

1941

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 15th, 1941 at 2:00 P. M.

Present:-

Elmer J. B. Sawyer, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,  
Fred. H. Boutcher,  
Joseph V. Kelly,  
Henry M. Zaleski, Justices of the Peace.

Solomon Raffe, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on December 31st, 1940 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Justice Boutcher offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaleski

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Riverhead, New York, has constructed a sidewalk on the North side of West Main Street, Riverhead, New York, between the property formerly owned by H. E. Campbell and Dettner's Electrical Store, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works of the State of New York, has requested the Town of Riverhead to assume responsibility for all damages to persons or property sustained by reason of any defect in said sidewalk, NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Riverhead, New York, shall be liable for all damages to persons or property sustained by reason of any defect in said sidewalk. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from Al Trahern asking the Board for an advertisement in the 1941 Long Island Fishing Guide. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Kelly it was RESOLVED that the Town of Riverhead purchase a full page advertisement in the 1941 Long Island Fishing Guide for the sum not to exceed \$55.00. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The matter in regard to the street light at the entrance of the alley between the County Review and Colyer buildings on East Main Street was discussed and on motion and vote was referred to the Lighting Committee with power to act.

A communication was read from W. Germond Cochran in regard to the MacDonald property on Griffing Avenue now under lease to the Town of Riverhead for parking purposes, stating that the Corn Exchange Bank of New York, who holds the property in trust, are interested in making a new agreement at the expiration of the current lease, either by rental or sale with the latter preferred. The matter was held over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Joseph E. Walsh, Chief of the Riverhead Fire Department submitted a report covering alarms answered in the Riverhead Fire Protection District for the year ending December 31, 1940. The report was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Association of Towns, giving notice that the "Ninth Annual Meeting" of the Association will be held in the City of Albany, New York, on February 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1941 and requested that the Board designate an official representative to attend the meeting.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that Elmer J. B. Sawyer, Supervisor be designated the official representative of the Town of Riverhead at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held at Albany on February 19th, 20th and 21st, 1941, and further

RESOLVED that Fred. H. Boutcher, Justice of the Peace be designated the alternate at the said meeting. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

A communication was read from George Wells making application for the job of life-guard at the Iron Pier Beach, Riverhead, New York during the summer of 1941. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a report of taxes collected as of January 2, 1941 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was RESOLVED that the Fire Protection District Committee be authorized to purchase the necessary equipment for the Fire Protection District for the sum not to exceed \$600.00. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$538.62 from the Current Surplus Account to the Miscellaneous-Town's Share Retirement System Account. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Justice Zaleski reporting on the matter of a street light in front of the Wading River Congregational Church stated that he had looked

over the situation and found that there was a street lamp on Pole #233 Baiting Hollow Road which does not have any immediate use and recommended that this lamp be transferred to Pole #582 Sound Road.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED that the Long Island Lighting Company be authorized to remove the 80 C. P. street lamp on Pole #233 Baiting Hollow Road and place an 80 C. P. street lamp on Pole #582 Sound Road at Wading River in the Wading River Lighting District, Town of Riverhead. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes, Supervisor Sawyer, 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 Welfare bills to date.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 5th, 1941 at 2:00 P. M.

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