

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 5, 1942 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Frank J. Smith,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace

Seth A. Hubbard, Town Attorney was present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on July 15, 1942 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Justice Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Supervisor Kelly who temporarily relinquished the chair in favor of Justice Warner.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 678 of the 1942 General Laws of New York a temporary vacancy exists in the office of Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County New York, by reason of the induction of Henry M. Zaleski into the military service of the United States, and

Whereas, said Chapter of the Laws of 1942 further provides that such temporary vacancy shall be filled as therein provided, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Joseph J. Ruskowski, residing at Calverton, Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, be and he hereby is appointed to the temporary vacancy in the office of the Justice of the Peace created by the said induction of the said Henry M. Zaleski, subject to the provisions of said Chapter 678 of the Laws of 1942. The vote, Justices Smith, Warner and Boutcher, Yes; Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote, Yes 4, No.0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Attorney Hubbard administered the Oath of Office to Joseph J. Ruskowski, whereupon he was declared a duly qualified Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead.

Justice Ruskowski thanked the Board for the honor they have bestowed upon him and assured them that he would conduct the office to the best of his ability.

A certified copy of a resolution from the Board of Supervisors of Suffolk County, fixing Monday, November 30, 1942, as the date of the meeting of that Board at which taxes for the next fiscal year will be levied. The resolution was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Ellis T. Terry, County Treasurer stating that his office will shortly receive from various bonding companies a request for satisfaction of Receiver's Bonds on the 1941-42 collections and would appreciate it if we would advise his office whether or not there is any objection on the Town Board's part to the issuance of such satisfaction. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Warner it was

Resolved that there is no objection on the part of the Town of Riverhead to the satisfaction of the Tax Receiver's Bond on the 1941-42 tax collections, provided the audit by the County Treasurer shows no objection thereto. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

A communication was read from the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Riverhead Fire District stating that at their last meeting a report was presented setting forth the fact that several fire hydrants at important points are blocked by parked automobiles more or less of the time, protesting against the continuance of this practice and requesting that proper action be taken to have the law enforced. The communication was ordered placed on file with the assurance that the matter would be studied to the end that some means would be taken to eliminate this situation.

Justice Boutcher offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Ruskowski,

WHEREAS, the prevalence of ragweed is generally regarded as the principal cause of hay fever, and

WHEREAS, in many sections of the country, efforts are being made to eradicate ragweed and thereby decrease the discomfort and suffering to those who are or may be afflicted with hay fever, and

WHEREAS, it is felt that the solicitation of the general public in assisting the destruction of ragweed will be highly beneficial, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Town Board hereby expresses its approval of a program of publicity and general appeal for the citizens of the Town of Riverhead in their use of all reasonable means to destroy and eliminate ragweed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the period between the 9th and 23rd of August, 1942 be proclaimed as "RAGWEED ELIMINATION TIME" in the Town of Riverhead. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Police report for the month of July was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Smith and seconded by Justice Ruskowski it was Resolved that Chester J. Kowalski be and he hereby is appointed Special Policeman for the Town of Riverhead, to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, salary fixed at the base rate of \$1650.00 per year payable semi-monthly. The Vote, Justices Ruskowski, Smith, and Boutcher, Yes, Justice Warner, not voting, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote, Yes 4, Not Voting 1, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly appointed Justice Ruskowski to serve as the Sewer District Committee.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Smith, it was resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$57.43 from the Current Surplus Account to the Supervisor's Office Expense Account. The Vote Justices Ruskowski, Smith, Warner and

Butcher 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 the Town bills to date.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, August 19, 1942 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratville
Harry J. Kratville, Town Clerk.