

September 25th, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, September 25th, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

It was decided that meetings beginning next Tuesday will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Clerk showed samples of annual reports from various municipalities and suggested that such a report be prepared and sent to all tax payers of Ocean City.

It was thought that it would be expensive to have such a pamphlet printed and it was thought best to publish excerpts from the audit in the Eastern Shore Times and the Democratic Messenger.

A motion was made by McCabe, seconded by Harman, that the audit be published in the Eastern Shore Times and Democratic Messenger annually. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Authorization was given to purchase approximately 12 tons of ROCKITE to be used for patching streets and it was suggested that the company that has been furnishing this material be asked to submit names of other suppliers so that competitive prices can be obtained in the future.

Mr. Legg presented building permits for approval for a Mr. Stanbaugh for a one-family residence on Edgewater Ave. and to the Presbyterian Church for their new church building on Philadelphia Ave. at 13th Street. These were approved.

Mayor Cropper stated that the Pier Company was excavating at the end of their building and that a large hole was there due to this excavation. Mr. Legg was asked to contact the owners and have them rope this area off so as to call attention to the area.

Alteration permits were approved for the raising of the building on the property of Koachai Motoyoshi and for the enclosing of a rear porch on the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Strohecker.

Mr. Legg described proposed rebuilding at Phillips Crab House and their desire to place a stairway which will be enclosed in the front yard area on Upshur street. Although no permit was presented, the Phillips wanted to know if such would be approved so that they could make plans accordingly. It was stated that the ~~purpose of~~ ~~this was to prevent fire hazard~~ restriction preventing ~~the~~ construction ~~of~~ in the front yard area was for fire prevention and inasmuch as there would be no reason for this at this location, they would be permitted to construct this enclosed portion of the building in that area.

Mr. Legg stated that the condition of the Ford dump truck was such that it would require extensive repairs and it was estimated that such repairs would be in the neighborhood of seven hundred dollars. It was thought that inasmuch as the truck body is in good condition, it would be best to secure prices on a new chassis. He was asked to obtain prices from Clifton Cannon, Barrett Chevrolet, Duncan Bros. and Quillin-Valliant.

Mr. Legg stated that the tractor used for raking the beach was also in bad condition mechanically and needed repairs that would run close to two hundred dollars for the parts. Approval was given for the repairs of this vehicle.

Mr. Legg stated that the owner of the Sands Hotel had been to him today with reference to storm water that drains to their property from the alley between 13th and 14th streets. Methods of combatting this were discussed and it was decided that the alley could be re-graded so as to keep water from the streets from running on their property. It was decided that this can be done next spring when other road work is being done.

Mr. Legg stated that he had contact representatives of Rockwell Manufacturing Co. with reference to obtaining meter testing equipment and to have someone instruct our personnel in the repairs and operation of water meters but that he had not heard from them as yet. He stated that he would require a calibrated tank in order to test meters and didn't know what one would cost.

Mayor Cropper stated that inasmuch as Mr. Jackson was no longer on the council, he would like for Mr. Harman to keep up with the billboards that the town rents from Dixie Sign Company and report their condition from time to time so that they will be kept in good condition. Mr. Harman stated that he had recently examined the signs on 404 and on Rte. 50 near the bay bridge. He stated that the ones on 404 are good directional signs but that if we were paying \$17.50 for each of them, he thought that the price was too much. He stated that the sign on Rte. 50 near the Bay Bridge needed repairs and repainting.

Mr. Legg was asked to obtain information on a base station and radios for the necessary vehicles under his direction so that contacts can be made directly to them without having to ride all over town to find out what is going on and where the equipment and men may be.

Mr. Harman stated that sand had blown in the streets over this weekend. Mr. Legg stated that he had noted it and was planning to have it removed.

Mr. Harman stated that he felt that the Mayor and Council should look into the matter of tax abatements on tangible and real property that was lost due to the storm of last March. Mayor Cropper stated that he would write to Mr. Joseph G. Harrison in this regard.

Mr. McCabe stated that the bus schedule during this time of year prevented anyone from going to Baltimore and returning the same day if they wished to remain in Baltimore for any length of time. As it is now, there is only a short time before the bus returns to Ocean City. It was suggested that a letter be written to Carolina Coach Co. and ask if they would be able to alter their schedule, leaving Ocean City earlier in the morning and returning later in the day. Mr. McCabe was asked to contact the clerk and advise him of the contents of the proposed letter and he would take care of writing it.

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

Checks written since last Council meeting and signed by Treasurer:

#32418 - Pay Roll week ending 9/20/62 3,538.65

Checks prepared and presented for approval at meeting of Mayor and Council - Sept. 25th, 1962

#32415 - Nathanael R. Thomas, M. D. - Professional services - inmate	8.00
#32416 - Delaware Power & Light Co. - Current - sign on Seaford Rd.	10.86
#32417 - Delmarva Asphalt Co., Inc. - Use of equipment and operators Mar. 27th thru May 17th and repairing streets	17,240.60
#32419 - Duncan Parking Meter - 50% of income from Parking Meters during season	3,913.97
#32420 - The Salisbury Times - Advertisement re sale of electric motors	22.44
#32421 - Maryland Municipal League - Group Insurance Premium	499.56
#32422 - Berlin Florists - Flowers for Allen funeral	15.00
#32423 - Hubert R. White Hardware Co., Inc. - 2 rolls turkey wire	74.40

Pay Roll week ending 9/20/62		\$4,078.22
	Less Social Security	122.35
	Less Federal W/H	370.00
	Less State W/H	39.22
	Less Police Fund	8.00
		<u>\$3,538.65</u>

Wages on weekly basis	\$2,725.86
Wages on hourly basis	<u>1,352.36</u>
	<u>\$4,078.22</u>

Distribution of weekly wages:

10.141 Clerks	\$ 163.47	
10.231 Trial Magistrate Aid	8.33	
10.811 Municipal Buildings	60.00	
10.911 Advertising	60.00	
11.111 Police	1,378.71	
11.212 Fire Dept.	17.73	
12.201 Streets	200.59	
12.901 Boardwalk		
13.201 Sewers	119.65	
13.301 Cleaning Beach	72.51	
13.401 Waste Collection	11.36	
19.201 Life Guards	126.48	
20.201 Water	314.89	
20.901 Trailer Lot	75.00	
20.911 Comfort Station	<u>117.14</u>	\$2,725.86

Distribution of hourly wages:

10.811 Municipal Buildings	\$ 48.00	
11.111 Police Dept.	8.30	
11.212 Fire Dept.	48.20	
12.201 Streets	240.31	
1.2901 Boardwalk	72.00	
13.201 Sewers	56.47	
13.301 Cleaning Beach	97.41	
13.401 Waste Collection	536.81	
19.201 Life Guards	9.26	
20.201 Water	176.21	
20.921 Ambulance	4.35	
20.931 Airport	31.85	
20.941 Beach Parking Lot	<u>23.18</u>	<u>1,352.36</u>
		<u>\$4,078.22</u>

Mr. Lemuel Truitt of the Rescue Squad came into this meeting with reference to a new ambulance. He stated that they had obtained prices on ambulances, new and used. A price of \$10,500.00 was the approximate price for a new vehicle. The necessity of replacing both the Cadillac and Pontiac was discussed. Inability to purchase two vehicles at once was brought out. The possibility of purchasing one new one now that will be used by the City and turn the Cadillac over to the Rescue squad was suggested. Waiting until April or May to place the order was also suggested. Mr. Truitt was told that the matter would be considered and he would be advised.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 9:30 o'clock.