

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 21, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

William J. Leonard

Otis G. Pike

Austin H. Warner

Frank J. Yousik, Justices of the Peace

Also present were: Henry M. Zaleski, Town Attorney, Myron C. Young, Superintendent of Highways, Stephen J. Grodski, Police Chief, Alden W. Young, Superintendent of Sewers, Roselle Benjamin, Water Plant Superintendent and John P. Riedsorph, Asst. Superintendent to the Water Plant.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on December 7, 1954 were read and on motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Pike, it was Resolved that the minutes be adopted as read. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that Edmund Buziak be authorized to exercise the usual powers of a police officer for private persons on private property. He may wear a police uniform and badge, but is not a Town employee. The Town shall not be responsible for his actions nor for injuries to him while he is acting. This authorization shall be at the pleasure of the Board, but not beyond December 31, 1955. Acceptance of this authorization shall be on the above conditions. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from Paul Roland, Committee Chairman, on behalf of Post #2476, Veterans of Foreign Wars, requesting permission to use the northerly section of the Highway Department grounds for the purpose of holding a carnival during the week of July 4, 1955. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Pike and seconded by Justice Leonard, it was Resolved that the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #2476, for permission to hold a carnival on the Fairgrounds for one week commencing on July 4, 1955, be granted, subject to the rules and regulations of the use of Town controlled property for bazaars, carnivals and circuses. The Town Clerk be instructed to notify the Veterans of Foreign Wars that whenever permission is granted by the Town Board to use the Fairgrounds, the sponsoring organization will be held responsible for the proper conduct of the contracting firm. If any violations are reported, the Town Board will refuse the use of the Fairgrounds to said sponsoring organization. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike,

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Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A request was made for permission to hold a carnival on the Fairgrounds by the Polish National Alliance for one week commencing on August 8, 1955.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Pike, it was Resolved that the request of the Polish National Alliance for permission to hold a carnival on the Fairgrounds for one week commencing on August 8, 1955, be granted, subject to the rules and regulations governing the use of Town controlled property for bazaars, carnivals and circuses. The Town Clerk be instructed to notify the Polish National Alliance that whenever permission is granted by the Town Board to use the Fairgrounds, the sponsoring organization will be held responsible for the proper conduct of the contracting firm. If any violations are reported, the Town Board will refuse the use of the Fairgrounds to said sponsoring organization. The Vote---Justices Leonard , Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read to the Board from Clair C. Duvall, Agent, The Travelers Insurance Company, relative to the Claim of Paul Roland which was reported by the Highway Department. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes, Town of Riverhead, relative to the appointment of Mrs. Marie Jackson, to serve as a part-time clerk in Tax Office to replace Mrs. Lillian Mazgulski, who is unable to serve due to sickness. The communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Yousik and seconded by Justice Warner, it was Resolved that Mrs. Marie Jackson, Riverhead, N.Y. be appointed part-time clerk in the Office of the Tax Receiver, to serve under the supervision of the Receiver of Taxes, effective as of December 27, 1954, salary fixed at the rate of \$8.00 per day. The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A communication was read from Charles Allen Horton, Receiver of Taxes, of the amount of taxes collected as of December 16, 1954. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the Long Island Lighting Company advising that on November 19, 1954, 64 400 watt (15000) lumens mercury vapor lights were placed in operation in the Riverhead Lighting District on East Main Street. The communication was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly, as Chairman of the Police Committee, made the following report as submitted to him by Stephen J. Grodski, Police Chief, regarding the suspension of Patrolman John A. Gatz:

"On December 18, 1954 at 4:00 P.M., the undersigned suspended one, JOHN A. GATZ, Police Patrolman, employed by the Town of Riverhead, Riverhead, N.Y. for insubordination inasmuch as the patrolman:

- (A) did fail to attend a police department meeting on December 13, 1954, knowing such meeting was called and a notice was duly posted more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, in violation of Art. 2 Reg. A Par. 3 of Riverhead Police Rules and Regulations, and
- (B) did improperly aid and abet a certain individual to secure a New York State operator's license in violation of Art. 1. Rec. C Par. 3 of the Riverhead Police Rules and Regulations.

The entire department has been warned repeatedly to avoid any acts that are detrimental to the Riverhead Town Police Department.

RECOMMENDATION: that the patrolman in question be summoned before the Riverhead Town Board and immediately be reprimanded accordingly.

In the opinion of the undersigned, the patrolman in question is an excellent traffic officer and has been for the past ten months while on traffic assignments."

The communication was ordered placed on file and Supervisor Kelly further commented, that in his capacity as Police Committee, he called in Patrolman John A. Gatz, who was accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Sol Raffes, and the charges as made by the Chief of Police were read to Patrolman Gatz by Supervisor Kelly. He further stated that the purpose of this meeting was to reprimand Patrolman Gatz for insubordination and stated further that if Patrolman Gatz committed any future acts which violated the rules of the Police Department, that formal charges would be preferred against him.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard, it was Resolved that the following bonds be approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety::

Bond #353009 of the Great American Indemnity Company, bonding Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor, in the amount of \$40,000, General Town Fund.

Bond #458519, of the Travelers Indemnity Company, bonding Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor, in the amount of \$40,000, Highway Fund.

Bond #B-350719-55, of the Great American Indemnity Company, bonding Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor, in the amount of \$6,000, Highway State Aid.

Bond #113995, of Globe Indemnity Company, bonding Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk, in the amount of \$1,000.

Bond #B-350717-55, of Great American Indemnity Company, bonding Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways, in the amount of \$2,000.

Bond #531053, of Glen Falls Insurance Company, bonding Otis G. Pike, Justice of the Peace, in the amount of \$1,000.

The Vote---Justices Leonard, Pike, Warner and Yousik, Yes; Supervisor Kelly, Yes. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Justice Pike brought up the matter of stop signs that have been placed in the Town at certain intersections. As this matter in general refers to Town Ordinance #3, the Town Attorney was advised to make a study of said Ordinance in conjunction with Justice Pike.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all Town bills to date, the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund---\$4957.27 and Highway Machinery Fund---\$651.19. On motion and vote, it was resolved that the bills be approved as rendered.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 28, 1954 at 9:00 A.M.

*Anthony F. Gadzinski*  
Anthony F. Gadzinski, Town Clerk

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