

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Thursday, August 28, 1980 at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Joseph F. Janoski, Supervisor
Francis E. Menendez, Councilman
Antone Regula, Councilman
Victor Prusinowski, Councilman

Absent: John Lombardi, Councilman

Also Present: Pierre Lundberg, Attorney
Harold Dombeck, H2M
Gary Loesch, H2M

Public Hearing - 10:00 A.M.

The Town Clerk Submitted affidavits of publishing and posting of a Public Notice of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Thursday, August 28, 1980 at 10:00 A.M. to hear all interested persons regarding the Proposed Scavenger Waste Facility to be constructed for the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton.

The affidavits were ordered to be placed on file.

Supervisor Janoski: "At this time, I would call on, ----- nice to have you here Charlotte,-----Mr. Dombeck to explain the purpose, the whys and wherefores of this particular study."

Harold Dombeck H2M: "Thank you, Mr. Supervisor, members of the Town Board, In the past two years, we have been engaged in attempting to seek a solution with problem of scavenger waste treatment in the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton. One year ago, we held a Public Hearing on a proposed alternative to that solution and that alternative was a chemical oxidation type of a treatment process. The recommendations and the alternatives were submitted to the regulatory agencies and in a very lengthy, unfortunately lengthy process. Comments were received at Suffolk County Department of Health Services, strongly opposed that process on environmental factors, although it was the most economical process from a point of view of operational and maintenance and capital costs. Their concerns had to do with the transportation of chlorine through Suffolk County and the potential of chlorinated organics in the Peconic River; and even though evidence was presented to them, it showed that many of the projects were not and never formed. They were still concerned about that potential. And as a result of that, all of the parties agreed that we would accept and look at the second most viable treatment process which was a biological process, and that process was recommended.

PUBLIC HEARING - continuedHarold Dombeck continues:

It is proposed to be constructed at the same location of the Riverhead Sewer District treatment plant site and the project will be shared in costs equally from a capital point of view between the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton. The Federal Government and State Government will participate to a minimum of 87½ % of the cost of the project and it is expected that the revenue derived from the tipping fee or the dumping fee and the licensing fees will equal the operation in maintenances, plus the capitalization costs of the district operation. It is proposed that the carters would pay a fee of one cent per thousand gallons - per gallon - one cent per gallon of truck capacity so that whether they were full or not there would be no argument as to what their charge was; and those revenues again would be used to offset the operation and maintenance. The proposed schedule is that we expect to receive a grant for the design within the next thirty days. We anticipate beginning the design of the facility early this fall and completing it by the Spring of 81."

Bidding the project after receipt of approval in June, pardon me, the beginning of July and commencing construction immediately and completing that construction within a period of twelve to fourteen months. There are many other details that are associated with it. The documents have been available here at Town Hall. I would be pleased to answer any specific questions that relate to it, if you have any?"

Supervisor Janoski- "Harold, would you simply explain what the plan is for. There are a lot of people who confuse the solid waste plant with the scavenger plant? Could you give a simple explanation.?"

Harold Dombeck: "Scavenger waste is the pumping of cesspool and septic tanks. The liquid waste fraction from individual sanitary facilities located at homes and commercial establishments. Periodically, these facilities, cesspools and septic tanks have got to be pumped to remove their solids from clogging the pores. This waste is called scavenger waste and this waste is presently disposed of in the two towns by dumping it at the landfill which constitutes one of the major point sources of solution to the ground water in both Riverhead and Southampton. The purpose of this treatment plant is to provide a location for the disposal and treatment of this waste, which will be to greater than secondary standards. It will require some form of denitrification which is the removal of the nitrogen products that are contained within the wastes. It will also include a treatment for the sludge, the solid fraction to a point at which it is no longer putrescible or will cause or will there be any further degradation or decomposition and it will be placed in a lined portion of the landfills that there will be no further contamination to the ground water. It will be treated effluent, will be disposed of in the Peconic River and will meet the standards established by the State which again go through beyond secondary

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Harold Dombeck continues:

treatment and will be to a level of denitrification, removal of nitrogen products. Thank - you."

Supervisor Janoski - "I would at this time open the meeting to questions."

Unidentified Speaker: "Do you have a rough cost estimate, on the whole project?"

Harold Dombeck: "Ah, yes, Gary."

Gary Loesch: "The capital cost of the project projected between 3.5 million dollars and 4.0 million dollars. As Harold indicated earlier, 87½% of the project, will be funded by the federal and state governments, so that the local share to be shared by Riverhead and Southampton will be on the order of \$550,000 to \$600,000. to be split between the two towns."

Pierre Lundberg: "You say 3.5 to 4 million and yet you're giving us figures to call a Public Hearing, Tuesday night with \$3,503,000."

Harold Dombeck: "We are only recommending the--- the \$3,500,000. as the alternative to go ahead at this point in time. But on the technical information presented to EPA. We have said that it may require at a latter date, additional biological units just one or two additional units in which case, at that point in time, this additional funding might be required. But what we have recommended and what we are asking for is the construction merely of the first phase of the facility without these additional units which we feel very confident are not warranted and that is the 3.5 million dollar figure."

Charlotte Johnson: "Who's going to supervise the building of this project? The State?"

Harold Dombeck: "The project will be completely conducted under the auspices of the Town of Riverhead, who have a federal grant for this facility. It will be a contract entered into between the two towns. There is already a contract to provide for the design through construction out. I would understand there would be additional contracts required."

Rick Brand: "As a matter of fact, you don't say much about a licensing fee?"

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Harold Dombeck: "Yes."

Rick Brand: "Tank per gallon." (Rest inaudible)

Harold Dombeck: "We will require that anybody who has need to utilize this facility, basically license or register their septic tank and cesspool whichever they have. That initial fee is recommended as \$250.00 for residents and I believe \$50.00 for commercial and industrial establishments."

Rick Brand: "You're telling me in other words, that every single person who has a septic tank in Southold or Riverhead Town."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Southampton."

Rick Brand: "I'm sorry Southampton Town has to pay a \$25.00 fee."

Harold Dombeck: "No. Ultimately yes, They will not have to register their facility, until they have need to utilize or pump their wastes. At that point in time, they will have to register it in order to have the waste disposal of, and then from that point on, there will be monitoring in order to prolong the life of those facilities and minimize the waste concentrations."

Supervisor Janoski: "If there are no questions in a Public Hearing atmosphere.....Are there any questions?"

No one else wishing to be heard and no communications have been received, thereto, Supervisor Janoski declared the hearing closed at 10:27 A.M.

No further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

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