

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Office on Wednesday, October 14, 1931 at 2 P.M.

Present:-

Dennis G. Homan, Supervisor.
Robert Burnside,
William L. Miller,
Everett M. Frederick,
Albert W. Conklin, Justices of the Peace.
Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.

The minutes of the Town Board meeting held September 30, 1931 were read and on motion and vote duly adopted.

A communication, dated October 1, 1931, from the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways advising of the completion of reconstruction contract-Port Jefferson-Riverhead, Part 3, State Highway #8066; Quogue-Riverhead Part 1, County Highway #694 and Riverhead-Hampton Bays Part 1, County Highway # 9066 and further advising that same will be accepted by Department, unless a protest is filed in writing within twenty days, was read and ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from J.J. Darcy, District Engineer, Department of Public Works, advising that all pavement replacements on highways under state jurisdiction, must be done before frost sets in and urging all work along this line be started immediately. This communication was referred to the Superintendent of Highways.

A communication was read from Henry L. Ruland, Accountant in the County Treasurer's Office, relative to the Receiver's accounts for the year 1930 and referred to the Supervisor for attention.

A communication was read from Robert P. Griffing, expressing the appreciation of the Official Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Riverhead, for the work done by the town on the highway and sidewalk in front of the Church property. Said communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from F³/₄ W. Jackson & Sons, Inc. requesting that the Town make provision in the budget to fill in the low portion of Ostrander Avenue between Northville Turnpike and Elton Street. This matter was referred to the Superintendent

of Highways, as it was thought this work might be done at this time.

A communication was read from E.C.Jenik, Manager of the New York Telephone Company, acknowledging receipt of letter from the Town Clerk requesting the position of the four telephone poles in front of the property of Mrs. B.C. Meyer be changed and advising that this matter would be investigated.

The Board was addressed by Jesse W. Payne, of the New York Telephone Company who advised that the poles on Northville Turnpike had been placed under the direction of an engineer from the County Engineer's Office.

The Highway Committee was requested to take this matter up with County Engineer A.O.Smith and report back to the Town Board.

The Board was addressed by Walter F. Barnes, President of the Suffolk County Historical Society, who advised that the Historical Society would complete all driveways and sidewalks about the property and grade the grounds which would be open to the public as a park and asked that a proposition be submitted to the taxpayers of the town as follows:

" Shall there be inserted in the tax levy for the year 1932 and the year 1933, the sum of \$150.00 for maintenance of the grounds of the Historical Society ".

On motion duly made, seconded and carried it was Resolved That the following propositions be submitted to the legal voters of this town at the next bi-ennial town election to be held November 3, 1931.

Proposition No. 1.

Shall there be inserted in the tax levy for the year 1932 and for the year 1933, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars for the purpose of contributing said amount to St. Peters Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y., in consideration of treatment of such poor patients that may be sent to said institution from the Town of Riverhead.

Proposition No. 2.

Shall there be inserted in the tax levy for the year 1932 and for the year 1933, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars, for maintenance of the grounds of the Suffolk County Historical Society, which have been laid out as a park open to the public.

The Town Clerk was instructed to have notices inserted in the local papers to the effect that an Inspector of Election would be on duty in the Town Hall on October 29, 30 and 31st from 2 until 10 P.M., to instruct voters in the use of the voting machine.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the public health and safety of this town as in all other communities of this state is being imperilled by the existing and threatened deprivation of a considerable number of their inhabitants of the necessities of life, owing to the present economic depression; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that there is at present a condition of unemployment and that in all probability there will be considerable further unemployment in this town as a result of the present economic depression; and

WHEREAS, provisions have recently been made by law for the governmental administration in the relief of the people of this state and its municipalities from the hardships and suffering caused by unemployment, under which there has just been established a temporary emergency relief administration in this state to supervise the administration of such relief measures and to promulgate rules therefor and in which administration the public welfare districts of this town and other parts of the state and civic, social and other agencies will participate, but for which rules and plans have not yet been definitely established; and

WHEREAS, we are cognizant of the necessity of being prepared in this town to cooperate with each and every agency in the administration of such relief so that all of the activities and efforts to that end will be intelligently and properly coordinated; and believing that prompt action is necessary therein and for which we desire to provide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does hereby recognize its duty to take any and all steps necessary in the assistance of all contemplated relief measures and activities and that we hereby invite the executive officers or other supervising heads

of all organizations of this town, including the American Legion and its auxiliary and all other patriotic organizations, the Riverhead Civic Club and all other civic organizations, the Rotary Club and all similar organizations, the fraternal and religious organizations, together with the clergy of all the churches, to confer with the Town Board at the earliest convenient date possible for the purpose of studying the emergency relief legislation and to determine how the coordinated efforts of the various organized agencies of this town can best assist in the carrying out of such relief measures as may be necessary in this town at the present time and during the period that the emergency may require

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, October 28, 1931.

Milton L. Burns.

Milton L. Burns, Town Clerk.