

January 30th, 1962

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of January 23rd, 1962, were read and approved.

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

Representatives of the American Legion, William A. Steger, Frank Holloway and Dick Burton, came to this meeting with reference to a billing for sidewalk abutting the Legion property on Baltimore Ave. Mr. Steger stated that when they were asked to have this sidewalk constructed, they went to the Contractor, George Bert. Cropper, and asked that driveways be placed. Mr. Cropper asked them to go to his foreman, Raymond Savage, and tell him where they wanted the walks. They did go to him and assumed that the driveways would be placed. When the walk was poured, however, the driveways were not placed.

They asked that the Mayor and Council abate this bill inasmuch as they had not obtained a sidewalk in accordance with their wishes and they would have to expend monies in order to have the driveways made when required.

The original bill was in the amount of \$366.00. The last bill rendered carried an interest charge in the amount of \$49.00. It was agreed that the interest charge would be deleted and that the bill for the sidewalk would be reduced to \$275.00.

Mr. Angelo Villani and Mr. Albert Berger came to this meeting with reference to a financial statement on the operation of bingo by the American Legion, Fire Company and Lions Club during the year 1961. They asked if there were any questions pertaining to the report. There was some discussion relative to this. It was pointed out that the expense of furniture and equipment would not have to be expended next year and this would increase the net profits. It was also stated that they did not intend to have the number of employees next year as in the past, which will also reduce the operating expense. It was stated that this first year has been beneficial for future operation due to the experience derived.

Mr. Thomas A. Akins, Jr. and Mr. Henry P. Glendinning, representatives of Butcher and Sherrerd, 1500 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., came to this meeting with reference to financing Ocean City's proposed sewer bond issue.

Mr. Akins and Mr. Glendinning explained the role that their firm would play in acting as financial advisers to the City in the preparation and sale of the bonds. It was stated that they, Butcher and Sherrerd, would agree to do all of the preliminary work, including the preparation of any desired studies, necessary to ready the forthcoming bond issue for the market, free of charge. They would do this for the right to submit a negotiated bid to purchase the bonds. The Mayor and Council will be under no obligation to accept their bid if it does not prove satisfactory to them.

They will submit a preliminary indication of their negotiated offer seven days prior to submitting their firm bid. This will give the council members ample time to investigate through various sources how reasonable their bid figure is. Subject to a stable market, the same bid can be expected one week later. The decision to accept or reject their negotiated bid is made at the time their firm bid is submitted.

If the Mayor and Council accepts their offer, then they have a firm commitment for the money needed, and they can proceed with the desired construction. On the other hand, if their bid is rejected, then Butcher and Sherrerd agree to do all work necessary to prepare the bond issue for advertised sale, again free of charge.

Butcher and Sherrerd looks for its profit in such an undertaking solely in the price at which it will sell the bonds.

If they are allowed to handle this issue, they will begin their work in its early stages, whereby they will gain an intimate, first hand understanding of the particulars of the bond issue and, as well, spend considerable time investigating and stimulating buyer interest for the issue through their sales organization.

There were various questions by the Mayor and members of the Council during the explanation of the proposed role of Butcher and Sherrerd.

Mayor Cropper stated that he felt that this firm could be helpful to us in our bond issue and suggested that the matter be discussed and advise them of our decision.

Approval was given for certain dredging by Talbot E. Bunting and the disposal of the material in the area of Philadelphia Ave. south of N. 1st street in front of Moton's property.

A letter from the Economic Development Committee for Worcester County was read. The Mayor and Council were urged to attend a meeting at the Court House on Friday, February 23, 1962, at 8:00 P. M. , with reference to explaining to the citizens of the county what an Economic Development Committee can do for Worcester County and what such a committee has done for other counties.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 10:15 o'clock.

Mr. Showell stated that he felt that their proposal has merit and that it would seem that a lower interest rate could be effected.

Mr. McCabe asked concerning the rating that the town would receive, and would it be determined by them or by Moody's Investors Service.

Mr. Williams suggested that our bond counsel be contacted regarding this proposal to see if they have any objection to the bonds being sold on a negotiated basis, inasmuch as we are required to furnish bond counsel for Butcher and Sherrred.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by McCabe, that we consider the proposal made by Butcher and Sherrred, and be guided by the opinion of our bond counsel in the final agreement with them.

Mayor Cropper and Mr. Showell told of inspections having been made recently by representatives of the Maryland Plumbers Association through the Health Department. They had visited the job site of Mr. Showell's construction project and had advised him that all work of water and sewer was to be done by a master plumber. They inspected the work that was done and found it workmanlike and asked that one correction be made.

It was the feeling of the Mayor and members of the council that this inspection was prompted by publicity seekers and that they did not feel that this was being enforced anywhere else in the state. Mayor Cropper stated that he felt that the matter should be investigated inasmuch as we will need plumbers for various work in Ocean City and if they insist on a master plumber for each job, there will not be enough to go around.

Mr. Showell stated that their enforcement of this would alter his prices for work.

Mr. Williams was asked to write to the Health Department regarding this.

Mr. Jackson stated that the purchase of five fire extinguishers had been approved by the Mayor and Council at a recent meeting, however, Chief Phillips had advised that six would be required. Approval was given for the purchase of a sixth one.

Mr. Jackson read a letter from the Rescue Squad in which they requested the sum of \$180.00 to purchase radio equipment. A motion was made by McCabe, seconded by Jackson, that they be permitted to make this purchase and that the Mayor and Council would pay for the equipment.

