

January 9th, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, January 9th, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mayor Cropper and Councilmen Harman, Jackson, McCabe, Kelley and Showell were present.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Council, Harry W. Kelley.

The minutes of the meeting of January 2nd, 1962, were read and approved.

The Clerk stated that the property of Miss Grace Lee Andrews was to be sold at auction and one of the persons interested, Mrs. Eugenia Palmisano, had inquired as to whether or not a gift shop could be operated there. The clerk stated that he had told her that it could not. The Mayor and Council were also of this opinion.

Clerk stated that Mr. Melvin L. Kauffman, owner of property at S. Division St. and S. Baltimore Ave. wanted to lower the boardwalk ramp near his property and asked the council members and Mayor Cropper to look at this to see what they thought could be done.

Clerk stated that Mr. Kauffman wanted to substitute an amusement in place of one that he has already obtained a permit for. This was approved.

A letter from Mr. Walter Moore Royal, Jr. was read by the clerk. This letter requested status and projected plans as to sewerage in the area north of 26th st., also what provisions have been enacted to forestall any dredging operations during the vacationing period, and also requested a street light at Hitchens Ave. and the Beach Highway.

Mayor Cropper stated that he would reply to this letter.

A letter from the Board of County Commissioners to Governor Tawes was read by the clerk. This letter stated that they were in accord with the dualization of route 113 from Pocomoke City to the Delaware line and urgently requested that the project be given utmost and immediate consideration in order that it may be included in the Roads Program before 1965.

Mr. McCabe had obtained a copy of an ordinance from Salisbury prohibiting dogs from running at large within the corporate limits of the City; authorizing the impounding and destruction of dogs and providing a penalty for violation. This was read by the clerk. No action was taken on the passage of a similar ordinance and it was brought out that the County was contemplating taking some sort of measure to take care of this situation and perhaps we could work with them in having a suitable shelter.

Mr. Everett Fisher, representing the Fire Company, came to this meeting. He stated that it had been requested by the Fire Company that fire extinguishers be placed in each of the police cars and that it had never been done. He cited an instance recently when a fire was discovered back of Mario's and it could have been easily put out by the policeman that discovered it but that he had to come back to the fire department and get an extinguisher and take to the scene in order to extinguish the blaze. Mr. Fisher was authorized to purchase five extinguishers forthwith.

Mr. Russell Cullen came to this meeting to give a report on the progress of the translators for improved television in this area. He stated that the FCC had ruled that television stations could not obtain a license to televise outside of their regular contour. He stated also that he had written to Lewes, Delaware, to see what progress they had made and they had sent him a copy of their local paper which gave the story regarding the FCC not giving the stations a license. The possibility of erecting translator towers by the municipalities was suggested and that a fee be charged each of the networks for their use so that some of the expense could be recouped. It was suggested that Congressman Johnson be contacted and have him advise us just what steps can be taken by the municipalities that will be approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. "Chick" Allen, Chairman of the State Aviation Commission; Mr. Rudolph Drennan, Director of this Commission, and Mr. Bourbon, from the Attorney General's office, came to this meeting with reference to the Ocean City airport.

Mr. Allen explained that the state had advanced the sum of \$50,000. to the Town of Ocean City for the construction of the airport and that such an advance was made with the understanding that it would be eventually repaid from the profits derived from the operation of the Airport. He stated that each of the State agencies that were interested in this were looking for the money to be repaid. He stated that the State Aviation Commission had asked for an audit of the airport's operation and had not as yet received it. It was pointed out that it had been suggested that the audit be made by the State and that we had assumed that it would be done

by them and it wasn't until now that we had been advised that they would be unable to make the audit.

With considerable discussion regarding the income from the airport and other aspects, it was determined that the Mayor and Council will pay to the State Aviation 50% of the rental received from Blackwell based from the date of the contract with him thru December 31, 1961, and also 50% of the monies received from the sale of gasoline and oil. Also that a new agreement be made with Mr. Blackwell which would set up a rental fee and other specifications pertaining to payment which will have to be approved by the State Aviation Commission.

Mr. Allen stated that he did not feel that an audit would be required and that they will accept the figures of the Mayor and Council.

