

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 12, 1938 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.

Seth A. Hubbard, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways were present.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Please take notice of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, to be held January 12, 1938 at the hour of 2 P.M. in the Town Hall, Riverhead, N.Y. for the purpose of General Town Business. Dated at Riverhead, N.Y. this 12th day of January 1938.

Dennis G. Homan

Supervisor

Due and timely service of the foregoing notice is hereby admitted this 12 day of Jan. 1938.

Fred H. Butcher,

Austin H. Warner

Henry M. Zaleski

Joseph V. Kelly

Justices of the Peace

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held on January 1, 1938 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from Mr. Clyde Tooker, Attorney, in regard to a petition signed by more than 100 voters requesting the re-appointment of Mr. Kenneth Randall to the position which he formerly held in the Riverhead Water District. Stating that Justice Kelly advised him that the petition was sent to Supervisor elect Homan he was assured that the petition would be presented to the newly elected Town Board. He further stated that the petition was sent to Mr. Homan on December 29, 1937 and was surprised on attending the Town Board meeting on January 1, 1938 that the petition was not presented. He requested that same be read at the next Town Board meeting and duly placed on file.

Supervisor Homan wished it noted that he received the above petition by mail and understood that it was to be presented to the Democratic Town Committee. Justice Kelly wished it noted that he did not give any assurance to Mr. Tooker that the petition would be presented to the Town Board and thought at that time that Supervisor elect Homan was the proper person to submit same.

A communication was read from the N.Y. Telephone Company advising the Board that the following lines have been discontinued effective as of January 4, 1938. Riverhead 3287, Roanoke Avenue; Riverhead 2263, Millaski Street; Riverhead 2266, Fishel Avenue; Riverhead 3273, Edwards Avenue, Calverton; Jamesport 537, South Jamesport. Pursuant to a

resolution of the Town Board, January 1, 1938.

A communication from Mr. George W. Creighton, Jr. in regard to the matter of the Township of Riverhead purchasing the Dr. Macdonald property on Griffing Ave, stating that in his opinion this property is an ideal site for a Town Hall and if purchased now could be used as a badly needed parking space until such time as it would be needed for a building site. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mr. Frank J. Smith, representing Mrs. Florence M. Hallett, advising the Board that Mrs. Hallett has paid one-half of the current tax owing on her property located on the north side of Peconic River which is leased by the Town of Riverhead for a parking space. Further stating, under the leasing arrangement Mrs. Hallett receives a compensation from the Town amounting to the sum of her tax on this property and that this communication is for the purpose of notifying the Board that a portion of the tax amounting to \$26.93 has been paid by her. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner it was resolved that Bond #4196235 of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Baltimore, Maryland bonding Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor in the amount of \$91,706.75 be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Ten petitions, bearing the signatures of over 400 taxpayers, objecting to the zoning of the Town of Riverhead was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Boutcher.

WHEREAS in the interest of economy the salaries of many employees of the Town of Riverhead have been reduced and such reductions should be made generally throughout the town, including the town officials, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the salary of the Supervisor be (voluntarily reduced) and the same is hereby voluntarily reduced from \$4000.00 per annum to \$3500.00 per annum. The vote, Justices Zaleski and Kelly No, Justices Warner and Boutcher Yes, Supervisor Homan, not voting. Total vote, Yes 2, No 2, Not Voting 1. The resolution was thereupon declared defeated.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution, seconded by Justice Boutcher

WHEREAS in the interest of economy the salaries of many employees of the Town of Riverhead have been reduced and such reductions should be made generally throughout the town including the town officials, and it is hereby

RESOLVED that the salaries of the Justices of the Peace be and they are hereby voluntarily reduced and the same are hereby voluntarily reduced from \$1800.00 per annum to \$1500.00 per annum, and it is further

RESOLVED the salary of the Town Clerk be and it is hereby voluntarily reduced from \$3000.00 per annum to \$2700.00 per annum, and it is further

RESOLVED that the salary of the Supt. of Highways be and it is hereby voluntarily reduced from \$3000.00 per annum to \$2700.00 per annum. The vote, Justices Zaleski and Kelly No, Justices Warner and Boutcher Yes, Supervisor Homan, Not Voting. Total Vote, Yes 2, No 2, Not Voting 1. The resolution was thereupon declared defeated.

