

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 13, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.

Henry M. Zaleski,
Joseph V. Kelly,
Austin H. Warner,
Fred H. Butcher, 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 November 29, 1939 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

The matter in regard to the traffic congestion on Mill Road, causing damage to the property of John Berezny during the cauliflower season was discussed by the Board.,

Mr. John Berezny addressed the Board regarding the above matter, and explained how his property along Mill Road adjacent to the Cauliflower Association property is continually being damaged each year during the cauliflower season by trucks turning around on his land, and tin cans etc. being strewn along his property while the cauliflower trucks are waiting to go to the block. He stated that if Mill Road was made a one way street during that period of the year, it would help a great deal.

Mr. Dwight T. Corwin, Manager of the Long Island Cauliflower Association addressed the Board, stating that the Association does approximately \$600,000.00 worth of business in a short period of time, serving about 700 farmers and that it would be pretty hard to regulate approximately 700 trucks and their respective drivers. However, he assured the Board and Mr. Berezny that the Association will cooperate in any way possible to help out in the matter, even to the purchasing of some land from Mr. Berezny. Mr. Corwin also suggested that Mill Road be made a one way street during the cauliflower season, which would possibly help solve the problem.

The Town Board felt that the above suggestion by both Mr. Berezny and Mr. Corwin would relieve the situation, but as the cauliflower season was several months away, the matter was held over till a future date.

A communication was read from the Division of the Land Office acknowledging receipt of the withdrawal of a remonstrance by the Town of Riverhead in the matter of the application of the Friar's Head Land Corporation for a grant of land under water in the Long Island Sound at Roanoke. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Irving Williams, Suffolk County Commissioner of Public Welfare, stating that upon re-checking the Public Welfare Law, he found that there was no provision for town welfare officers to be bonded. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Israel D. Luce and Charles B. Jones,

Assessors of the Town of Riverhead, explaining the very important work which they have to perform in making assessments and drawing a proper assessment roll which can be correctly done only with the aid of a clerk of proven ability. They therefore recommended that John Kruszon be permitted to remain as Clerk to the Board of Assessors. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Dept. of Agriculture and Markets informing the Board that a dog enumerator should be appointed in the month of December for the 1940 dog census.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Zaleski it was Resolved that Frank Konchalski be and he hereby is appointed dog enumerator of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1940. 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.

Supervisor Homan submitted his report for the month of November 1939 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner, it was Resolved that the Supervisor's Bond be fixed at \$40,000.00 and further Resolved that the Supervisor's Highway Bond be fixed at \$97,829.00. 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 duly made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that Margaret Conklin be appointed Acting Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Riverhead with full power in the absence of the Welfare Officer to serve at the pleasure of the Town 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.

Town Attorney Emmett reported upon the scallop problem as outlined by the Long Island Fisherman's Protective Association. He stated that he had made inquiries of different baymen who are familiar with the situation and they were all of one opinion that the lack of sea weed was the cause for not having scallops in the bay. There were different opinions as to what caused the sea weed to disappear from the bay bottom. Mr. Emmett suggested that the matter be held over for future consideration.

Supervisor Elect Elmer J.B. Sawyer addressed the Board regarding the above matter and stated that he had made many inquiries regarding the disappearance of sea weed in the bay and it was the concensus of opinion that a form of blight destroyed the sea weed and that there would be no scallops until the sea weed comes back into the bay.

The above matter was held over for future consideration.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher, it was Resolved that the Long Island Lighting Company be and they hereby are authorized to place on 80 C.P. lamp on pole #11, Elton Street, Riverhead, New York. The Resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Robert Stivers addressed the Board in regard to the

MacDonald property on Griffing Avenue used as a parking field. He explained the situation on behalf of the Merchants on Griffing Ave. who heretofore have paid the monthly rental for the property, stating that there were three months back rent due for the property at \$10.00 per month which also prevented the renewal of the contract with the property owners for another year. He felt that it would be too bad if the parking field was discontinued and urged the Board to do something about it. On motion and vote the matter was referred to the Parking Committee for investigation and to report at the next meeting.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all town bills to date.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Thursday, December 28, 1939 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratville
Harry J. Kratville, Town Clerk.