

May 22nd, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, May 22nd, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

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

City Engineer Jerry Legg was also present.

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

Mr. Albert Berger, Mr. Lemuel Truitt and Mr. James T. Cropper came to this meeting as representatives of the Rescue Squad of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company.

The following letter had been drafted and it was moved by McCabe, seconded by Harman, that this letter be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

The Clerk was asked to advise Mr. Craig of its contents so that he and the life will be guided accordingly.

The Rescue Squad of the Ocean City Vol. Fire Company stands ready to serve all people in this area at all times, and will answer any call from either of the Doctors, the Ocean City Police Department or one of the members of the Rescue Squad.

To do this efficiently and with the minimum of confusion, we feel there should be some rules of procedure.

We feel the Captain of the Life Guards should be advised that we are qualified to act in an emergency. We carry portable breathing apparatus, stretchers etc. and can move a patient from any area of the beach to a doctors office or on to the hospital if necessary.

Since the Rescue Squad is a part of the Fire Company, and all Volunteers, we ask that there be no charge for the Rescue Ambulance, unless it is driven by the regular paid driver. We would not advertise this free service, knowing that some would call this ambulance first. We do not want to infringe on the rights and duties of the regular paid driver, we ask that whenever practical and possible the regular ambulance be called first.

There are 14 members of the Rescue Squad, all listed with the Police Department. At least half of this number are available at any given time. With this in mind, and except when driven by the paid driver, the Rescue Ambulance will be manned by Rescue Squad members only, and with no less than two men, a driver and one qualified First Aider attendant.

In the event of an emergency, where more than one ambulance is needed, we the Rescue Squad request authority to order the regular ambulance.

We will appreciate your suggestions and if there be criticisms from any department of the city, we ask that they be made directly to the Captain of the Rescue Squad.

We would like to stress our one purpose, that to extend the services of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, to meet another need. To render immediate First Aid and to transport the patient where they can get professional medical attention. We offer our services also to assist the regular driver at anytime. We feel this close cooperation is a must, if you are to get the full benefit that this service offers.

Mr. James Phillips came to this meeting soliciting an advertisement in the program booklet of the Maryland State Firemen's Convention to be held in Hagerstown in June. He stated that an Ocean City section was to be in this booklet and he would like to have the Mayor and Council's full page ad inserted at the beginning of this section.

It was thought that inasmuch as we would like very much to have this convention held here in 1963, an advertisement should be taken to invite them here.

A motion was made by Harman, seconded by Jackson, that an advertisement in the program booklet of the Maryland State Firemen's Convention at a cost of \$100.00. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting of May 8th, 1962, were read and approved.

Minutes of the special meeting of Wednesday, May 16th, 1962, had not been completed and it was agreed that they would be read at the next meeting.

Gen. C. H. Shuey came to this meeting as Chairman of the Worcester County Sanitary Commission. George, Miles and Buhr had sent out invitations for work to include all personnel, equipment, supplies, transportation and subsistence necessary for the accomplishment of a complete traverse and topographical survey of the area covered by the proposed sewerage system.

General Shuey stated that they had received bids from George Bert. Cropper and Edward H. Richardson Associates, Inc. The bid of Edward H. Richardson Associates was in the amount of \$13,900. and work could commence within two weeks. He stated, however, that this firm had made an exception to their bid and had only given a price on approximately 170,000 lin. ft.

A bid of \$12,000. had been received from Mr. Cropper, plus time and materials; or a firm price of \$15,000. and included approximately 300,000 lin. ft. Mr. Cropper could not commence work until June 15th.

General Shuey stated that the commission recommends that the work be given to Mr. Cropper based on the difference covered by the additional area to be surveyed. The prices to be based on his \$12,000. figure plus time and material, but not to exceed \$15,000.

Mr. Showell asked if we didn't have some of this survey already, and suggested that Mr. Cropper had performed such services and had been recompensed.

