

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 30, 1934 at 10 A. M.

Present:

Milton L. Burns, Supervisor.

Robert Burnside,
Syrena Stackpole,
George E. Luce,
Julian Rubenstein, Justices of the Peace.

Town Attorney Reginald C. Smith and Superintendent of Highways William H. Clark were present.

The minutes of the Town Board meeting held January 23, were read and on motion and vote duly adopted.

Communication was read from Statistical Press Inc., relative to sealed bid for requirements of Assessment Roll Sheets.

On motion made by Justice Rubenstein and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That in as much as the above is an expense of the Assessors, that the communication be turned over to the Board of Assessors. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Communication was read from John H. Leonard, relative to application for the position of Town Policeman and ordered placed on file.

Communication was read from Adolph Vladika, relative to application for the position of Dog Warden and ordered placed on file.

Communication was read from Ralph E. Lane, relative to application for Special Policeman for the School of Calverton and ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Rubenstein, and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That the County Treasurer, Ellis T. Terry, be extended an invitation to appear before the Town Board at the next meeting which will be held February 13, 1934, to explain the Two Tax Plan. The resolution was unanimously carried.

Communication was read from Town of Brookhaven Planning Board and Zoning Commission relative to appropriating funds for highway projects, and ordered placed on calendar for next meeting.

Thomas J. Walker, Special Policeman in Charge, presented the following rules and regulation for the Special Policemen:

It shall be the duty of every member of the Riverhead Police Department, to study and familiarize himself with the rules and regulations governing the Department and operation of the Force.

The members of the Riverhead Police Department should bear in mind that they are a preventive as well as a repressive Force, and that the prevention of crime is of greater importance than the punishment of criminals. The Force individually and collectively should cultivate and maintain the good opinion of the people of the Town as well as the State, by prompt obedience to all lawful commands, by a steady, courteous and impartial line of conduct in the discharge of duties, by cleanly, sober and orderly habits, and by a respectful bearing toward all persons.

Every member of the Police Department should seriously consider the responsibility devolved upon him by his appointment as a peace officer of the Town of Riverhead.

Each and every member of the Police Department shall devote his whole time and attention to the business of the Department and he is expressly prohibited from following any other calling or being employed in other business. This shall not apply to the Special Policemen at the Calverton and Aquèbogue Schools.

Although certain hours are allotted to the respective members for the performance of duty on ordinary occasions, yet at all times they must be prepared to act immediately on notice that their services are required.

Each and every member must be quiet, civil and orderly in his conduct and deportment. In the performance of his duty, he must be attentive and maintain decorum command of temper, patience and discretion. He must at all times refrain from harsh, violent, coarse, profane or insolent language, and yet must act, when required, with firmness and energy in the performance of his duty.

Punctual attendance, prompt obedience to orders and conformity to the rules of the Department will be rigidly enforced.

No information of any character pertaining to the Police Department or its work will be given out for publication either directly or indirectly except by authority of the Officer in Charge, as designated by the Town Board.

He must not walk nor talk with citizens while in uniform, except on police business and then he will stand and hear what their business is. If it requires his immediate attention he will attend to it, and if not he will direct the person or persons asking for information to the Police Station.

He shall frequently, during his tour of Patrol duty, carefully examine, especially in the night time, all doors and lower windows of stores, factories and business places to see that they are properly secured.

Patrolmen must not walk together nor talk with each other when they meet on the confines or other parts of their posts, unless it is to communicate information pertaining to the Department, such communication to be as brief as possible.

Sanitation:-The person, clothing, equipment and Police Headquarters must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

No alcoholic drinks shall be used by any member of the Police Department while on duty unless by proper authority. Nor shall such articles be kept upon the person or in Police Headquarters by any member of the Force.

No member of the Force, while in uniform shall enter a public drinking place where intoxicants may be had or any disreputable place except in the proper performance of his duty.

Gambling in any form is strictly forbidden.

No gratuity or reward shall be accepted individually or collectively by any member of the Police Department, except by permission of the ~~Chief of Police~~ ^{Chief of Police}, who may direct its acceptance for the benefit of the Police Department or for some charitable purpose or institution or otherwise.

No member of the Department shall in the police station or elsewhere while on duty, drink any kind of alcoholic liquor, or smoke or (except in the immediate performance of his duty) enter any place in which any alcoholic drink may be sold or furnished.

Members of the Department in full or partial uniform are prohibited from visiting places of public resort except while in performance of a duty therein.

Every patrolman when on duty must be neat in his person and dress, which must be in conformity with the regulations and all members of the Force will, on meeting or passing their Superior Officers, give the proper salute.

Every member of the Force must appear at all times neat and cleanly in his person, in all respects, with his uniform in perfect order. His hair and beard must be kept cut and trimmed and regard paid to bathing his person. Inspection at the Police Station will embrace the above particulars.

