

Minutes of a Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the School House at Wading River on Friday, August 27, 1948 at 8:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Frank J. Yousik,
William J. Leonard,
Henry M. Zaleski, Justices of the Peace

Arthur H. Lundberg, Town Attorney and Carl F. Peterson, Fire Commissioner of the Riverhead Fire District were present.

Mr. Seldon Heatley, President of the Wading River Civic Association welcomed the Town Board to Wading River and, behalf of the inhabitants of Wading, expressed their appreciation to the Board for holding the meeting at Wading River.

Proof of publication of the notice of Public Hearing was submitted to the Board and was ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Kelly thereupon called the hearing to order and on behalf of the Town Board thanked those present for coming out on such a hot evening. He commended the Wading River Civic Association for its fine work and interest it has taken in the civic welfare of its community. He said that the meeting was called in reference to fire protection for the Wading River area which is in the Riverhead Fire Protection District. He explained the difference between a Fire District and a Fire Protection District and outlined the present contract with the Riverhead Fire District. However now that Wading River has formed its own Fire Department which is known as the Wading River Fire Department Inc., a request has been made by that Department for a proportionate share of the money now being paid for fire protection in the Riverhead Fire Protection District, which would relieve the Riverhead Fire Department from any responsibility for fire protection in the Wading River area. Therefore, it was the feeling of the Board that before it took any action on the matter, it wanted to obtain the feeling of the inhabitants of Wading River, and hoped that everyone present would express their opinion.

Mrs Edward Kempf asked if a large fire happened in Wading River would the Riverhead Fire Department respond on request of the Wading River Fire Department Inc.

Commissioner Peterson said that there is an unwritten law that no Fire District will let another Fire District suffer for lack of service. He assured the meeting that in the event of a bad fire, the Riverhead Fire Department would respond at the request of the Wading River Fire Dept. Inc.

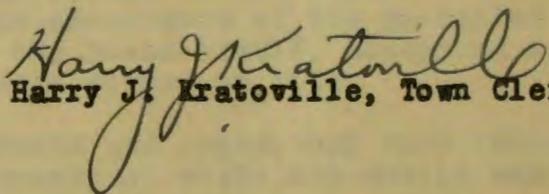
Mr. Seldon Heatley said that the Riverhead Fire Dept. in the past had always responded in case of an emergency and was sure that they would in the future, if needed.

Mr. Lester Emmett addressed the meeting and outline in detail the formation of the Wading River Fire Department Inc. He stated that the Wading River Dept. have been functioning over a year and that they have already demonstrated especially with the addition of the new truck that they can take care of the Wading River area.

Supervisor Kelly asked if anyone else wished to be heard, and would anyone have any objection if a contract was entered into with the Wading River Fire Dept. Inc. for the protection of the Wading River area.

No one else wishing to be heard and after again thanking those present for attending the meeting, Supervisor Kelly declared the hearing closed.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet in the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 1, 1948 at 2:00 P.M.


Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.