Mr. McCabe suggested that our Engineer go over the proposal and familiarize himself with the proposal.

Mr. Harman stated that he felt that the work should be commenced and that it should not be held up any longer.

General Shuey had also stated previously that the cost of this work would be shared proportionately by the Mayor and Council and the County Commissioners on a 60%-40% basis. The small percent to be paid by the city inasmuch as the area to be surveyed was larger outside the corporate limits.

Mr. Jackson asked General Shuey if he knew how the 60%-40% basis had been arrived at. He stated that this was a figure suggested by the Engineers.

Mr. Jackson also stated that he felt that a representative of the Mayor and Council should be apprised of developments in this proposed joint venture and that our engineer should keep up so as to advise the Mayor and Council of what is going on, and to look out for interests of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Kelley asked an explanation for the difference in bids as it seemed that there was a great difference if they had both bid on the same specifications.

General Shuey stated that Mr. Richardson had made an exception to the bid.

Mr. Legg stated that he would like to look over the specifications and bids and familiarize himself of what was going on.

It was decided that Mr. Legg would go over these and an answer would be determined at the next meeting of the Mayor and Council as to whether or not the Mayor and Council would accept the bid of George Bert. Cropper as recommended by the Sanitary Commission.

Mr. Jackson asked General Shuey what their plans for water were and he replied that they planned to have water in the ward north of 41st street by 1963 from independent wells, and would like to connect in to the town's system for emergency purposes so that either agency could utilize water by opening a valve at 41st street.

Mr. Jackson stated that there had been a committee appointed consisting of several members of the Mayor and Council to look into the purchase of land for this disposal

plant site and it was understood that Kenneth Carter was out selecting sites to be presented to the Commission and the Mayor and Council's committee had not been consulted.

Mr. Harman asked General Shuey if they had considered a method for assessing the water installation to the property owners - whether it would be by a front footage basis or ad valorem taxes. Gen. Shuey stated that this had not been determined.

Mr. Kelley stated that he felt that the Mayor and Council were interested in the site for the proposed plant site and that their committee should be included in the selection of a site.

Mr. L. L. Blackwell, lessee of the airport, came to this meeting at the request of Mr. Showell. A delinquent telephone bill had been presented to Mayor Cropper by the telephone company amounting to around \$300.00 that was owed by Mr. Blackwell. The telephone had been disconnected due to the non-payment of this bill. Mr. Blackwell explained that toll charges had been incurred by his son while away at school and it was something beyond his control. He further stated that if he had the money he would have paid the bill. He stated that he planned to pay \$150. on the bill next week and would make arrangements with them to pay the balance and would try to have them re-connect the telephone.

Other financial problems were discussed. Mr. Blackwell stated that he was unable to receive sufficient income from the operation of the airport to support his family and would not be able to pay anything towards the rental of the property. He stated that he would require at least \$85.00 per week.

Mayor Cropper suggested that Mr. Drennan be contacted and that a new contract and arrangements be made with Mr. Blackwell for the continued operation of the airport.

Mayor Cropper stated that he had another appointment and would have to leave but wished to bring up the following:

He said that we are presently paying to the county commissioners the sum of \$20.00 per month towards clerical aid to the Trial Magistrate and that he understood that the sum was not being received by Judge Robins for that purpose. He also stated that he understood that Judge Robins had been to the county commissioners concerning additional funds so that he could hire someone to help him during the summer months but that they had denied his request. It was decided that this sum of \$20.00 per month would be given directly to Judge Robins for his use in hiring additional help as required by him.

Mayor Cropper also stated that he was having considerable difficulty with Mr. Muth who is putting on a parade here for June 2nd inasmuch as he has not been as attentive to the details as he should have been. He stated that he had talked with him and that he was planning on another talk to try to get him straightened out.

Mr. Cropper called attention to the sections on Ocean City that have been received from the Baltimore American and asked if the council members had solicited funds from property owners to offset the cost of printing this section. He asked that they go out in the garage and look at the pile of papers.

