

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 31, 1937 at 9:00 A. M.

Present:

Milton L. Burns, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Fred. H. Boutcher,
Joseph V. Kelly,
George E. Luce, Justices of the Peace.

Roger M. Wiley, Town Attorney and William H. Clark, Superintendent of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on March 10, 1937 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A delegation from Aquebogue came before the Board to discuss the matter of building a sidewalk along the main highway, Route #25 in the vicinity of the school house.

Mr. J. Harry Saxstien, representing the delegation, addressed the Board stating the necessity of such a project in Aquebogue for the safety of the school children and requested the Board to consider laying two two miles of sidewalk, one mile each way of the school under a P.W.A. project.

Rev. James Alcock of Aquebogue addressed the Board stating the necessity and urged that the matter be given careful consideration.

Mr. Frank Reeve of Aquebogue addressed the Board and spoke of the necessity of sidewalks along the main road at Aquebogue.

Mr. Harry Corwin of Aquebogue addressed the Board stating that the residents of Aquebogue have spoken of the necessity of a sidewalk since the new school was built and urged the Board to consider the matter.

The Highway Committee reporting on the above matter stated that they have already taken the matter up with P.W.A. and that the estimated cost of sidewalks is \$6370.00 per mile making the Town's share approximately \$2540.00 per mile and also reported that it would have to be submitted as a Town wide project.

Supervisor Burns requested that the matter be held over till the next regular meeting.

Justice Luce offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Boutcher and adopted by the following vote, Justice

Warner, Yes, Justice Boutcher, Yes, Justice Kelly, Yes, Justice Luce, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0.

WHEREAS, ROBERT R. BROWN, of Greenport, Suffolk County, New York, hereinafter described as the Grantee has applied to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, hereinafter designated as the Town, for permission and consent to maintain and operate on certain roads within the limits of said Town, an automobile bus line for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire, for public benefit which shall or may be under the control and jurisdiction of the Town Board of said Town, and

WHEREAS, public notice was given as required by law of this application and of the time and place when said application would be heard, and notice given that all persons desirous of being heard, would be then heard relative to said application, and

WHEREAS, the Town in its discretion is of the opinion that such a franchise or consent would be to the best interest of the inhabitants of said Town of Riverhead, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the members of the said Town Board in legal meeting duly assembled, are of the opinion that permission and consent as requested aforesaid should be granted upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided, pursuant to the Transportation Corporation Law (Laws of 1919 Chapter 219, Article 4 Section 26 and amendments thereto),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

FIRST:- That the consent and permission of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk and State of New York, be and the same is hereby given to ROBERT R. BROWN, of Greenport, Suffolk County, New York, to maintain and operate an automobile bus line for hire upon and along the Town's roads and highways hereinafter designated.

SECOND:- This franchise and consent shall be accepted in writing by the grantee within thirty (30) days from the date of this instrument and shall remain in full force and affect for the term of five (5) years from the date hereof, unless otherwise previously terminated.

THIRD:- This consent is binding and effective as to said Town only on the following conditions, viz:-

(a) That the grantee shall pay annually during the term of this consent to the Town of Riverhead the sum of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars on the 1st day of April of every year of said term or any renewal thereof.

(b) That the grantee shall at all times during the continuance of this consent or any renewal thereof carry liability insurance in the amount of at least One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars.

(c) Should the grantee fail to make the payments at the times above specified or should he fail to carry liability insurance as above set forth, then and in such event this consent and the rights thereunder shall be forthwith terminated and cancelled. The grantee agrees to deposit said policy of insurance, or a copy thereof with the Town Board and to produce evidence at any time requested that said policy is in full force and effect.

FOURTH:- The roads over which said grantee is to operate are as follows:

On the highway designated as Route #25 from the point of intersection of the Southold and Riverhead Town Line at Laurel through on Route #25 to the Village of Riverhead at the intersection of Route #25 and Roanoke Avenue; thence on Roanoke Avenue to Second Street; thence on Second Street to Griffing Avenue and thence on Griffing Avenue south to its intersection with Route #25 and thence east on Route #25 to Peconic Avenue and thence South on Peconic Avenue to the intersection of said Avenue and the Riverhead and Southampton Town Line on Route #113.

If during the period of this franchise an alternate through route other than Route #25 be developed permission is hereby granted to the grantee to operate on said alternative route.

FIFTH:- The rates of fare to be charged the public are as follows:-

Through ticket one way Greenport and Riverhead
Sixty-five cents (\$.65).

Through ticket round trip Greenport and Riverhead
One and 30/100 (\$1.30) Dollars.

Special through round trip between Greenport
and Riverhead One (\$1.00) Dollar, which special
round trip is only good on the date of sale
of said ticket.

The fare between blocks shall be as follows:-

Between Laurel and Jamesport: Jamesport and
Aquebogue and Aquebogue and Riverhead, Ten
(\$.10) cents.

The fare between Riverhead and Quogue, one way
Twenty (\$.20) cents, round trip Thirty (\$.30)
cents.

SIXTH:- This franchise is given on condition that the grantee shall daily operate a bus at least one round trip on said route, except Sundays and legal holidays, between the hours of 6 A. M. and 11 P.M., over said entire route and at times most suitable to the public needs and demands.

SEVENTH:- The grantee shall prohibit smoking in said auto-buses if public laws or rules of public bodies require same and shall conform to such rules and regulations as said laws and rules direct and shall at all times adhere strictly to the enforcement of all public health laws of the State of New York and Town of Riverhead, whether now existing or to be created subsequently.

EIGHTH:- This consent is given solely to the grantee named herein and no assignment thereof shall be valid unless the consent of the Town in writing is given thereto.

NINTH:- Upon the wilful violation of any of the conditions hereinbefore set forth this consent may at the option of the Town be cancelled and withdrawn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:- That this franchise and consent be executed in duplicate one of which shall be retained by the Town Board of said Town and filed in the office of the Clerk thereof, and one delivered to the grantee herein.

Dated: March 10th, 1937.

Signed: Milton L. Burns
Supervisor

Austin H. Warner

Fred. H. Boutcher

George E. Luce

Joseph V. Kelly
Justices of the Peace.

William H. Clark
Superintendent of Highways.

Attest: Harry J. Kratoville
Town Clerk.

Seal

The above franchise and consent is hereby accepted.

Signed: Robert R. Brown.

Mr. Harrison Hartigan addressed the Board in regard to the proposed building of sidewalks, stating that he is in that kind of business and would like to have the opportunity of submitting a bid for the work.

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William H. Clark, Supt. of Highways read a report upon the present condition of the highways of the Town and his contemplated plans which will be in full operation by May 1st. The report was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Luce and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that Newton D. Homan be authorized to repair the Peconic Bay channel lights and appurtenances thereto and to install same at the proper time. The vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Luce, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The matter of widening Raynor Avenue, south from Pulaski Street to the main highway was brought to the attention of the Board and was referred to the Highway Committee.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Town bills for the month of March, 1937.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, April 14, 1937 at 9:00 A. M.

Harry J. Kroatville
Harry J. Kroatville, Town Clerk.