

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 6, 1940 at 2:00 P. 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 was present.

Minutes of a meeting held on October 24, 1940 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

Mr. P. W. Triplett and a delegation from the Long Island Railroad Company addressed the Board in regard to installing flashing light protection at the Railroad crossings at Osborn Avenue, Griffing Avenue, Roanoke Avenue, and Main Street, replacing the present flagmen protection at those intersections. It was stated that it was an economy move by the Railroad Company and if the approval of the Town Board was obtained, the Public Service Commission would have no objection.

The Board inquired of Mr. Triplett, which in his opinion, is the best protection of a railroad crossing, a flagman or the flashing lights. The answer was the flashing lights. The Board also asked if the Railroad Company had considered protection for any of the other dangerous crossings such as Marcy Avenue, Sweezy Avenue, East Avenue, Maple Avenue, Union Avenue, and Ostrander Avenue. The answer was no, and reiterated the fact that the change was requested primarily for economy. The representatives of the Railroad Company were advised that the matter would be given careful consideration.

Mr. George E. Luce addressed the Board in regard to the steel stop plates placed in the middle of the intersections of the highways leading into Riverhead and the County Highway #58. He stated that in making a left hand turn, the law requires that a vehicle must go to the center of the road before turning and in so doing he caught one of his tires on the corner of one of the steel plates and blew a brand new tire. He further stated that he had done quite considerable traveling on many roads and had never seen such stop signs used, he felt that the steel plates in the middle of the road were more of a hazard than a benefit and urged the Board to take the matter up with the County Highway authorities.

Mrs. Ethel Bradford addressed the Board in regard to the appointment of a Welfare Officer. She stated that she hoped the Board would appoint someone who would not only take care of the relief cases, but who would also see that house rents of relief cases be paid more promptly for the reason that her mother depends on such rents and sometimes it is inconvenient for her to have to wait too long for her rent. The matter was referred to the Welfare Committee.

A communication was read from Mr. John Bagshaw, Agent for Wesleyan University stating that they will be glad to rent the office space formerly

occupied by the Post Office for the sum of \$75.00 per month for use as a recreation center. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Kenneth L. Jeffery and Company, Inc., in regard to the purchase by the Town of the property of the Riverhead Country Club for a community recreation center. The communication was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from Mr. Alfred G. Dale, President of the Calverton Company, Inc., offering free a parcel of land situated in Calverton to the Town of Riverhead for use as a Town Park. The communication was referred to the Town Attorney and the Park Committee.

A communication was read from H. T. Tuthill, County Supt. of Highways enclosing a map showing the proposed location thereon of the Wading River Road, C. R. No. 66, which has been taken into the county road system as of October 23, 1940. The communication and map was ordered placed on file.

A communication was read from the F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company in regard to the care of the shade trees in the Town of Riverhead. The communication was ordered placed on file.

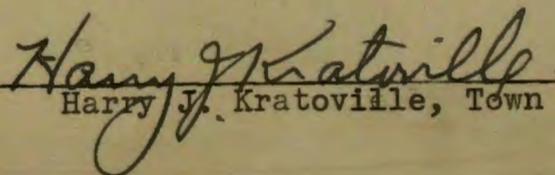
In regard to the matter of a recreation center in the Town of Riverhead for the Soldiers coming from Camp Upton, Justice Kelly suggested that a most suitable and economical place for a recreation center would be the hall above the Fire District Headquarters on Second Street, if it could be obtained. A committee composed of Justice Kelly and Justice Warner was appointed to look into the matter.

Attorney Isidore Schienberg, representing Roanoke Lodge #462, I.O.O.F., addressed the Board in regard to additional rent for the Assessor's Office on the second floor of the Town Hall. He was told that the matter would be taken into consideration.

On motion made by Justice Kelly and seconded by Justice Warner, it was RESOLVED that the bond of Forrest G. Downs, Receiver of Taxes, be fixed at \$25,000.00 for the ensuing year. 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.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined the Town bills for the month of October, 1940.

There being no further business on motion and vote, the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, November 20, 1940, at 2:00 P. M.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.