

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Office, on Wednesday, January 11, 1933 at 2 P.M.

Present:-

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

Raymond S. Welch, Town Superintendent of Highway was present.

The minutes of the Town Board meeting of December 21st. 1932 were read and on motion and voteduly adopted.

The report of the Town Nurse for the Month of December 1932 was presented and ordered placed on file.

Audited bills numbered 8502, 8503 and 8504, for services rendered by Dr. Vincent A. Doroszka and audited bill numbered 8466 for publishing parking regulations by Riverhead News having been referred to the Town Board by the Town Board of Audit, were on motion duly made, seconded and carried referred to the Audited Bills Committee with power to act.

A communication was read from The Riverhead Polish Independent Club, Inc., advising that at a meeting of said club on January 3, 1933, a resolution had been adopted opposing of the construction of a new highway from Pier Avenue to Penny's Landing Road owing to the expense of constructing said proposed highway. This letter was ordered placed on file.

Mr. A. R. Thurm representing the Calverton Farmers Association, advised that he had been delegated to appear before the Board and protest against the Town constructing the proposed Shore Road, it being the consensus of the opinion of the members of the Association that if a highway was to be constructed, it should extend the entire length of the Township and not for a distance of only two and one quarter miles.

Mr. J. Irving Edwards appearing for the Civic Club, advised that the Civic Club were in favor of the proposed highway and were of the opinion that such a highway should be constructed the entire length of the Island, and that if the proposed highway was to be opened up for the proposed distance that special consideration should be given the terminals in order to make it possible to add to the road properly later on should an extension be desired.

Mr. George W. Hildreth, representing the Rotary Club, addressed the Board advising that the Rotary Club was in favor of such a highway be laid out the entire length of the Town.

Justice Rubenstein, reporting for the Highway Committee, advised having inspected the land through which the proposed highway would pass and found that the greater part of the distance would be through cleared farm land and that the committee could see great possibilities for the Town in opening up this land through the increased assessed valuation of the property, that it would be a fine plan for a highway to be opened through the entire length of the Town and that by opening this road a start will have been made toward such a project; that the unemployed men of the Town have to be put to work on some project and could be used in this manner and would recommend to the Town Board that the landowners dedicate the land necessary for such a highway to the town, have the lines of the proposed highway monumented and a survey furnished to the Town without cost to the town, that this highway be opened up as an un-employment project.

The Board was addressed by George E. Luce and Horace J. Wells who spoke of the conditions of the land through which it was proposed to open the highway and of the many benefits to the entire town of Riverhead.

Leslie T. Wells, representing Herbert W. Wells, addressed the Board advising that the proposed road would, if laid out, cross good potato land of Herbert W. Wells, and that the damage to him would be much greater than to the other property owners, that the expense of maintaining the highway would be considerable because of the washouts after a heavy rain and that Herbert W. Wells would not consider dedicating the land to the Town without being paid for same.

On motion by Justice Burnside, seconded by Justice

Stackpole, and carried, it was Resolved that the report of the Highway Committee in connection with its recommendations relative to the proposed Shore Road, be and the same hereby is adopted. "

A petition was presented signed by seventy nine taxpayers, requesting the Town Board to lower the rate of wages paid the laborers employed by the Highway Department and the unemployment laborers, so that the rate of payment on the highway would correspond with the rate of wages as paid by the farmers.

A communication was read from the Riverhead Town Agricultural Society requesting the The Town Board reduce the wages paid to the laborers who work for the town so that such wages will be more in line with wages as paid by the farmers. Communication was ordered placed on file.

Mr. John T. Hill addressed the Board advising that reducing wages is the wrong way to relieve conditions and requesting the the Board continue the rate of wages as paid.

Justice Stackpole reporting for the Audited Bills Committee advised that the committee had gone over the matter of reducing the rate of wages as paid by the town and were of the opinion that if the rate of wages was reduced that other means would have to be taken to take care of the unemployed and that is view of the amount of work available that the wages were not excessive and recommended that the rate of wages be kept as it is.

Mr. John T. Downs addressed the Board advising that it was a necessity for the rate of wages to be reduced.

Mr. Thos. E. Greene, Deputy Welfare Commissioner addressed the Board requesting that this Board recommend to the County Board of Supervisors, an increase in the compensation for him which is now at the rate of \$500.00 per year.

After some discussion, On motion duly made by Town Clerk Burns, & seconded by Justice Frederick it was Resolved That this Board recommend to the Board of Supervisors of

Suffolk County that the compensation of Thomas E. Greene as Deputy Welfare Commissioner be fixed at \$1,000.00 per year.

A roll call vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:-

Justice Burnside	Votes	Yes	
Justice Stackpole	Votes	Yes	
Justice Frederick	Votes	Yes	
Justice Rubenstein	Votes	Yes	
Town Clerk Burns	Votes	Yes	
Supervisor Homan			Votes No.

Total Vote Yes 5 No. 1.

Supervisor Homan thereupon declared that the resolution was carried.

A communication was read from Anne G. Hill, advising that she had heard stories of the irregular uses of County Welfare Money, further advising she was not in a position to prove the stories and requesting that the Town Board investigate. This communication was ordered placed on file.

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

*Milton L. Burns*

Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.