Mayor Cropper brought up the matter of the razing of the Jamaican Motel between 35th and 36th streets and asked ideas for such. He stated that he had talked with Omar Todd about this and he had promised to look at it and let him know what he thought could be done.

It was requested that Mr. Williams prepare a release to be signed by the owners of the property so that a tax lien will be on the property and the cost of razing it can be collected from them.

Mr. Showell stated that Mr. Nichols of the Ocean City Real Estate and Insurance Agency had stated that he felt that the Town may be liable for accidents occasioned by the condition of the building inasmuch as they were aware of its condition and had not made progress in warning people or protecting them.

The Clerk was asked to have Mr. Williams write to Mr. Kelbold concerning the Flagship Motel and send such communication by registered mail.

A letter from the Federal Aviation Agency was read by the clerk. This letter advised that the proposed paving of the primary runway, stub taxiway and apron has been reviewed and found to be acceptable from an airspace utilization standpoint. However, it did not constitute assurance of inclusion of this work, as requested, in our Fiscal Year 1963 Request for Aid. The Request for Aid is currently being reviewed and we will be advised at a later date concerning the results of the review.

A letter from the Small Business Administration, signed by John H. Fox, Disaster Field Office Manager, was also read by the clerk. This letter expressed appreciation to Mayor Cropper and his staff for help and assistance rendered.

A letter from Hungerford and Terry, Inc. was also read by the clerk. This letter stated that Mr. Churchill Hungerford, Jr. had talked with Mayor Cropper and had sug-

gested that due consideration should be given to having one of their shop mechanics completely inspect and clean each of the poppet valves at both north and south treatment plants. This should be done periodically to make certain that the plants will be in "top-notch" operating condition for our peak vacation season.

The letter continued that they will furnish the services of one of their shop mechanics to clean and inspect each of the poppet valves along with the services of one of their Field Engineers to check over the operation of each of the units for a net price of \$1,600.00. Also that any replacement parts that may be required will be charged in accordance with their spare parts list.

Also that in view of the unforeseen expenditures encountered by the Town because of the storm, they would not require us to make payment for these services until the Fall of 1963.

The Clerk was asked the necessity for this and stated that he felt that Mr. Hungerford was interested in the operation of the plants and that he relied on his judgement and felt that it would be beneficial.

A motion was made by Harman, seconded by Jackson, that the offer of Hungerford & Terry, Inc. be accepted as shown in their letter. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Building permits for Earl Albright and for Brice Phillips were approved.

Completion and granting of permits so that they will be completed on or before June 15th were discussed. Setting a time limit on the issuance of permits was brought up. Suggestions were made as to final dates and there were disagreements on such a date. Nothing definite was decided in this.

Mr. Showell stated that he had been having considerable difficulty in obtaining a permit from the Health Department for a swimming pool that he was going to build at his motel on 37th street. He stated that the person in charge of this in Baltimore had been out of the office and he would probably have to go to Baltimore in order to get the permit approved.

Mr. McCabe stated that he had examined the building of Herman Levy located on Wicomico Street east of Baltimore Ave. from the outside and he felt that the back part of the building and property was a fire hazard. Examination of this building by the Worcester County Fire Marshall was discussed. It was pointed out that he requires a request from the Mayor and Council for such inspection and order to condemn the building as unsafe. It was suggested that Mr. Legg examine the building on a structural basis and give his opinion of its condition.

Mr. Harman asked if the City had an ordinance pertaining to driving of wells on private property. He stated that he was planning to drive wells for the purpose of air conditioning. He was told that we do have such an ordinance.

Mr. Harman stated that there had been a cocktail party at Josie & Maria's on Sunday for a private group and he wondered if permission for such had been given by this office or the Police Department. No one was aware that such an affair had taken place. Mr. Harman pointed out the illegality of this in places that have an alcoholic beverage license.

