

Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Town Board of
the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 15,
1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.

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

Lester M. Emmett, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of
Highways were present.

Mrs. M.N. Ammann representing the Riverhead Women's Club
addressed the Board, stating that they had obtained permission from
the State Highway Department to plant about 30 trees along the
business section of the Town and that the Club would like the Town
to stand the expense of breaking up the cement for the planting of
same.

On motion of Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner
it was Resolved that the expense of breaking the cement for the
planting of the 30 trees along the business section of the Town be and
the same is hereby approved, subject to the approval of the Supt. of
Highways. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the
Board.

The matter of replacing the Peconic Bay Buoy Lights was
brought to the attention of the Board.

On motion made by Justice ~~Zaleski~~^{Warner} and seconded by Justice
Kelly it was Resolved that Supervisor Homan and Justice Zaleski be
appointed a committee on the matter of the Peconic Bay Buoy lights
with power to act. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote
of the Board.

The summons and complaint in the matter of Dr. Peter B.
Zehoski vs The Town of Riverhead was submitted to the Board and
referred to the Town Attorney.

A petition signed by several taxpayers in the vicinity of
Harrison Ave. regarding flooded cellars was submitted to the Board
and on motion and vote was referred to the Highway Committee and Supt.
of Highways.

The Town Board then recessed at 2:30 P.M.

The Town Board reconvened on March 16, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

All members present.

Justice Kelly offered the following Resolution, which was
seconded by Justice Zaleski

WHEREAS informal statements of misconduct of Special Policemen Milton Mottus, John Leonard, John Block, Anthony Danowski and Madison Courtney, alleged to have occurred on the 10th day of February 1939, and at other times has come to the attention of the Committee on Police, and

WHEREAS said Committee did investigate such activities and filed a report thereof with the Town Board, and

WHEREAS said Town Board did in Executive Session on March 15th 1939 further investigate the matter and heard numerous people make statements concerning same, and

WHEREAS it has been proved to our satisfaction that Special Policemen Milton Mottus, John Leonard, John Block, Anthony Danowski and Madison Courtney were on the 10th of February and on other occasions guilty of insubordination of the officer in charge, duly designated by the Town Board, and have incurred the displeasure of the Town Board but that other informal statements preferred against such Special Policemen, have not been proved to our satisfaction, be it therefore

RESOLVED that Special Policemen Milton Mottus, John Leonard, John Block, Anthony Danowski and Madison Courtney be, and they are hereby censured and reprimanded for their insubordination and be it further,

RESOLVED that Special Policemen Milton Mottus, John Leonard, John Block, Anthony Danowski and Madison Courtney be and they hereby are placed on probationary employment for a period of 60 days expiring on the 16th day of May 1939, and be it further

RESOLVED that this board does hereby express to Special Policeman, Frank Sowinski, said officer in charge, its continued respect and confidence.

The Vote, Justice Zaleski, Yes, Justice Kelly, Yes, Justice Warner, not voting, Justice Boutcher, not voting, Supervisor Homan, No. Total Vote, Yes 2, Not Voting 2, No 1. The Resolution was thereupon declared defeated.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, March 29, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

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