Justice Warner offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Boutcher

WHEREAS in the interest of economy reductions have been made in many of the salaries of the employees of the Town and that such reductions should be made generally throughout the town, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the salary of John Kruzen as Clerk to the Board of Assessors be reduced from the base rate of \$2000.00 per annum to a base rate of \$1750.00 per annum payable semi-monthly. The Vote, Justices Zaleski and Kelly, No, Justices Warner and Boutcher Yes, Supervisor Homan No. Total Vote, Yes 2, No 3. The resolution was thereupon declared duly defeated.

Justice Zaleski offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Kelly

WHEREAS the Riverhead Polish Independent Club has requested the appointment of a Special Policeman for duty at the Polish Hall, it is hereby

RESOLVED that Frank Przyborowski be and he hereby is appointed a Special Policeman for the Town of Riverhead (for the Town of Riverhead) for duty at the Polish Club whenever required, and it is further

RESOLVED that the said Special Policeman serve at the pleasure of the Town Board without compensation from the Town. The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote Yes 5. <sup>No</sup> The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was

RESOLVED that John M. Burgess be and he hereby is appointed Constable to serve summons and other processes of the Justices Court in the Town of Riverhead to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and at a salary of \$20.00 per month. The Vote Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes. Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote Yes 5. <sup>No</sup> The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was resolved by unanimous consent that the Riverhead News be and the same is hereby designated as the official newspaper for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1938.

Supervisor Homan appointed the following committees

Police Committee, Justice Joseph V. Kelly  
Sewer District Committee, Justice Joseph V. Kelly  
Highway Committee, Justice Fred H. Boutcher  
Lighting District Committee, Justice Austin H. Warner  
Town Hall Committee Austin H. Warner  
Water District Committee, Justice Henry M. Zaleski

(Supervisor Homan addressed the Board stating that it is his desire that all purchases made by the departments of the Town be placed under a requisition system and that before any purchases can be made should be signed by a member of the committee under which that department is functioning. 0

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Kelly it was resolved by unanimous consent that the Supervisor be authorized to purchase the necessary requisition forms to be used by the various departments of the Town.)

Mr. I.M. Young addressed the Board stating that it was his opinion that a report was to be made concerning the condition of the Highway Department as of January 1, 1938. If such a report is to be made it would be appreciated by the taxpayers present.

Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways read a written report as to the condition of the Highway Department as of January 1, 1938, which was submitted to the Board and ordered placed on file.

Mr. William Hattrick submitted the following petition which was signed by several taxpayers:

According to the report submitted to your Board today by Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, it appears that the affairs of our Highway Department are in a very unsatisfactory condition.

In addition to the matters covered in this report there are certain stories appearing in the local papers, and there is a feeling generally among the people of the Town, to the effect that the Highway Department is in anything but a healthy condition.

The conditions outlined by Mr. Young do not show the entire story. There is also the matter of eligibility and preference of certain people for appointments to be straightened out. It is said that the manner of purchasing supplies has been anything but economical, and there is considerable fault being found with the conditions of some of the streets and roads of the Town.

Since a new administration is coming into office we, the undersigned taxpayers, believe that a thorough investigation of the Highway Department should be made by your Board, covering every phase of its activities and interests, so that we may have an efficient and economical administration of this highway important Department.

We respectfully demand this investigation and request that it be undertaken at once, to be followed by a report to the taxpayers.

We suggest that the bond of any former official or officials charged with the administration of this Department be not terminated until the investigation demanded herein has been completed. *The petition was*

*referred to the Board*  
Mr. John Coen Attorney, addressed the Board and suggested that the Board request the proper State authorities to investigate the Highway Department and Sewer Department and all other departments deemed necessary.

Mr. M.N. Ammann offered the following motion as an expression to the Board which was duly seconded and carried by the unanimous vote of all the Taxpayers present that a thorough examination of the Highway Department be made and a report made to the taxpayers.

*adjourned*

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boucher it was Resolved that a Special Meeting of the Town Board be held on Wednesday January 19, 1938 at 9 A.M. for the purpose of making a thorough examination of the Highway Department. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that if time is available after the investigation of the Highway Department that an investigation of the Water District be made. The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that this Board meet in the Town Hall the second and last Wednesdays of each month at 2 P.M. till further notice. The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday January 26, 1938 at 2 P.M.

*Harry J. Kratoville*  
Harry J. Kratoville Town Clerk.