Deductions for expenses was brought up by Mr. Showell and Mr. Kelley. It was decided that no expenses will be deducted for mowing, etc. at this time, but that the new contract can spell out just how the expenses are to be allocated.

Mr. Kelley commended Mr. Blackwell for his efficient operation of the airport and stated that he had gained many friends for himself and Ocean City through his kindness.

Mr. Showell asked Mr. Blackwell the sum that he had grossed for the past year and he replied "\$9,157.20".

Mr. Drennan advised that the sum of \$35,000. had tentatively been approved by the State for their participation in the construction of the proposed paved runway at the airport and that the town was eligible for Federal funds in the amount of \$70,000.

He stated, however, that the Mayor and Council must begin negotiations for the purchase of the property that belongs to Mr. Walter Willing at the east end of the runway. It was brought out that the Federal Government will participate in this acquisition up to \$5,000. and Mr. Allen stated that the State would also participate up to \$1,250.00 or 1/4 of the purchase price.

It was brought out that engineering must be accomplished - that the master plan be developed and plans in the hands of the Federal Aviation Agency on or before February 15th.

Mr. Williams stated that he had written to Mr. Willing sometime ago making him an offer for this land but that he had never answered the letter. Mr. Williams was asked to contact him personally to see if he will consider selling.

It was pointed out that condemnation proceedings will be long and drawn out and if the land can be acquired without this, it would be best.

Mr. McCabe stated that Mr. William M. Purnell had requested that he be allowed to construct a drain field from his septic tank across City owned property at the airport. It was thought that this would in no way interfere. Mr. McCabe stated that he would go down there and talk with Mr. Purnell.

Mr. Williams stated that Chief Phillips had asked him to codify all police ordinances and that he was doing this and intended to have them printed into book form so that they will be usable by the members of the police department.

Mr. Williams stated that Chief Phillips wanted an ordinance passed whereby the Police Department would be permitted to sell at auction, after certain advertising, properties that have been confiscated by them and unclaimed by their owners, and that the money therefrom be deposited to a special fund for the benefit of the police department to go towards a retirement system to be established.

It was brought out that such a system is currently being considered for all employees.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Showell, that an ordinance be prepared authorizing the sale of these articles and that a fund be established to be set up at a later date as to the actual working program.

Mr. Kelley suggested that a letter be written by the Mayor and Council to all of the local civic organizations telling them of the establishment of the Boys Club and asking them to contribute towards its support. This was approved.

Chief Phillips told of the activities of the Boys Club and the many youth that have become members. He stated that the main trouble now is that we do not have a hall large enough to accommodate them.

Mr. Showell brought up the matter of insurance on these youth. Mr. Phillips explained that they make an application for membership and on this it points out the Mayor and Council and/or the Police Department are not responsible for any accidents sustained and that this application is also signed by one of the parents.

Mr. Showell stated that the boardwalk was being used quite consistently by persons in autos and the question had been raised as to whether, or not our insurance would cover any person that was injured on the walk by one of these cars. Chief Phillips was asked to keep all autos off the boardwalk and he stated that he didn't believe that there was an ordinance covering this. It was pointed out that there are signs which prohibit same.

Mr. Kelley asked Mr. Williams to prepare an ordinance prohibiting dredging operations within the corporate limits of Ocean City during the period June 15th to Sept. 15th.

Mr. Kelley read a letter from Dr. Perry F. Prather, Commissioner, Board of Health, extending commendations of the Department for the decision and willingness it indicates on the part of the City and County to proceed in such public-spirited cooperation to proceed jointly with the development of sewerage facilities and a new sewage treatment plant to serve Ocean City and the area north of Ocean City generally referred to as North Ocean City. The letter further stated that the continued support of their Department can be counted on in proceeding with this program.

A check had been prepared in the amount of \$200.00 to George Bert. Cropper for professional services rendered in calculating sewage demand flow from 15th street to 1st street. The Clerk was asked if we had received any report from Mr. Cropper on this. The answer was negative and it was suggested that this check be held until this was checked.

Mr. Showell stated that he understood that the U. S. Engineers had decided not to do any dredging in the Inlet. Others stated that they had not heard this.

