

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Saturday, January 1, 1938 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor

Henry M. Zaleski

Joseph V. Kelly

Austin H. Warner

Fred H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace.

The Town Clerk advised the Board that he had filed with the County Clerk, Bonds and Oaths of Office of all elected Town Officers pursuant to law.

WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO MEETING.

We, the undersigned, being all members of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk and State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, place, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to be held at the Town Hall at Riverhead, New York at 10:00 A.M. on the 1st day of January, 1938, and do consent to the holding of such meeting and to the transaction of any and all business that may come before such meeting.

Signed: Dennis G. Homan
Fred H. Boutcher
Austin H. Warner
Joseph V. Kelly
Henry M. Zaleski

Dated, Riverhead, New York.
January 1, 1938.

The foregoing waiver of notice and consent to meeting was ordered placed on file.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on December 28, 1937 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A telegram from Mrs. Katheryne Van Nostrand, President of the Riverhead Womens Democratic Club sending best wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year was read and ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Otto Geercken, Secretary of the Police Assodation of Suffolk County urging the members of the Town Board to keep the same efficient Police Department that has served so faithfully in the past four or five years, intact, to the last man, that they may go on giving the same service in the year 1938, that they have in the past. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mr. J. Harry Saxstien, Attorney, representing Raymond C. Corwin, as Operator of Riverhead Town Sewer Treatment Plant, John T. Victoria, laborer at the Town Sewer Treatment Plant, Donald Bagshaw, Mechanic in the Riverhead Town Highway

Department and John Zaleski, as Painter and Laborer, calling to the Board's attention that these men are exempt volunteer firemen, as defined in the General Municipal Law, and as such are entitled to the protection of Section 22 of the Civil Service Law. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that Seth A. Hubbard, be and he hereby is appointed Town Attorney for the Town of Riverhead at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum, payable monthly. The vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher, not voting, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total vote Yes 3, not voting 2, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mr. Seth A. Hubbard was sworn in as Town Attorney by Mr. J. Leo Marstien,

Seth A. Hubbard, Town Attorney, thanked the Board and assured them that he will serve to the best of his ability and uphold the Constitution of the United States.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Kelly it was Resolved that the employment by the Town of Riverhead of THOMAS J. WALKER, as special policeman and as officer in charge of the special policement of the Town of Riverhead be and it hereby is terminated as of this date; and it is further Resolved that the employment by the Town of Riverhead of GEORGE COOPER, THEODORE WHITE, RUSSELL GRIFFIN, WILLIAM B. WALTERS, JR., RAYMOND T. LUCE, FRANK SOWINSKI and RUDOLPH HAJEK, as special policemen be and it hereby is terminated as of this date; and it is further Resolved that the employment by the Town of Riverhead of HERBERT SNELL, FRANK YAKABOSKI, FRED McGLAFLIN, WILLIAM EDWARDS, FRANK E. RACINIEWSKI and JOHN M. BURGESS as special policemen for school duty be and it hereby is terminated as of this date. The vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher No, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total vote Yes 3, Not Voting 2, No 0. The resolution was thereupon duly declared adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Kelly it was Resolved that FRANK SOWINSKI be and he hereby is appointed special policeman of the Town of Riverhead; and it is further resolved that said special policeman serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, salary fixed at the base rate of \$1800.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly. The vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher Not Voting, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes 3, Not Voting 2, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Kelly, it was Resolved that FRANK E. RACINIEWSKI be and he hereby is re-appointed special policeman for the Town of Riverhead to serve on school duty at Jamesport, Town of Riverhead; and it is further

Resolved that WALTER DOWNS be and he hereby is appointed special policeman for the Town of Riverhead to serve on school duty at Quebogue, Town of Riverhead; and it is further

Resolved that CHARLES HAGEN be and he hereby is appointed special policeman for the Town of Riverhead to serve on school duty at Roanoke Avenue in the Village and Town of Riverhead; and it is further

Resolved that JOHN BURGESS be and he hereby is re-appointed special policeman for the Town of Riverhead to serve on school duty at the Riverhead High School at Pulaski Street, Village and Town of Riverhead; and it is further

Resolved that FRANK BLASKO be and he hereby is appointed special policeman for the Town of Riverhead to serve on school duty at Calverton, Town of Riverhead; and it is further

Resolved that the said special policemen serve at the pleasure of the Town Board between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., 1:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., under the direction and supervision of the Town Board of Riverhead; and it is further