Mr. Jackson stated that Henry Burbage had talked with him about him not having a town vehicle to use in performing his duties for the town and was having to use his car. It was suggested that one of the police cars be turned over to him for such time as it is needed by the Police Department.

Mr. Jackson stated that he would like to see the sidewalk replaced on the south side of 13th street. He was told that Mr. Showell has this on his list of work to be done.

Mr. Kelley brought up for consideration by the Council the work that is being performed by Mrs. Naoni Bell in the Information Center and the fact that Mrs. Laws is still in school and is not doing her share of the work. He stated that he felt that the work was too much for Mrs. Bell to handle by herself.

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

The meeting adjourned on motion at 10:00 P. M.

#31917	- I. Villani & Sons - Window shades (Trailer Park)	7.16
#31918	- West Side Feed Co. - Dog food	39.15
#31919	- Milton E. Moore - Endorsement - increasing coverage for Firemen	180.12
#31920	- Quilbin-Valliant - Bushing for Farm Tractor	0.60
#31921	- The Grier Tire Co. - 4 tires for Sta. Wagon	89.36
#31922	- V. V. Hughes & Sons - Baskets	9.05
#31923	- Emma Hudson - Rental of truck	183.60
#31924	- The Candy Kitchen Plant - Sugar Pops (Xmas)	17.85

Pay Roll W/E 5/10/62

Less Social Security  
Less Federal W/H  
Less State W/H  
Police Fund

4,196.72  
131.25  
334.60  
33.80  
8.00  

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3,689.07

Wages on Monthly Basis 708.33  
Wages on Weekly Basis 2,381.58  
Wages on Hourly Basis 1,106.81

4,196.72

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGES ON MONTHLY BASIS:

10.131 Mayor and City Council 708.33

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGES ON WEEKLY BASIS:

10.141	Clerks	213.47
10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	50.00
10.911	Advertising	120.00
11.111	Police	1,198.73
11.212	Fire Depts.	9.55
12.201	Streets	308.29
12.901	Boardwalk	28.12
13.201	Sewers	100.62
13.301	Beach Cleaning	10.91
13.401	Waste Collection	8.18
19.201	Life Guards	2.73
20.201	Water	116.88
20.901	Trail Park	75.00
20.931	Airport	2.73
20.941	Beach Parking Lot	12.50
1959 Capital Fund		37.50
Storm		13.64
Clean Up		70.73
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DISTRIBUTION OF WAGES ON HOURLY BASIS:

10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	58.00
11.111	Police Dept.	9.45
11.212	Fire Dept.	64.05
12.201	Streets	137.93
12.901	Boardwalk	82.63
13.201	Sewers	39.65
13.301	Beach Cleaning	50.35
13.401	Waste Collection	316.58
19.201	Life Guards	2.70
20.201	Water	103.23
20.901	Trailer Park	3.12
20.931	Airport	7.70
20.911	Comfort Station	75.62
20.941	Beach Parking Lot	10.00
1959 Capital Fund		20.00
Storm		64.75
Clean Up		61.05
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4,196.72

Pay Roll W/E 5/17/62

	3676.90
Less Social Security	118.95
Less Federal W/H	343.90
Less State W/H	34.59
Less Police Fund	7.50
	<u>3,175.96</u>

Wages on Weekly Basis	2465.81
Wages on Hourly Basis	<u>1211.09</u>

3676.90

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGES ON WEEKLY BASIS:

10.141	Clerks	257.12	
10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	50.00	
10.911	Advertising	120.00	
11.111	Police	1,213.68	
11.212	Fire Depts.	5.45	
12.201	Streets	329.33	
12.901	Boardwalk	53.13	
13.201	Sewers	147.50	
13.301	Beach	12.28	
13.401	Waste Collection	17.05	
20.201	Water	107.09	
20.901	Trailer Park	75.00	
	Clean Up	<u>78.18</u>	
			2,465.81

