

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Thursday, December 28, 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 and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on December 13, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from Mrs. Fanny Goldstein of the Goldy Realty Co. Inc., asking the Board to consider renting office space in their building at 72 W. Main St., Riverhead, which is centrally located and suitable for any purpose. The matter was held over for future consideration.

A communication was read from the Sound Shore Club Corporation of Wading River, N.Y., in regard to application blanks for a camp permit for 1940. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted a statement of taxes collected as of December 16, 1939 and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

A report was submitted by Colonel Walter F. Barnes, Historian of the Town of Riverhead for the years 1938 and 1939. The report was ordered placed on file.

Colonel Walter F. Barnes, Town Historian addressed the Board and explained in detail what he has done the past two years in regard to keeping the History of the Town. He stated that he knows of no better way to preserve the events of the Town than by keeping the County Review each week. He stated that this has been done since he has been historian and that the County Review has donated its paper each week in order that it may be bound in book form and kept in the Suffolk County Historical Building for present and future reference.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that this Board accept the report of Colonel Walter F. Barnes, Town Historian for the years 1938 and 1939 and that it be placed on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and be it further

Resolved that this Board express to Colonel Walter F. Barnes their appreciation and thanks in behalf of the Town of Riverhead for the excellent service he has rendered, and further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to him. 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 Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was RESOLVED: that Bond No. 07-43-40 of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Maryland dated December 15, 1939 bonding Elmer J.B. Sawyer, as Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead in the amount of \$40,000.00 be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety, and further

RESOLVED: that bond No. 485461K of the American Surety Company of New York dated December 18, 1939 bonding Fred H. Boutcher, Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead in the amount of \$1000.00 be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety, and further

RESOLVED: that Bond No. 1837270 of the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York dated December 18, 1939 bonding Austin H. Warner, Justice of the Peace of the Town of Riverhead in the amount of \$1000.00 be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety, and further

RESOLVED: that Bond No. 4196121-A of the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Baltimore, Maryland dated November 25, 1939 bonding Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways of the Town of Riverhead in the amount of \$1000.00 be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety, and further

RESOLVED: that Bond No. 4196073-A of the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Baltimore Maryland dated November 25, 1939 bonding Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk in the amount of \$1000.00 be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety. 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.

Justice Warner reporting on the matter of the rental of the MacDonald property used as a parking field, stated that the Merchants on Griffing Ave. started the proposition and paid the rental on the property up until about three months ago, when it became quite a hardship upon their shoulders to keep up with the payments. They felt that as the proposition benefited the whole town, the rental should be paid by the Town. Justice Warner recommended that the Town enter into a contract with the owners of the MacDonald property in order to keep the parking field.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into a contract with the owners of the MacDonald property on Griffing Ave. for use as a parking field at a rental of \$10.00 per month. 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.

Mr. Cronk representative of the Federal Writers Project, addressed the Board in regard to writing the historical records of the Town. He stated that this was not a commercial project, however, the Town would have to pay for the actual printing of the books or pamphlets if the Board accepted the project. The books or pamphlets could either be sold or given away, but if they are sold and a profit is

made the profit would have to be turned over to the Writers Project, on the other hand, if there was a loss the Town would have to stand the loss. The matter was held over for future consideration.

Town Attorney Emmett advised the Board in regard to the matter of accepting Prospect Place and Brook Street as Town Highways. He stated that he looked into the deeds of the various property owners and found possible technicalities as to the fee in the private roads. He therefore prepared the necessary deed for all the property owners to sign, but to date some of the lot owners will not sign.

The matter of the contract between the Riverhead Fire District and the Riverhead Fire Protection District was brought to the attention of the Board by Town Attorney Emmett. He stated that this was the final step in establishing the Protection District, however, in order to purchase fire equipment and enter into a contract, there will first have to be a public hearing on the matter.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was RESOLVED: that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$850.00 from Item No. 2 to Item No. 3 of the Highway Budget, and further

RESOLVED: that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Item No. 4 to Item No. 3 of the Highway Budget. 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 Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was RESOLVED that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to borrow on a certificate of indebtedness the sum of \$2,277.27 for the purpose of paying the debt incurred for snow removal. 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 Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$92.00 from the General Town Surplus Account to the Miscellaneous-Dog Warden Acct, and further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$97.00 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Insurance Account, and further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$154.10 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Justices of the Peace Expense Account, and further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$17.46 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Advertising and Printing Account, and further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$147.21 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Town Board Expense Account. 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.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all records, books and reports of the Supervisor, Justices of the Peace and the Town Clerk for the year 1939, pursuant to law, and ordered their final reports placed on file.

The Town Board also audited all Town bills to date.

Justice Kelly addressed the meeting, stating that this being the last meeting of the present Board, he wished to take this opportunity on behalf of the Town Board to express to Town Attorney Emmett their appreciation for the excellent service he has rendered the Town of Riverhead by offering the following Resolution which was seconded by Justice Warner:

RESOLVED that this Board express to Town Attorney Lester M. Emmett their deep appreciation for his untiring efforts, able advice and cooperation during his term of office and further Resolved that this Board wish him every success in the future and further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Town Attorney Emmett thanked the Board for their kind expression and assured the Board that it had been a pleasure for him to have served with them.

Justice Warner addressed the meeting and felt that he expressed the sentiment of all, in expressing his appreciation to Supervisor Homan for his cooperation and consideration during the past two years. On behalf of the Town Board he presented Supervisor Homan with a token of their esteem, wishing him every success in the future.

Supervisor Homan thanked the Board for their kind expression, stating that it has been a pleasure for him to have served with them during the past two years.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.