

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 9, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor

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

Lester M. Emmett, Town Attorney was present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on July 26, 1939 and a special meeting held on August 4, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

The matter of Fire protection for the outlying districts of the Town was discussed.

Mr. George W. Hildreth, Chairman of the Fire Commissioners of the Riverhead Fire District addressed the Board and stated that the Fire Commissioners felt that it was an injustice for the Riverhead District to send their apparatus outside of the District, not that it is a personal feeling of the Commissioners or the members of the Department, as all of the men are anxious and willing to go out of the District but in all fairness to the taxpayers, the Commissioners had to make rules and regulations, and further that the Riverhead District is not equipped to take care of outside fires where there are no hydrants. He advised the Board that the law provides for outside protection if proper procedure is taken.

Mr. George H. Moore, Fire Commissioner addressed the Board and stated that in making the new ruling, it was far from the intention of the Commissioners not to protect their neighbors but due to the hazards which prevail when attending out of the District fires, the danger of accidents, not being properly equipped and most of all not having any insurance on the men and the apparatus was the main reason for their action. He suggested that the whole Town be established as a fire District and for them to buy a piece of apparatus which will carry a tank of 1000 to 1500 gallon capacity. He stated that the Riverhead District would be very pleased to house the machine at a nominal rental per year and that the firemen would be more than happy to man the equipment. This in his opinion would solve the problem and at the same time each property owner in the Town would pay their proportionate share of the expense, which would amount to very little after the first year.

Mr. Carl Peterson, Fire Commissioner and former Fire Chief of the Riverhead Fire District addressed the Board and outlined the seriousness of the situation and concurred with what the former speakers had to say on the matter. After explaining different types of equipment for districts which have no fire hydrants, he assured the Board of the full cooperation of the Fire Commissioners in trying to solve the problem.

Supervisor Homan thanked the Fire Commissioners for attending the

meeting and for their cooperation. He appointed Justice Kelly, Justice Warner, himself and the Town Attorney on the Committee to work for a solution.

A communication was read from Mr. Miller P. Davis requesting the Board to accept Prospect Place and Brook Street as a Town Highway. The matter was referred to the Highway Committee and Supt. of Highways.

A communication, together with a certified copy of a resolution from the Board of Supervisors fixing November 27, 1939 as the date of the meeting at which the taxes for the next fiscal year will be levied was read and ordered placed on file.

The Supervisor's report for the month of July 1939 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The matter in regard to extending the 2 hour parking limit to the A. and P. Store on East Main St. was discussed by the Board and on motion and vote was referred to the Police Committee.

The Lighting Committee reporting on the matter of additional lights on Elton Ave., recommended that 80 C.P. lamps be placed on poles #27 and #24 on Elton Street.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Co. be and they hereby are authorized to place one 80 C.P. lamp on pole #27 and one 80 C.P. lamp on pole #24, Elton Street, Riverhead, N.Y. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Town Attorney Emmett reporting on the matter of the application of the Friar's Head Land Corporation to the War Department to construct two permanent breakwaters and one temporary breakwater and to dredge in the Long Island Sound, near Roanoke advised that the War Department is only interested in this matter in so far as navigation is concerned, however, upon the request of this Board, they have deferred action until September 7, 1939.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that the Town Clerk publish the following notice in the official newspaper pursuant to law.

Notice of Public Hearing.

Please Take Notice, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at the Town Hall on the corner of Second Street and Roanoke Avenue in the Town of Riverhead, New York, Wednesday August 30, 1939 at 2:00 P.M. on the question of the enactment of an ordinance regulating junk and auto-wrecking yards. 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 \$42.08 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Advertising and Publishing Account. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Kelly

it was RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$150.00 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control Miscellaneous-Traffic Lights and Upkeep. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, August 30, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

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