

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 1944 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

Arthur H. Lundberg, Town Attorney was present.

Waiver of Notice and Consent to Meeting.

We, the undersigned, being all members of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, County of Suffolk and State of New York, do hereby waive notice of the time, place, date and purpose of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, New York, to be held at the Town Hall, at Riverhead, New York at 2:00 P.M. on the eighth day of March, 1944, and do consent to the holding of such meeting and to the transaction of any and all business that may come before such meeting.

Dated at Riverhead, N.Y.  
March 8, 1944

Signed: Joseph V. Kelly  
Austin H. Warner  
Frank J. Yousik  
William J. Leonard  
Frank J. Smith

Supervisor Kelly stated that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a provisional Clerk to the Board of Assessors to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Chester G. Webb. He said that it was the desire of The Board of Assessors to have the vacancy filled as soon as possible because of the great amount of work which is piling up in the Assessors Office each day.

Thomas J. Danowski, Chairman of the Board of Assessors addressed the Board and reiterated what the Supervisor had said, that the work in the Assessors Office is getting behind and it is desirable that a Clerk be appointed as soon as possible. He felt that it was a position for a male clerk for the reason that the Assessors, during the year, have an enormous amount of field work to do and that it is necessary for them to take the Clerk along to take notes etc. and also for the reason that on many occasions there is a lot of heavy work on the addressograph especially when the machine becomes jammed.

J. Wilson Stout, Assessor, addressed the Board stating that far be it from him to draw the line on the fair sex, however it occurred to him if a female was thoroughly acquainted with the duties of this particular position, would she want it.

Justice Warner suggested, under the circumstances, that the Civil Service Commission be requested to submit an eligible male list to this Board.

Justice Smith stated that there was already an eligible male on the certified list.

Justice Leonard offered the following resolution which was seconded by Justice Yousik,

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Senior Clerk to the Board of Assessors, and

WHEREAS, it seems to this Board that the nature of the work requires the services of a male clerk, because it is necessary for the clerk to travel throughout the entire Township with one or more of the Assessors, all of whom are men, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board requests the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission to certify a list of male Senior Clerks who are residents of the Township of Riverhead, in accordance with Rule 10, Paragraph 4 of the Suffolk County Civil Service Rules. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith No, Supervisor Kelly No. Total Vote, Yes 3, No 2. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

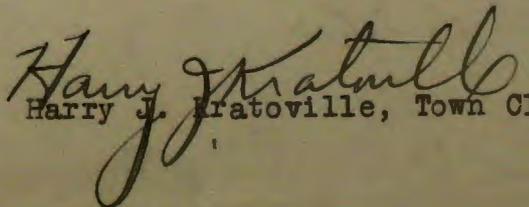
Supervisor Kelly in voting No stated that he opposed the resolution for the reason that the Board has already an eligible list before it, certified by the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission and that he felt that the female eligibles should not be discriminated against. He further stated that he not only opposed it at this meeting but that he would oppose it as a member of the Board of Supervisor's Civil Service Committee.

Justice Smith in voting No stated that he opposed the resolution on the ground of its legality and the purpose that it purports to do. It is not only illegal but improper. Civil Service Laws extend the right to all people to take the examination and it would deprive certain people of their rights.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Leonard it was Resolved, that Harry Fleischman be and he hereby is appointed provisional Senior Clerk to the Board of Assessors of the Town of Riverhead, to serve at the base rate of \$2100.00 per annum, payable semi-monthly, said resolution to take effect the 9th day of March, 1944. The Vote, Justices Warner, Yousik and Leonard Yes, Justice Smith Not Voting, Supervisor Kelly No. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Kelly in voting No stated that the above appointment was illegal, therefore the payment of his salary would be illegal and that he would refuse to sign the voucher for the payment thereof unless ordered to do so by Court Order.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

  
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.