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGES ON HOURLY BASIS:

10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	48.00	
11.111	Police Dept.	9.45	
11.212	Fire Dept.	50.78	
12.201	Streets	256.85	
12.901	Boardwalk	41.07	
13.201	Sewers	112.93	
13.301	Beach	118.25	
13.401	Waste Collection	427.56	
19.201	Life Guards	5.20	
20.201	Water	41.85	
20.911	Comfort Station	75.00	
	Clean up	1.35	
	Storm Damage	<u>22.80</u>	
			<u>1,211.09</u>
			3,676.90



Vouchers written since last council meeting and signed by Treasurer and/or a member of the Council:

#31880m-	The Sea Scape - 50' Bulkhead across 16th street and drawing machine, table and chair	2,015.00
#31881	- Pay Roll week ending 5/10/62	3,689.07
#31882	- Mayor & City Council - Transfer funds from Capital Fund to General Fund	10,000.00

The following vouchers prepared and presented for approval at meeting of Mayor and Council on Tuesday, May 22, 1962:

#31883	- Void	
#31884	- Bob Savage - Rental of Truck	340.00
#31885	- Clendaniel Sign Service - Lettering police cars and helmets for Firemen	107.00
#31886	- Artcraft Electric Supply Co. - 2 cans CRC	4.40
#31887	- Southern Oxygen Co. - Acetylene	8.80
#31888	- Void	
#31889	- Trimpers Marine Railway - 38 piling and driving - 12th St.	1206.50
#31890	- Railway Express Agency - Additional express charges on literature to New York	24.66
#31891	- Lee Pen Company - Pens	40.00
#31892	- <del>Drilling</del> Inland Construction Corp. - Driving piling across 25th street	915.00
#31893	- The Permutit Co. - Services of engineer in connection with Simplex Equipment at Disp. Plant	75.47
#31894	- Maps, Inc. - 6 - 18x18 Enlargements - air photos of Ocean City	48.38
#31895	- Erma Hudson - Rental of truck 4/30/62 to 5/10/62	221.40
#31896	- Sea Scape Motel - Room - Capt. Chas Leete	15.45
#31897	- The Eastern Shore Gas Co. - Gas consumed - Barracks, Trailer Park, Comfort Station, N. & S. Treatment Plants, Garage Bldg. and Fire House	148.46
#31898	- Charles H. Lathbury - Pumping septic tank at Airport	15.00
#31899	- Protections Service Co. - Rental warning signals	102.60
#31900	- Pay Roll week ending 5/17/62	3,175.96
#31901	- Clifton Cannon - Statement 4/30 thru 5/12/62	80.24
#31902	- The Hirshberg Co. - Rod and scale	46.31
#31903	- Howard S. Culver - Rental of trucks to transport prisoners.	240.00
#31904	- Victor Lynn Lines - Freight on misc. castings from Maris Barrier, Inc.	150.77
#31905	- Railway Express Agency - Exp. on nursery stock	7.81
#31906	- The E. S. P. S. Co. - Municipal light and power, traffic lights and street lighting	1,460.23
#31907	- The Barrett Chevrolet, Inc. - Statement 4/30/62 thru 5/17/62	173.85
#31908	- Wald Industries, Inc. - Misc. parts for paint machine	7.08
#31909	- Trimpers Marine Railway - Piling and driving at 7th st	816.90
#31910	- Delaware Light & Power - Current - sign near Seaford	10.93
#31911	- Spring Hill Nurseries - Cannas	85.80
#31912	- A. Jacobs & Sons, Inc. - Police caps	130.00
#31913	- Todd Co., Inc. - Rake and scarifier	546.07
#31914	- Pioneer Salt Co. - Chlorine	81.90
#31915	- Motorola Communications - Portable radio	277.50
#31916	- Texaco, Inc. - Gasoline	327.62