Every member of the Force will be held responsible for the proper discharge of the duties assigned to him, and it will be no excuse to offer that he followed the advice of others except that of a Superior Officer.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved; That the above rules and regulations be adopted for the Special Policemen in Riverhead, and that this shall not apply to Special Policemen assigned to the Calverton and Aquebogue Schools, and that the foregoing rules and regulations are subject to revocation or amendment at any time by the Town Board. The vote, Justices Stackpole, Burnside, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes, Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Sweezy Conklin addressed the Board relative to the installation of buoy lights in the Peconic River.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That the Supervisor together with the Town Clerk, make application to the War Department thru Congressman Robert L. Bacon, or otherwise, for the installation of 5 lights to mark the channels in the Peconic River as recommended by the Riverhead Yacht Club. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein and seconded by Justice Burnside, it was Resolved: That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, for the benefit of Riverhead Water District, sell sufficient water and rent the fire hydrants within said Water District to Riverhead Fire District for the year 1934, for the sum of \$1800 and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to execute, in the name of the Town Board, a contract to that effect. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved; That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead sell water for the benefit of Riverhead Water District to Riverside Water District in the Town of Southampton at the rate of 18¢ per thousand gallons beginning on the 30th day of January 1934, and ending on the 29th day of February 1934, and that the Town Clerk be and he hereby is

authorized to execute a contract in the name of the Town Board to that effect. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, permit any person or corporation owning real estate outside of Riverhead Water District to use water from Riverhead Water District System outside of said District for a rental and subject to restrictions to be prescribed by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0; The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That persons and corporations owning real estate outside of Riverhead Water District now using water outside said District, be allowed to purchase water from Riverhead Water District system from January 30, 1934 to February 28, 1934, pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead adopted on the 30th day of January, 1934, at a rental of 40¢ per thousand gallons for the first twenty thousand (20,000) gallons; at a rate of 30¢ per thousand gallons for the next thirty thousand gallons; and a rate of 20¢ per thousand gallons for any amount of water over fifty thousand gallons per year subject to change without notice, and that said water be sold subject to the ordinances, rules and regulations heretofore adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners governing the sale of water to consumers except insofar as such ordinances, rules and regulations are inconsistent with the rates herein set forth. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Fred Tuthill addressed the Board relative to the waterways of the Town of Riverhead.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved; by unanimous consent, That the above matter be placed on the calendar for the next Board meeting.

On motion duly made by Justice Burnside, and seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved: That the Town Board approve the Bond #NYBO-07-25-34 of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Md., in the amount of \$79,369.92, bonding Milton L. Burns, as Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead for highway funds. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, not voting. Total votes, Yes 4, No 0, Not voting 1. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Communication was read from the Board of Audit and Control relative to the Retirement System.

Supervisor Burns appointed Justice Rubenstein as Committee to confirm with the Town Attorney on the above matter.

The matter of appointing a Fire Warden for the Fire Patrol, was brought to the attention of the Board, and ordered placed on the calender for the next Board meeting.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That Special Policemen be placed in front of the Calverton and Aquebogue Schools, pursuant to a resolution made at the last meeting of the Town Board, John H. Leonard for the Aquebogue School, and Stanley Guyer for the Calverton School, appointments at the pleasure of the Board. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole, and seconded by Justice Rubenstein, it was Resolved: That Special Policeman John H. Leonard be constituted the person to execute and serve ^{by} ~~prosecutions~~ of the Justices Courts, to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board at a salary of \$20.00 per month, that the bond be fixed at \$500. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Stackpole and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That the Town purchase an automobile for the use of the Police Department, that the amount is not to exceed \$700, and that the Supervisor appoint a Committee with power to act, and that the Supervisor be and he herby is authorized and directed to pay for same out of the fund set aside for the protection of persons and properties. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor, ^{Burns} No. Total votes, Yes 4, No 1. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

The Supervisor appointed a Committee of Justice Burnside and Justice Stackpole on the above matter.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, and seconded by Justice Stackpole, it was Resolved: that the Board appoint Six Special Policemen for a period not to exceed 60 days, such appointment being at the pleasure of the Board, base salary fixed at the rate of \$1500 per annum payable monthly, Walter Luce, John M. Burgess, Jr., and William B. Walters, Jr. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, No. Total votes Yes 4, No 1. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein, and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That the present employees of the Water District be continued at the present rate of salary for a period not to exceed 30 days. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor, ^{Burns} Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Jacob Harding addressed the Board relative to The Saw-Mill Brook Road Condemnation proceedings.

On motion duly made by Justice Rubenstein and seconded by Justice Luce, it was Resolved: That a Committee be appointed to confer with Attorney Harding and instruct him as to the proper procedure to take regarding the above matter. The vote, Justices Burnside, Stackpole, Luce and Rubenstein, Yes, Supervisor Burns, Yes. Total votes, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly carried.

Supervisor Burns appointed Justice Stackpole and Justice Burnside as a Committee on the above matter.

Justice Burnside left meeting at 2:50 P. M.

The Town Board then convened as Board of Audit and examined the bills for the month of January.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned until February 13, 1934 at 10 A. M.

Harry J. Kratochville
Harry J. Kratochville, Town Clerk.