

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 12, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Demis G. Homan, Supervisor

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

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

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on March 29, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Mr. Williamson of the Suffolk County Mosquito Extermination Commission addressed the Board in regard to the 18 inch drain pipe which was placed by them leading from Merritts Pond and Cedar Swamp across Northville Turnpike, through the property of Harry J. Newton to Saw Mill Brook Stream, stating that the 18 inch pipe is sufficient to take care of the flow of water under normal conditions and that Cedar Swamp is from 8 to 12 inches lower than before it was put in. The work done by the Mosquito Commission around Merritts Pond is functioning properly and there is nothing more that the Commission can do about it. He further stated that flooded cellars are caused by the high water mark this spring due to excessive rain and that the same condition exists all over the County.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Kelly,

WHEREAS, numerous complaints by property owners have been recently made to this Board, of the flooding of lands and buildings in the vicinity of Merritt's Pond and Cedar Swamp and

WHEREAS, it is known that under any and all conditions, prior to the installation by the Mosquito Extermination Commission, of an eighteen inch drain pipe, approximately three thousand feet in length, to replace an open ditch running from said pond, the drainage of the area mentioned was satisfactorily cared for by such open ditch, and the conditions now complained of, did not exist, and

WHEREAS, the Board has invited representatives of the Mosquito Extermination Commission to examine into the situation, and to cause proper steps to be taken to relieve such conditions, and

WHEREAS, such representatives have appeared at a regular meeting of this Board and stated that nothing is contemplated or can be done to correct the difficulties complained of, and

WHEREAS, this Board is not satisfied that proper inquiry has been made by the Mosquito Extermination Commission, nor with the position taken by its said representatives that nothing can be done

to correct the situation,

NOW, THEREFORE? be it resolved that this Board respectfully requests and urges, in view of the seriousness of the situation and the extensive damage to property owners in the area mentioned, that the Mosquito Extermination Commission and the Board of Supervisors investigate further and thoroughly into the situation, and take immediate steps to provide an adequate drainage system in place of the present pipe-line, which, by reason of its great length and small diameter, has failed to perform the function for which it was intended, and is therefore largely responsible for the conditions complained of, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mosquito Extermination Commission and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Hubert F. Corwin submitted a map of property to be developed on Roanoke Ave. and wanted to know what could be done in regard to laying sewer pipes and water mains on the property. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney, Water Committee and the Sewer Committee.

A petition signed by 39 taxpayers was submitted to the Board objecting to the installation of traffic lights at the intersections of Roanoke Avenue, Osborn Avenue, Northville Turnpike and the New County Road #58 in the Town of Riverhead.

Justice Warner of the Lighting Committee stated that due to the above petition he cannot recommend the installation of traffic signal lights along County Road #58 at this time.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a statement of Taxes collected as of April 1, 1939 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Homan submitted his financial report for the month of March 1939 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boucher it was resolved that the Lighting Committee be empowered to confer with the Wading River Civic Association in regard to the change of street lights in the Wading River Lighting District and that he be authorized to make any change in the lights as agreed upon by the Association and the Long Island Lighting Company. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The Advertising Committee reporting on the request from the Firemen's Committee for an appropriation to decorate the Town for the coming Firemen's Tournament to be held in Riverhead on June 15, 16, 17, 1939 recommends that the Town expend the sum of \$100.00 for appropriate decorations for the Town.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boucher it was Resolved that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$100.00 for decorating the Town for

the Firemen's Tournament to be held at Riverhead on June 15, 16, 17, 1939. The Vote, Justices, Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$112.00 from the General Town Surplus Account to the Advertising & Publishing Account, (Budgetary Control). The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$6.61 from the General Town Surplus Account to the Miscellaneous Retirement System-Town Share--Budgetary Control Account. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

A communication was read from Smith-Tuthill Insurance Agency enclosing a check in the amount of \$291.82 which was a rebate on the original cost of policy #CP-18564 of the Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America stating that a recent audit made by the Company indicated that the advance premium paid by the Town exceeded the earned premium by the above amount. The communication and check were turned over to the Supervisor.

Town Attorney Emmett reporting on the matter of the Camping situation at Wading River stated that he is convinced under the present law one portion of the Town cannot be zoned without the other, consequently in his opinion it would be legally impossible to adopt a special Camping Ordinance under the State Law. He stated, however, that he has prepared the proposed amendments to the law, which might possibly take care of the situation and had taken the matter up with Assemblyman Lupton who replied that it is almost impossible to get anymore legislation through the present Legislature but that he would try. Attorney Emmett explained the three proposed amendments which he sent to our Senator and Assemblyman, especially the one in regard to Tourists Camps.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that Frank Konchalski be and he hereby is appointed a dog enumerator to recheck the dogs in the Town of Riverhead for 1939. The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, April 26, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk