

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 1940 at 9:00 A.M.

Present:

Elmer J.B. Sawyer, Supervisor.

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

Solomon Raffe, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were present.

Minutes of a meeting held on February 7, 1940 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was RESOLVED, that Bond No. 485532-K of the American Surety Company of New York, bonding Elmer J.B. Sawyer, Supervisor in the amount of \$102,829.00, covering Highway Funds, be and the same is hereby approved as to form, manner of execution and the sufficiency of the surety. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Justice Kelly of the Police Committee addressed the Board in regard to the parking problem in the business section of the Town, stating that again there is much agitation for acquiring more parking space and that many business men have talked to him about a solution of the problem. He reviewed what has been done in the past in so far as enforcing the 2 hour parking ordinance, stating that for a period it was accomplished to a certain degree, however, it was discontinued and there is much criticism for not enforcing it. Justice Kelly further stated that he again looked into the situation one day last week and found that only 11 cars were parked in the MacDonald Parking Field and 4 cars were parked in the Hallett Parking Field and that only on Saturdays is the situation acute. He felt that possibly the whole parking ordinance needed a new revamping, however, he said that the 2 hour parking rule must be enforced with full cooperation of all the Justices and the Police Department before that is done. He said that it was also suggested that four-fifteen minute zones are desirable, but in any event he felt that every method should be taken to diagnose the situation before coming to any conclusion.

Justice Warner of the Police Committee concurred with Justice Kelly stating that the Parking Ordinances should be enforced and every method exhausted to ascertain the real cause of parking congestion before coming to any conclusion.

The Parking Committee therefore recommends with the approval of the Board that due publicity be given this matter through the newspapers and that letters be sent to all merchants and Civic Organizations of the Town appealing for their cooperation in order that the situation can be thoroughly analyzed, which possibly would lead to the solution of the parking problem.

On motion made by Justice Zaleski and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was RESOLVED that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to borrow on a certificate of indebtedness the sum of \$3,500.00, for the purpose of paying the debt incurred for snow removal. The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes. Supervisor Sawyer Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Justice Zaleski reporting on the matter of the Peconic River Buoy lights, recommended that three of the old buoy lights be replaced by three new ones and also that Newton Homan be employed to take care of the buoy lights for the year of 1940 for the sum of \$150.00.

On motion made by Justice Warner and seconded by Justice Boutcher it was Resolved that 3 of the present buoy lights be replaced by 3 new lights. The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes. Supervisor Sawyer Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

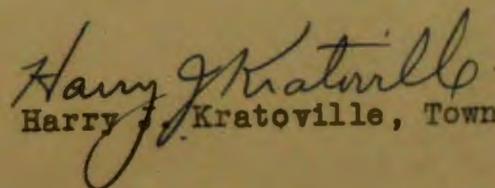
On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner it was Resolved that Newton Homan be employed to take care of the Peconic River Buoy lights for the year 1940 for the sum of \$150.00. The Vote, Justices Warner, Boutcher, Kelly and Zaleski, Yes. Supervisor Sawyer Yes. Total Vote, Yes 5, No 0. The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Sawyer submitted his report for the month of January 1940 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes submitted his report of taxes collected as of February 16, 1940 and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Welfare Bills for the month of January 1940.

There being no further business, on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday March 6, 1940 at 2:00 P.M.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.