

October 23, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, October 23rd, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of October 16th, 1962, were read and approved with one correction. The following paragraph was read from the minutes:

"It was decided by the Mayor and Council that the matter (re-hiring of Luther D. Bell) would be left up to Mr. Legg and if Mr. Bell wanted to come back and he thought that they could get along together, then it would be satisfactory to re-hire him."

It is corrected to read:

by the Mayor and Council

It was decided that the matter would be left up to Mr. Legg.

There was discussion concerning the re-hiring of Mr. Bell. Mr. Legg stated that he had been to him and he had told him that he would give him an answer in a few days.

Mr. Harman, Mr. McCabe and Mr. Bunting had been on an inspection tour of the treatment plants last Wednesday and each of them stated that the plants were in very bad condition and had not been taken care of.

Mr. Kelley stated that he had talked with Mr. Bell and that he did not feel that he should be re-hired due to his attitude towards the town.

Mr. Bunting stated that he agreed that the plans were in very poor condition and stated that he did not know whether it was the fault of Mr. Bell or not. He felt that perhaps the person in charge was responsible as Mr. Bell was under ~~their~~ ^{his} direction. He also stated that he did not want to decide whether or not to re-hire him as he felt that this would be up to Mr. Legg.

Mr. McCabe and Mr. Harman felt that the plants had not been properly maintained and did not feel that he should be re-hired.

Mr. Legg stated that he did not wish to re-hire Mr. Bell and did not want to hire anyone at this time.

A letter from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. C. Fire Dept. requesting permission to rope off Dorchester St. between Philadelphia Ave. and Baltimore Ave. was read by the clerk. They stated that they were planning to hold a Kiddie Carnival at the firehouse starting at 11:00 A. M. on Saturday, Nov. 17th and wanted the street roped off so that the children will be able to better romp around without concern of any traffic on the street. This was approved by the Council.

A postal card from Surplus Sales Information Services was read by the clerk. This advised that pamphlets covering the government's procedures for disposing of surplus was available at a cost of \$3.00. Clerk was ordered to purchase these pamphlets.

Mr. James E. Collins was present at this meeting and he advised that the architects were now working on the plans for Maryland's proposed structure in the forthcoming New York World's Fair and that his company was working with them on the lighting. He suggested that Ocean City make sure that there is a niche or space for them. Mr. Collins was asked to intercede in behalf of the Mayor and Council and see what he could find out about this.

A building permit for motel units for William W. Harman was approved.

A building permit for a store building for Lester ^{Bunting} ~~Esham~~ was approved with the understanding that he will furnish necessary plans to complete his application.

Mr. Legg stated that he was still working on the purchase of radios for his vehicle and other vehicles but had not determined just what to obtain as yet. He stated that he wished to make other inquiries. Mr. Bunting suggested the name of a concern in Lewes, Del.

Mr. Legg stated that he, Bart Sharp and Steve Quillin had gone over the Cadillac Ambulance recently and found it to be in Al condition.

Mr. Legg stated that Mr. Elisha Bunting had been to him about the bulkheading that the Town had promised across the end of 26th street and that he believed that Mr. Bunting thought that the town would also bulkhead the north side of the street

from the end back to the existing bulkhead which is the west end of the Bayshore property, a distance of approximately 60 ft. The Council stated that they only intended to bulkhead across the street and also thought that Mr. Bunting was aware of this.

Mr. Legg stated that he believed that the town could handle the land fill operation at the dump site with its own equipment and personnel much cheaper than it is now be handled under contract. He stated that the purchase of a crane and an operator would run approximately \$10,000 per year for four years until a crane was paid for and that this would be a saving over the present costs and would result in greater savings over a longer period of time.

The clerk was asked to review our Contract with Mr. Omar Todd and report to the Mayor and Council at their next meeting.

Mr. Legg's idea was met with accord and he was asked to wait until we can determine the terms of the existing contract and we could also be looking around for a crane which may be available in Government surplus.

Mr. McCabe brought up the matter of the Mayor and Council participating with the County in the construction of sewerage facilities and the sale of bonds for such purpose. It was suggested that the firm of ~~Baker, Watts and Co.~~ *Robert Garrett & Sons* be contacted and asked to attend the meeting of the Mayor and Council on ~~May~~ November 6th to see if they advise a joint venture with the County under the circumstances.

Mr. Harman suggested that proper legislation be enacted during this coming session enabling the Mayor and Council to enter into such an agreement with the County and Sanitary Commission.

Mr. Kelley stated that he would talk with Mr. Sanford about the necessity of such legislation.

Mr. Legg stated that he had contacted the Health Dept. with reference to the necessity for furnishing facilities for trailers. He stated that inasmuch as most trailers now have their own toilet facilities, etc. he did not feel that the bathrooms and showers that are now being furnished by the town are actually necessary and that he needed space for storage of salt and was considering an office in one of the buildings. The Council were in accord with Mr. Legg's idea but suggested that he find out definitely if the Health Department requires facilities that are being provided and to also talk with Mayor Cropper concerning his idea.