Mr. Kelley read a letter from Mr. Irving McCabe complimenting the Mayor and Council upon their accomplishments and called attention to equipment that he has purchased.

The clerk was asked to have the floor of the Firehouse meeting room renovated.

On motion by McCabe, seconded by Jackson, the following vouchers were approved for payment:

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Mr. Williams stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Drennan of the State Aviation Commission advising that they and the Federal Aviation Commission were agreeable to paying the sum of \$5,000. for the property to be purchased from Mr. Walter Willing but they were not in favor of giving a portion of the land acquired from William M. Purnell in exchange for this. It was stated that they were afraid that this would interfere with the development of the airport in the future.

Building permits were approved for a twenty-three unit motel at 31st St. and Baltimore Ave. by Hugh F. Wilde and additions to the property recently acquired by Mr. John Lambros on the boardwalk between 4th and 5th streets, known as the Whealton Cottage.

Mr. Kelley stated that it had been necessary for the Mayor and Council to join the Biracial Committee that has been established in the County due to the urging of the Chamber of Commerce and individuals.

** Mr. Williams was asked to advise Mr. Willing of this development and to also advise Mr. William M. Purnell as he was also interested in acquiring a portion of this property.

Permission was granted to Frontier Town to hold a parade on Saturday, June 16, 1962.

Clerk advised that Mr. Richard Long, an agent for the State of Maryland in collecting amusement taxes had called with reference to difficulty he was having in collecting this tax from Dr. Richard Eschenberg at the French Quarter. Mr. Long had explained that this money would come back to the City as their share of this tax and that he asked for the town's cooperation in collecting this if he was unable to do so. The Mayor and Council felt that this collection should be made by the State and that the Town would not make any threats or coerce in its collection.

Clerk advised that Mr. Trammell of Airways Engineering Co. had called today with reference to the proposed paved runway to be constructed at the airport. He had asked that his firm be allowed to present a proposal for the engineering on this project.

Mayor Cropper stated that he would talk with Mr. Drennan regarding this and if there is no strong objection, then Airways Engineering may present a proposal.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 9:45 P. M.

PAY ROLL WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1962

Less Social Security	80.70
Less Federal W/H	244.50
Less State W/H	23.26
Net	<u>\$2,232.99</u>

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Wages on weekly basis	\$1,833.47	
Wages on hourly basis	<u>747.98</u>	<u>\$2,581.45</u>

Distribution of Weekly Wages:

10.141 Clerks	\$ 233.47	
10.811 Municipal Buildings	115.00	
11.111 Police	1,155.00	
12.901 Boardwalk	75.00	
12.903 Boardwalk (Capital)	75.00	
13.201 Sewers	85.00	
20.201 Water	<u>95.00</u>	\$1,833.47

Distribution of Hourly Wages:

10.811 Municipal Buildings	\$ 64.75	
10.911 Xmas Lighting	12.90	
11.111 Police Department	144.10	
11.212 Fire Department	40.50	
12.201 Streets	46.40	
12.901 Boardwalk	115.45	
12.903 Boardwalk (Capital)	95.00	
13.201 Sewers	33.80	
13.401 Waste Collection	163.68	
20.201 Water	28.80	
20.921 Ambulance	<u>2.60</u>	747.98
		<u>\$2,581.45</u>

Vouchers written since last Council meeting and signed by Treasurer:

#31484 - T. Earl Pierce - Advance expenses to Balto. re materials for Outdoor Show	50.00
#31485 - Pay Roll week ending 1/25/62	2,232.99
#31486 - Fashion Displays - Mannequin to use in display for Outdoor show	35.00

Vouchers presented for approval at meeting of Mayor and Council on
January 30th, 1962:

#31487 - Bank of Ocean City - Depository - January Withholding	938.20
#31488 - Employees' Retirement System - Contribution for month of January - Social Security	666.37
#31489 - Howard Parsons - Sharpening blade for power saw	1.00
#31490 - City Lunch - Food for prisoners for 1961 season	280.05
#31491 - E. S. P. S. Co. - Current - fire siren on Golf Course Rd.	1.25
#31492 - Becker Sign Supply Co. - Background paper for display	10.40
#31493 - The Baltimore Stationery Co. - 3 - 4-drawer filing cabinets	205.05
#31494 - Inlet Marine Supplies - 4 dry powder fire extinguishers	84.00
#31495 - Board of County Commissioners - Proportionate share of cost of Mosquito Control Work	616.05
#31496 - A. Jacobs & Sons, Inc. - Cap (Police)	6.44
#31497 - Hubert R. White Co., Inc. - Calking hammer	2.95
#31498 - Cropper & Brittingham, Inc. - January statement	222.22
#31499 - MacMillan Bros. Co. - Gasket set for Wisconsin motor	5.92
#31500 - A. Jacobs & Sons, Inc. - Trousers (Police)	21.58
#31501 - Ray Allen Manufacturing Co. - Coverall, cuffs & laces (Police)	120.00
#31502 - Sam Baker and Son - Service call	3.00
#31503 - Ocean City Machine Works - January statement	222.17
#31504 - Dixie Sign Co., Inc. - Rental of misc. signs for month of February	619.55
#31505 - "Special Assessment Fund" - To transfer fruns from General Fund (Collections for Front Footage Assess- ments)	238.12
#31506 - Kline's Heating Oil Service - Fuel oil for Fire House, City Hall and ambulance garage	57.24
#31507 - C & P Telephone Co. - All Phones	187.35
#31508 - Dr. F. J. Townsend - Professional services rendered to inmate requested by Police	15.00