Resolved that their compensation be fixed at the rate of fifty (50¢) cents per hour. The vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher Not Voting, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes, 3 Not Voting 2, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Kelly it was Resolved that MADISON COURTENAY, JOHN BLOCK, MILTON MOTTUS, JOHN LEONARD and ANTHONY DANOWSKI be and they are hereby appointed special policemen of the Town of Riverhead; and it is further Resolved that the said special policemen serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and that their salary be and it hereby is fixed at the base rate of \$1,650.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly. The vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher No, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes 3, No 2. The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that the employment of HAROLD DOWNS as Dog Warden for the Town of Riverhead be and it hereby is terminated as of this date. The Vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher No, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes 3, No 2. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that FRANK KONCHALSKI be and he hereby is appointed Dog Warden for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1938, and it is further Resolved that said FRANK KONCHALSKI serve at the pleasure of the Town Board with the salary fixed by the Agriculture and Markets Law. The Vote Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher Not Voting. Supervisor Homan Yes. Total vote Yes 3, Not Voting 2 No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that the employment by the Town of Riverhead of HELEN BLOCK, as Clerk to the Supervisor be and it hereby is terminated as of this date. The Vote, Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher No, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes 3, No 2. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was Resolved that ANNA KONCHALSKI be and she hereby is appointed Clerk to the Supervisor; and it is further Resolved that the said Clerk serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and that her salary be fixed at the base rate of \$1,200.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly. The Vote, Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher not voting, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes 3, Not Voting 2, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Kelly, it was Resolved that ADAM PAWLOWSKI be and he hereby is appointed a Special Policeman of the Town of Riverhead; and it is further Resolved, that the said Special Policeman serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and that his salary be fixed and hereby is fixed at the base rate of \$1200.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly. The Vote, Justices Zaleski and Kelly Yes, Justices Warner and Boutcher not voting, Supervisor Homan Yes. Total Vote Yes 3, Not Voting 2, 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 Calendar System continue in effect for the Town Board of Riverhead, and that all matters to come before the Town Board must be in the hands of the Town Clerk, so that he might render the Calendar to the members of the Town Board and the Town Attorney by the Saturday preceeding the Board Meeting; and that all matters not on the Calendar cannot be heard without the unanimous consent of the Board. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.)

Supervisor Homan directed the Town Clerk to write a letter to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows asking them to submit the lowest amount that they will rent the rooms now used as the Town Hall to the Town of Riverhead.

Supervisor Homan recommended that the Police phones be eliminated in the outlying districts of the Town of Riverhead, and he also recommended that the Police Headquarters be moved from the present quarters to the rear of the Justices Court Room.

Justice Warner objected to moving the Police Headquarters to the rear of the Justices Court Room for the reason that it would make too much commotion and would be hard to conduct business. Supervisor Homan replied that other towns are placing their Police Headquarters in similar places and that it has worked out satisfactorily.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was Resolved that the police phones now located in the outlying districts of the Town be discontinued. 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 and vote the appointment of the various committees of the Town Board be held in advance until the next regular meeting.

A communication was read from Theodore White stating that he has received notice of his discharge as Special Policeman of the Town of Riverhead, and that he refuses to accept this ruling and claims the privileges conferred by Chapter 774 of the Laws of 1937 effective May 29, 1937, and if not re-instated or given the advantages of the provisions of the section to which reference has been made, immediate legal action will be taken to secure the benefits of such provisions, as he is a World War Veteran. The communication was ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Town Attorney.

A communication was read from William B. Waiters, Jr. stating that he has received notice of his discharge as Special Policeman of the Town of Riverhead, and that he refuses to accept this ruling and claims the privileges conferred by Chapter 774 of the Laws of 1937 effective May 29, 1937, and if not re-instated or given the advantages of the provisions of the section to which reference has been made, immediate legal action will be taken to secure the benefits of such provisions, as he is an exempt fireman. The communication was ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Town Attorney.

A communication was read from Rudolph Hajek stating that he has received notice of his discharge, and that he refuses to accept this ruling and claims the privileges conferred by Chapter 774 of the Laws of 1937 effective May 29, 1937, and if not re-instated or given the advantages of the provisions of the section to which reference has been made, immediate legal action will be taken to secure the benefits of such provisions, as he is an exempt fireman. The communication was ordered placed on file and the matter referred to the Town Attorney.

A communication was read from Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes, advising the Board that he has appointed Louise E. Downs, Helen Maks and Sadie Goldberg, as Special Clerks to serve for such time and at such rate of pay as the Town Board may designate, pursuant to section 20 Chapter 311 of laws of 1920. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski, it was Resolved that Helen Maks be and she hereby is appointed Special Clerk to the Receiver of Taxes from January 3, 1938 to January 10, 1938, inclusive, at a salary of \$4.00 per day. 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 Louise E. Downs and Sadie Goldberg be and they hereby are appointed Special Clerks to the Receiver of Taxes to serve at his discretion, said appointments to terminate as of June 1, 1938, salary at the rate of \$4.00 per day. 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. J. Harry Brown addressed the Board in regard to the Presidents Hall to be held the latter part of January, stating that he is calling a meeting relative to it in the Town Hall on January 3, 1938 at 7:30 P.M.

He stated that same is non-political, and that it is the desire of the
Committee that the Town Board serve on the Presidents Ball Committee,
and go on record as approving this Ball, as the proceeds will be used
for the relief of sufferers of infantile paralysis.

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

Harry J. Kratville
Harry J. Kratville, Town Clerk.