Mr. Legg also stated that he felt that the operation of the trailer park by a manager as has been done in the past is unnecessary as he feels that it ~~is~~ can be handled by his staff without any difficulty. He cited that most of the work is done by our forces anyway - that is in the way of maintenance.

Mr. Russell Cullen came to this meeting concerning the convention of the ~~May 1st~~ Maryland State Firemen's Associations which will meet here next June. He asked about the date and suggested that it be held the week before the 4th of July instead of two weeks, ^{as has been customary}. He stated that schools are out the first week and places are usually filled with students at that time and usually the week preceding the 4th of July is a slow one anyway. The Council generally agreed with Mr. Cullen's suggestion and asked him to present this to the Fire Company who put on the convention and get their approval.

Mr. McCabe brought up the matter of ^{court} proceedings against Dr. Richard Eschenberg ~~is~~ for violation of our ordinance concerning buildings ~~between~~ between June 15th and Sept. 15th. Mr. Williams had presented this at last week's meeting and had stated that he and Mr. Prettyman did not feel that the Mayor and Council would win its case against Dr. Eschenberg inasmuch as others were permitted to continue construction during the same period of time and that exceptions had been made ever since the ordinance had been enacted.

Mr. McCabe stated that inasmuch as there had not been complaints concerning others and when complaints had been made the property owners had complied in stopping work or curtailing their work to such an extent that they satisfied the complainants, he felt that inasmuch as Dr. Eschenberg did not stop when asked to do so or would not curtail his building so as to abate complaints, he felt that he was in violation and that his case was a separate one and did not necessarily relate to other building at the same time.

Other discussion ensued pertaining to the ordinance which forbids construction during the period June 15th to Sept. 15th and its lack of enforcement.

A motion was made by McCabe, seconded by Harman, that letters from City Solicitor Marcus J. Williams and State's Attorney, Daniel Prettyman, be obtained concerning their opinions on the merits of our suit and if they advise that they feel that the court will rule against the Town, then he will be willing to dismiss the case against Dr. Eschenberg. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bunting asked that passages be placed in the sand fence so that ~~those~~ ^{LADIES} wishing to go on the beach can walk through rather than climb over the fence.

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

#32505 - Pay Roll week ending 10/18/62 2,585.63

Vouchers prepared for presentation for approval at meeting of Mayor and Council - 10/23/62

#32506	- Hungerford and Terry, Inc. - Iron and manganese test kit	45.00
#32507	- Mary Carter Paint Co. - 2 gals. paint for M&C office	8.76
#32508	- Protection Service Inc. - Lease of flashing signals	72.86
#32509	- Delaware Power and Light Co. - Current - sign on Seaford Rd	10.21
#32510	- Preston Trucking Co. - Freight on testing kit from Hungerford and Terry	4.65
#32511	- Hubert R. White Hde. Co. - Dresser couplings, pipe fittings, nails, valves, pipe and cleanout plugs	146.27
#32512	- International Salt Co. - 600 bags. 100# ea. salt	687.00
#32513	- J. T. Roberts & Bro., Inc. - Couplings and blind caps	20.40
#32514	- Fred C. and Barbara M. Adell - Refund 1962 Taxes (Should not have been assessed for 1962)	63.00
#32515	- The Irvin H. Hahn Co. - Badges and cap devices for police dept. (this invoice is dated 3/29/62 and we never got copy of it in this office until today)	110.68

Pay Roll week ending 10/18/62

Less Social Security	\$2,970.39
Less Federal W/H Tax	69.20
Less State W/H Tax	279.70
Less Police Fund	27.86
Net Pay	<u>8.00</u>
	<u>\$2,585.63</u>

Wages on weekly basis	\$2,142.32
Wages on hourly basis	<u>828.07</u>
	<u>\$2,970.39</u>

Distribution of weekly wages:

10.141 City Clerks	\$ 163.47	
10.811 Municipal Buildings	120.00	
11.111 Police Department	1,194.32	
11.212 Fire Department	9.54	
12.201 Streets	197.71	
13.201 Sewers	108.18	
13.301 Beach Cleaning	112.50	
13.301 Sand Fence	10.00	
13.401 Waste Collection	16.14	
20.201 Water	125.46	
20.931 Airport	<u>85.00</u>	2,142.32

Distribution of hourly wages:

10.811 Municipal Buildings	50.85	
11.111 Police Department	5.80	
11.212 Fire Department	52.25	
22.201 Streets	92.23	
13.201 Sewers	48.35	
13.301 Sand Fence	183.60	
13.401 Waste Collection	240.79	
20.201 Water	<u>154.20</u>	<u>828.07</u>
		<u>\$2,970.39</u>

Approval was given the clerk to proceed with ~~the~~ obtaining a desk that he described by having it made locally at a cost of approximately \$145.00.

Mr. Harman brought up for consideration the auditor's recommendation that parking fines be paid through the office of the Mayor and Council rather than through the police dept. This was tabled until November 6th,

It was decided that there will be no meeting next week.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 9:30 o'clock.