be found that the application conforms herewith.

Section 3. Upon the issuance of such license for the term provided by law said applicant shall pay to the Town Clerk a license fee of \$25.00.

Section 4. No license shall be granted to operate any pawnshop within a radius of four miles from any other pawnshop, said distance to be measured on a straight line from the center of the nearest entrance of such other pawnshop.

Section 5. The operation of the business of pawnbroker or the conducting of a pawnshop without first securing a license as herein provided shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable according to law.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after it has been published once in the official paper of the Town, The Riverhead News, and proof of such publication and posting is filed with the Town Clerk as required by Section 133 of the Town Law. 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 communication was read from the Corn Exchange Bank in regard to the purchase price of the McDonald property on Griffing Avenue now used by the Town as a parking field. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from George W. Creighton in regard to the

purchase price of the McDonald property on Griffing Avenue now used by the Town as a parking field. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Supt. of Highways be authorized to purchase a truck for the Highway Department for a sum not to exceed \$3500.00. 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.

Mrs Katheryn Van Nostrand of Wading River addressed the Board stating that there is a section of the Manor-Wading River Road just south of Route 25A which is low and that many times during heavy rains and during the winter becomes impassable. She also requested that a shelter be placed on the beach at the sound. Supt. of Highways Young advised that the above matters would be taken care of.

A communication was read from Major L.F.Hagglund stating that during the two weeks period, July 17th to 31st, he will have about 140 men from Camp Upton out on Field Training and that he would like to bivouac for two nights at Reeves Park sometime during that period. On motion and vote the foregoing request was granted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved that Howard Hagler be and he hereby is appointed Life Guard at the Pier Avenue Beach for a period of two weeks, retroactive as of July 1, 1944, salary fixed at \$35.00 per week. 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.

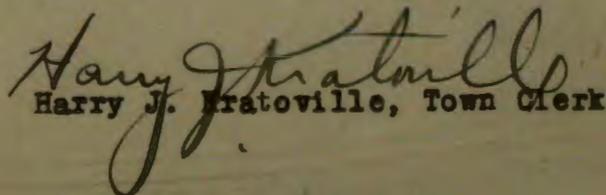
On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that Joseph Czebotar be and he hereby is appointed Police Patrolman for special duty in the Town of Riverhead, to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board at a salary fixed at the rate of 75 cents per hour. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Supervisor's report for the month of June 1944 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Supervisor Kelly to Tax Receiver Downs certifying that the Supervisor had received from Tax Receiver Downs the sum of \$303.56, for penalties in full of tax collections of the 1943-44 tax Warrant. The communication was ordered placed on file.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Welfare bills for the month of June 1944.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, August 9, 1944 at 2:00 P.M.


Harry J. Kratochvil, Town Clerk