

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the
Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Office on Wednes-
day, June 10, 1931 at 2 P. M.

Present:-

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.
William L. Miller,
Albert W. Conklin,
Everett M. Frederick,
Robert Burnside, Justices of the Peace.
Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.

Charles O. Downs, Town Superintendent of Highways
was present.

The resignation of Selden W. Heatley, as Constable
of the Town of Riverhead, effective as of May 26, 1931
was presented and duly accepted and ordered placed on
file.

A petition was presented signed by residents and
property owners near Peconic River, Calverton, thank-
ing the Board for the installation of the New Forge Dam
and requesting that the water be kept at its present
level.

The Board was addressed by Mrs. Jennie Schmelzer,
Mr. Schmelzer, Henry Waeterling, Charles Valentine,
Horatio Lowe, Oscar Karlein, and Mr. O'Shea relative
to the level of the water in Peconic River since the
construction of the dam.

Mr. Margeson, engineer from County Engineer A. O.
Smith's Office advised the water was about six inches
higher than previous to the construction of the new
dam.

The recommendation of the committee relative to
the Forge Dam was that the water should be lowered about
six inches as the water at its present level had flooded
the property of several people along the river.

Whereas, It has been found that the installation
of the New Forge Dam has caused the height of the water
in the Peconic River to be raised about six inches above
the former height, and

Whereas, The water left at this height would cause
damages to certain property owners bordering on the River,
and,

Whereas, A verbal agreement was made before this Board by the Two factions, those in favor of lowering the water to the former level and those in favor of leaving the water at the new high level, and

Whereas, The lowering of the water six inches would appear to correct this condition to the satisfaction of the interested parties along the River,

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That the County Engineer be requested to have the water in said Peconic River lowered not more than six inches, the total cost of this change not to exceed One Hundred Dollars.

The foregoing resolution was made, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

The committee consisting of Justice Conklin and Justice Burnside and Supervisor Homan reporting on its investigation of the complaint of Charles Ludlum and Frank Ludlum that certain officers of the Police Force had not properly done their duty, reported that there was no cause for complaint and completely exonerated the officers in question.

Mr. Littlefield of Littlefield Alger Electric Company was present and presented surveys and estimates for the installation of traff-o-matic signal lights at the intersection of Edwards Avenue and the State Highway at Calverton and the abuttment of Jamesport Lane and the State Highway at Jamesport, N.Y.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was Resolved That the Littlefield Alger Electric Company, be and it hereby is authorized to install a traff-o-matic signal at the intersection of Edwards Avenue and the State Highway at Calverton at a cost installed of \$1986.00 and a traff-o-matic signal at the abuttment of Jamesport Lane and the State Highway at Jamesport at a cost installed of \$1571.00

Supervisor Homan advised that the Board of Supervisors, at its last meeting had advised that the County would pay one half of the cost of curbs, gutters and sidewalks around the County Property in the event that the Town of Riverhead would pay the balance of the cost.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the Superintendent of Highways be and he hereby is empowered and directed to advertise for bids for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks around the county property at Riverhead and be it further Resolved That the Town of Riverhead pay one half of the cost of this work, the County of Suffolk having agreed to pay one half of the cost.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the following ordinance was duly adopted:

" It shall be unlawful for any person to set off at any time any fire crackers whatever on the public highways in the Town of Riverhead, and it shall also be unlawful for any person or persons to build bonfires or set off any fireworks on the public highways in the said Town of Riverhead at any time. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished in a case of conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment ".

The authority to pass this ordinance is found in Article 2 of the Public Health Laws of the State of New York.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That this Board extend a vote of thanks to Mr. James Riley, representative of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, for his efforts in bringing to the attention of this Board the dangerous condition of the bridge crossing Peconic River in the western part of the Village and in causing the removal of said bridge.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the Town Board of Audit be requested to meet on June 23, 1931 and that the Town Board shall meet on June 24, 1931.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That this Board authorize the paying of the necessary expenditures of the Special Constables in connection with the room used by said officers as Police Headquarters, such as telephone, light, office rent and all necessary supplies and equipment.

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

Milton L. Burns.

Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.