

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Office on Wednesday, January 27, 1932 at 3 P.M.

Present:-

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.
Syrena H. Stackpole,
Robert Burnside,
Everett M. Frederick, Justices of the Peace.
Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.

The minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of January 13, 1932 were read and on motion and vote duly adopted.

The Highway Committee reporting on the damages by road oil, to the crops and land of Adam Kamineski, advised that Mr. Kamineski would settle for the sum of \$25.00 and recommended that the Town pay this sum.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to pay the sum of \$25.00 to Adam Kamineski for damages to his crops and land caused by road oil during the summer of the year 1931.

The Highway Committee reporting on the matter of sidewalks on the westerly side of Peconic Avenue, reported that while this undoubtedly would be a great improvement, there was no money available for this work and there was also a question of ownership involved.

Cecil B. Tooker, Attorney, representing Mr. A. A. Tuthill, addressed the Board, advising that his client owned considerable property at Wading River and requested that work on the Road known as Creek Road be discontinued as there was no record of same in the Town records and that in his opinion and the opinion of Mr. Tuthill, this road was over the private property of Mr. Tuthill. This matter was referred to the Superintendent of Highways for investigation.

Mr. Wheeler of Hocker-Wheeler and Brewster of Port Jefferson, addressed the Board, advising that they were the owners of some 29 acres or property bordering on the Long Island Sound, just to the east of the Town Park property, that they had received an offer to sell this property, but before doing so believed the

Town should have the first opportunity to purchase this property. The price for this property being \$20,000. for the 29 acres with with a shore frontage of 545 feet on the Long Island Sound.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the matter of purchasing this property of Hocker-Wheeler and Brewster be referred to the Town Planning Board and be it further Resolved That said Planning Board be empowered to employ counsel to take the necessary steps to bring this to a vote of the taxpayers of the Town.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the Supervisor and the Town Clerk be and they hereby are authorized and directed to borrow upon certificate of indebtedness the sum of \$6500.00 to pay on account of audited bills of January 26, 1932.

Supervisor Homan requested that the compensation of the Special Constables other than the motorcycle officer be fixed at this time. Justice Stackpole advised that she was opposed to any reduction in the compensation. Mr. John T. Hill addressed the Board requesting that the present rates of compensation of Special Constables be continued and also spoke of the need of a better system of policing.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the compensation of Special Constables of the Town of Riverhead be and the same hereby is continued at the rate of \$.70 per hour for an eight hour day until April 1, 1932.

Supervisor Homan requested that Justice Stackpole act on the police committee during the illness of Justice Rubenstein.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved that the Special Constables of the Town and the Police Committee of the Town Board work out a regular schedule for policing the Town of Riverhead.

Dr. L. C. Scudder addressed the Board, advising that the Masonic Lodge of Riverhead, had made plans for a George Washington Bi-Centennial Celebration at the Riverhead High School Auditorium on March 11, 1932 and asked if the Town Board would care to make it a Riverhead Town celebration. The opinion of the Board was that this would be a good plan and in keeping with the request of the Governor of New York State that George Washington Bi-Centennial celebrations be held throughout the State during the year 1932.

Supervisor Homan appointed Justice Stackpole, Justice Rubenstein and Town Clerk Burns to act on a committee of the Town Board to work with the committee of the Masonic Lodge on the George Washington Bi-Centennial Celebration.

Justice Burnside reporting for the Highway Committee in connection with the request to open a highway near Saw Mill Brook Lane to Riverside Drive, advised that this would be a benefit to the public and believed that most of the property owners would dedicate property but would propose that the promoters should obtain an idea of the cost of right of ways, ascertain if complications would arise as to the railroad crossing, and that the road should be placed in fair condition before it should be taken over by the Town.

The Determination and Agreement was presented by Superintendent of Highways Welch and signed by the Town Board.

There being no further business, on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on February 10, 1932 at 2 P.M.

Milton L. Burns

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