

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 25, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.

Henry M. Zaleski,
Joseph V. Kelly,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred H. Boutcher, Justices of the Peace.

Lester M. Emmett, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on October 4, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A written report submitted by the Committee on Welfare Recommendations dealing with proposals for consideration in the administration of Welfare in the Town of Riverhead after November 1, 1939 was read and on motion and vote was ordered placed on file.

Rev. Charles W. MacLean, Chairman of the Welfare Recommendation Committee addressed the Board, stating that the Committee had studied the Welfare problem in the Town of Riverhead very carefully and explained in detail the above report.

Supervisor Homan thanked Mr. MacLean and the Committee on behalf of the Town Board for the very fine report which will help in the solution of the problem of administering relief in the Town.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was Resolved that this Board express their sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of the Committee on Welfare Recommendations for their help in submitting the proposals for consideration in dealing with the administration of welfare in the Town of Riverhead after November 1, 1939, and further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Committee. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Kelly it was Resolved that M.M. Burr, Welfare Officer, Margaret Conklin, Welfare Investigator and Helen Sieminski, Clerk, now employed in the Riverhead Town Welfare Office be retained at the pleasure of the Town Board, beginning November 1, 1939 at their present salaries. The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Kelly it was Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the General Town Surplus Account to the Budgetary Control -- Town Welfare Account. The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly,

Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from the Kiwanis Club of Riverhead, bringing to the attention of the Board the dangerous grade crossing existing on Mill Road opposite the Esso Bulk Plant and urged the Board to do everything within their power to eliminate this existing danger. The letter was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Walter Hopfe of Riverhead, N.Y. addressed the Board in regard to the various grade crossings of the Long Island Rail Road and the underpass at Raynor Ave. He stated that many of the crossings were very dangerous due to the inclines of the roads and that the Rail Road bridge over Raynor Ave. should have a more prominent warning as to the height of the under pass to avoid damage to bodies of the larger trucks. He urged the Board to take action on the matter.

Justice Warner offered the following Resolution which was seconded by Justice Zaleski,

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been made and continue to be made to this Board concerning the highly dangerous conditions to life, limb and property resulting from unprotected grade crossings of the Long Island Railroad within this township, and

WHEREAS, further complaints have been and are also being made to this Board concerning the inadequate warning signs on or about the Long Island Railroad over-pass at the Raynor Avenue crossing within the Village of Riverhead, which purport to indicate a specified clearance thereunder, and

WHEREAS, such protests and complaints, because of their great number and the length of time over which they have been made, can no longer be ignored, and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration and investigation, it has been determined that such complaints are well founded; that the conditions complained of actually exist; that they are in fact a detriment to the welfare of this township, and a menace to life, limb and property as indicated, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Town Board of the Town of Riverhead is of the opinion that steps should be taken by the Long Island Railroad Company, without delay, to rectify said conditions by depressing its tracks at all highway intersections within the Town, or by maintaining thereat, gates, bells, warning signals or other safety devices and by taking such measures in regard to the said Raynor Avenue over-pass as may be adequate and appropriate to provide timely and sufficient notice to users of the highway of the limited clearance thereunder, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Long Island Railroad Company and the Public Service Commission.

The Resolution was duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Walter Hopfe addressed the Board, stating that he attended the meeting principally to request that the Board extend the 2 hour parking limit in the business section of the Town to 9 or 10 P.M. on Saturdays, for the reason that many people park their cars all evening in the Main St. on Saturdays to see the sights and to visit, which is unfair to business and to those who wish to shop at that time.

Justice Kelly advised that he has studied the parking problem on Saturday evenings very carefully and until some of the business men and employees themselves cooperate in this matter there is little can be done; that he particularly called a meeting of the businessmen of the Town a few months ago to discuss this problem, by giving notice in the newspapers, but only four or five businessmen attended, however, he stated that he would again call a meeting of the businessmen to obtain their concensus of opinion in this matter before he would recommend any action, as there are too many angles to the situation. He asked Mr. Hopfe to cooperate with the Police Committee in giving publicity to the matter when the date of the meeting is fixed.

A communication from J.J. Darcy, District Engineer of the State Department of Public Works in reference to the drainage condition in East Main St. in the vicinity of the intersection of Ostrander Ave., stating that their maintenance engineer, Mr. C.F. Morse, looked over this drainage condition with the Supt. of Highways of Riverhead and that it might be possible to place material to a sufficient height along the sidewalk area to keep the water from draining on to the adjacent property and further it may be possible that the Town Board can submit plans for a concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk to P.W.A. at some later date. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$60.92 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Advertising and Printing Account. The Resolution was duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Boutcher and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$9.99 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Justices Expense Account. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer the sum of \$320.70 from the General Town Surplus Account to Budgetary Control-Town Board Expense Account. The Resolution was (thereupon) declared duly adopted.

Supt. of Highways Youngs addressed the Board in regard to the damage to the O'Shea property on the South side of River Road, Calverton and advised the Board that he thought that he could properly take care of the matter.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that Max E. Adams be and he hereby is appointed a Special Policeman for the Town of Riverhead without compensation, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Vote, Justices Zaleski, Kelly, Warner and Boutcher, Yes, Supervisor Homan, Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0.

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the bills for the month of October 1939.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on November 8, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.