

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 7, 1945 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,  
Frank J. Yousik,  
William J. Leonard,  
Frank J. Smith, Justices of the Peace

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on February 21, 1945 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

The matter in regard to the request of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission to re-appoint all present Police Patrolmen of the Town for the duration of the war and six months thereafter was discussed by the Board.

Mr. Dwight T. Corwin, Chairman of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission addressed the Board in reference to the above matter stating that it was a Civil Service Rule, and that every other Town had made their appointments that way, and further the Commission will not approve the Police payroll if the rule is not adhered to. He said that it is his interpretation that a person can be dismissed for cause only.

The Town Board in the absence of the Town Attorney instructed the Town Clerk to write a letter to the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission asking them to defer any action on the above matter until our next regular meeting which will be held on March 21, 1945, for the reason that it is the sincere desire of this Board to avoid, if possible, any conflict with the G.I. Bill of Rights, which was passed by the Congress of the United States.

Justice Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Warner,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead adopted a resolution on the 15th day of November, 1944, authorizing the Supt. of Highways to purchase two trucks for the Highway Dept. for the sum not to exceed \$10,300.00 which was an estimated purchase price, and

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of March, 1945, the Supt. of Highways learned that the purchase price of the aforesaid trucks is \$10,788.08 instead of \$10,300.00, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of Riverhead on November 15, 1944 authorizing the Supt. of Highways to purchase two trucks for the sum not to exceed \$10,300.00 be and the same is hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supt of Highways be authorized to purchase <sup>the</sup> two <sup>trucks</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>mentioned</sup> for the Highway Dept. for the sum not to exceed \$10,788.08. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik, Leonard and Smith Yes, Supervisor Kelly Yes. Total Vote Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Daniel R. Young, Engineer and Surveyor, submitted completed plans for the Municipal Post War Project, Serial #1944, Town-wide Sidewalk Project, Town of Riverhead, N.Y., together with the final estimate. The plans and estimate were ordered sent to Albany for final approval.

A communication was read from the State Department of Audit and Control in regard to the application of the Town of Riverhead for the extension of the Riverhead Fire District, stating that Section 185 of the Town Law provides for the dissolution of fire protection districts as a whole, but does not make any provision for the alteration of the boundaries of a fire protection district. This situation has been recognized and attempted to be cured by a proposed Section 173-c of the Town Law in pending Assembly Bill Int. 1106, Senate Bill Int. 952, of which they inclosed a copy. The communication was referred to the Town Attorney.

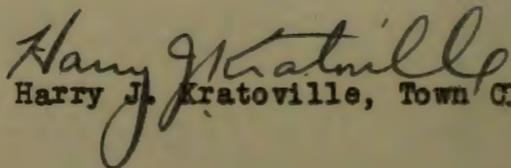
The Town Board studied the proposed Section 173-c of the Town Law which is now pending in the State Legislature and was of the unanimous opinion that the proposed bill would not cure the present situation in regard to the alteration of the boundaries of fire protection districts but would rather tend to complicate the matter more, therefore the Town Board instructed the Town Clerk to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the State Dept. of Audit and Control and at the same time urge that the passage of this Bill be postponed until a further study of the situation can be made.

The Supervisor's report for the month of February 1945 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Police and Welfare reports for the month of February 1945 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

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 Wednesday, March 21, 1945 at 3:00 P.M.

  
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.