On motion by Jackson, seconded by Kelley, the following vouchers were approved for payment. Mr. Harman and Mr. McCabe had left the meeting at this point - Mr. Showell took the chair in order for this motion to be made and seconded.

Checks written since last council meeting and signed by Treasurer and/or Mayor:

#31416 - Matthew Bender & Co. - 1961 Cumulative Supplement for Municipal Corporation Law Book	16.50
#31417 - Fisher's Pharmacy - Film and Flash Bulbs (Police Dept.)	8.70
#31418 - Byrd's Hardware - Statemet for month of Dec., 1961	396.17
#31420 - Pay Roll week ending 1/4/62	2,125.98
#31421 - Douglas O. Watson - Expenses in Baltimore attending k9 school	100.00

Checks presented at meeting of Mayor and Council on Jan. 9th, 1962, for approval:-

#31419 - George Bert. Cropper - Fill dirt used in construction of median strip on Baltimore Ave. (1961 CAPITAL FUND)	285.00
#31422 - Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inv. - Current - Dump site	5.00
#31423 - Marcus J. Williams - Retainer for 1962	400.00
#31424 - Quillin-Valliant - Glass and lock for garbage truck	6.89
#31425 - Hubert R. White - 6 Rolls Turkey wire for Dog training	176.40
#31426 - Dale's Esso Center - Statement for Dec., 1961	33.30
#31427 - Shaw-Walker - Rental payroll board for 1962	7.73
#31428 - Mary Carter Paint Co. - Roller covers and brush	6.42
#31429 - Hoffman Drycleaners - Laundry for Firehouse	5.73
#31430 - White and Leonard - Legal pads for police dept.	3.63
#31431 - George Bert. Cropper - Statement for Dec., 1961	47.52
#31432 - George Bert. Cropper - Services rendered in calculating sewerage demand flow from N. 15 to N. 1 sts. (1959 CAPITAL FUND)	200.00
#31433 - Jim's Bridge Amoco Service - Towing autobs during 1961 sea- son (balance)	124.00
#31434 - Kline's Heating Oil Service - Fuel oil	137.14
#31435 - The Adkins Co. of Ocean City - Statement for Dec., 1961	136.65
#31436 - William D. Rayne - One load clay-fill	5.00
#31437 - Hugh A. Stephens - Repairs to furnace at airport	61.78
#31438 - Harland R. Perdue & Son - Satement covering purchases from Sept., 1959 thru Dec., 1961	147.59
#31439 - Texaco, Inc. - Gasoline	150.50
#31440 - The Eastern Shore Public Service Co. - Christmas lighting	146.49
#31441 - The Eastern Shore Public Service Co. - Current - sign near Seaford	1.35
#31442 - The C. & P. Telephone Co. - All 'phones	181.62
#31443 - L. W. Gunby Co. - 300# 20d nails	46.16
#31444 - J. I. Wells Co., Inc. - 4x4 for posts for fence for Police Dog Training	88.20
#31445 - Board of County Commissioners - Share of rent of Berlin Clinic for quarter and 1/2 cost of clerical aid to Trial Magistrate	63.50

## PAY ROLL WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1962

Less Social Security  
 Less Federal W/H  
 Less State W/H  
 Net

\$2,455.89  
 76.79  
 230.60  
 22.52  
\$2,125.98

Wages on Weekly Basis \$1,828.47  
 Wages on Hourly Basis 627.42 \$2,455.89

## Distribution of Weekly Wages:

10.141 Clerks \$ 233.47  
 11.111 Police 1,150.00  
 10.811 Municipal Buildings 115.00  
 12.901 Boardwalk 150.00  
 13.201 Sewers 85.00  
 20.201 Water 95.00 \$1,828.47

## Distribution of Hourly Wages:

10.811 Municipal Buildings \$ 46.60  
 10.911 Xmas Lighting 41.75  
 11.111 Police Department 15.70  
 11.212 Fire Dept. 45.00  
 12.201 Streets 14.05  
 12.901 Boardwalk 213.38  
 13.201 Sewers 45.35  
 13.401 Waste Collection 205.59 627.42

TOTAL

\$2,455.89