

November 20th, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, November 20th, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of November 13th, 1962, were read and approved.

Chief Phillips, Assistant Chief Hudson and Lt. Preston Truitt came to this meeting with reference to the dismissal of Sgt. Douglas O. Watson from the Police Department. Chief Phillips cited a number of instances that had occurred prior to the last incident in which he had had to reprimand him for certain complaints that he had received, he stated that he had been uncooperative and had not obeyed orders from his superior officers. The last incident involved a dispute between himself and Miss Delores Magee at which time he had cursed Miss Megee in uniform in a public place of business. He had at first been dismissed for a period of thirty days and events after this had made his dismissal permanent.

After this Sgt. Watson had been to a number of Council members and citizens and told a story that seemed that he had not actually committed a wrong and made accusations against other members of the police department.

Certain Council members had been approached concerning his dismissal and there had been a certain sympathy for him by those that were intervening in his behalf.

After explanations of various events by Chief Phillips, Asst. Chief Hudson and Lt. Hudson the Council was satisfied with the action taken by the Chief and stated that they were interested in the facts so that they would be aware of the circumstances.

Chief Phillips also stated that although he had been trained in Baltimore for training the K9 dogs, other personnel of the department were capable of taking over this position and his dismissal would in no way affect the efficiency of the K9 Corps.

Chief Phillips stated that Sgt. Watson has retained his Ocean City Police Dept. ID card and K9 Corps tags for his auto. The return of these items by him was urged.

Disposition of the dog assigned to him was left up to the Chief.

A letter from Mr. Wm. H. Klebold, National Resorts of Maryland, Inc. was read by the clerk. This letter advised that it is their intention to restore the damage done in the March 5-6, 1962, storm with the help of a disaster relief loan which is now being processed by the Small Business Administration and then to resume work on the entire 216 unit project, not merely the north wing which was underway at the time of the storm. In this regard, we have secured a mortgage commitment from the Columbia University of New York City in an amount sufficient to complete the entire building. This commitment is contingent upon the sale of 80% of the co-operative units and we expect to satisfy that requirement by mid-December, 1962. At that point, we would be in a position to settle on the construction loan and resume work at the site.

Clerk presented copy of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners to Mr. John B. Funk, State Roads Commission, with reference to the construction of jetties. The letter stated that after many lengthy discussions with their County Engineer, their County Roads Engineer, the Mayor and Council of Ocean City, Mayor Trimper and several old time residents that have lived in Ocean City all their lives it is the general opinion that the construction of the jetties are inadequate for the preservation and building of the beaches. The opinion being that if the present jetties were built to a higher elevation and extended to the first sandbar there seems to be no question that this type of jetty would have a greater potential to stabilize the beach. A perfect example of this would be the north jetty at the inlet and the elongated beach as a result of this type of construction.

The letter asked that they consider constructing one such jetty on an experimental basis and asked for a meeting with them at their earliest convenience in order that this plan would receive some consideration before the contract is awarded for the jetty program.

Christmas Decorations comparable to what we had last year was approved.

Mr. Legg stated that he would like to obtain a larger bucket for our crane inasmuch as the present small one would not "take a big enough bite" and he felt that the time saved would pay for the bucket during the laying of the pipe for the force main.

Mr. Harman stated that he had looked at the operation and he agreed that a larger bucket would be advantageous.

A motion was made by Harman, seconded by Bunting, that Mr. Legg be permitted to purchase a 30" bucket for the Bantam Crane at a cost of approximately \$420.00. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Payment of this item will be from the 1959 Capital Fund.

Mr. Kelley stated that the Postmaster and other postal employees had complained to him about the water tha stands in front of the post office building. A depression on the east side of Baltimore Ave. between 4th and 5th streets holds water and will not drain.

The inadequate storm drains at 5th street and Philadelphia Ave. was also mentioned.

Filling in of this depression with some suitable material was advised and someone suggested that the State perform this work inasmuch as it is on their part of their road system.

Mayor Cropper stated that William W. Harman had reported to him that there is no water at the hydrant on 29th street and Philadelphia Ave. Mr. Legg was asked to check on this.

Mr. John Rolfe stated that Richard Crabbe was interested in purchasing property on Philadelphia Ave. that is now zoned residentially and wished to have a crib rental service in the building with apartments on the upper floor. He also stated that there is an alley in the rear of the building that could be used for loading and unloading the equipment and he wished to remodel the building and it would have no apparent appearance of a business use.

Mr. Rolfe was told that Mr. Crabbe had made application to construct a new building on 15th street about a year ago and wished to use a portion of the building for the same purpose and had been denied a permit inasmuch as the location was in a residential area.

Mr. Rolfe was advised that the area would have to be re-zoned in order to permit this type operation.

On motion by ^{McCabe}~~Harman~~, seconded by ^{Harman}~~McCabe~~, the following vouchers were approved for payment:

The meeting adjourned on motion at 9:15 o'clock.

Vouchers written since last council meeting and signed by Treasurer:

#32603 - Pay Roll week ending 11/15/62 2,939.86

Vouchers prepared and presented for approval at meeting of Mayor and Council - November 20th, 1962:

#32604	- Wm. Baumgarten & Co. - Rubber stamp	1.50
#32605	- Delaware Power & Light Co. - Current - sign on Seaford Rd.	11.51
#32606	- The Ford Meter Co. - Devices for setting water meters to place them at desired height	221.75
#32607	- Edwards 5 and 10 - Lampshades	7.61
#32608	- Trimper's Marine Railway - Furnishing and driving piling across alley between 36th and 37th streets	187.50
#32609	- Protection Service, Inc. - Rental of flashing lights - these are being used at streets that are closed due to dredging, and elsewhere	140.01
¹⁰ #32607	- Brake & Equipment Co. - Removed pull type booster brake; installed hydrovac and fabricated mounting for new master cylinder - Fire Engine #3	188.70
#32611	- Inland Construction Co. - Land fill operation for 4 weeks - 10/14 thru 11/12/62	880.00
#32612	- The R. D. Grier & Sons - 1/2" suction hose for 2" pump and connections for fire hose	65.00
#32613	- Victor Business Machines Co. - Rental of adding machine for month ending 11/23/62	17.50
#32614	- William D. Rayne - Clay fill at City Dump and for ramp at 14th street to cross dredge pipe	444.00
#32615	- Howard Parsons - Sharpening hand and cross-cut saws	10.00
#32616	- Ocean City Machine Works - statement for month of October - majority of this is for work on aerial truck jacks and on check valve at disposal plant	431.85
#32617	- Edgewood Pipe & Block Co. - Concrete pipe and fitting for 26th street	61.18

Pay Roll week ending Nov. 15, 1962

	\$2,939.86
Less Social Security	78.07
Less Federal W/H	272.30
Less State W/H	25.88
Less Police Fund	7.50
Net Pay	<u>\$2,556.11</u>

Wages on weekly basis
Wages on hourly basis

\$2,150.51
789.35
<u>\$2,939.86</u>

Distribution of weekly wages:

10.141 Clerks	\$ 238.47	
10.142F Clerk's Auto	6.36	
10.811 Municipal Buildings	55.00	
11.111 Police	1, 116.36	
12.201 Streets	96.93	
13.201 Sewers	105.00	
13.401 Waste Collection	5.00	
20.201 Water	241.02	
20.931 Airport	85.00	
1959 Capital Fund (Force Main)	<u>201.37</u>	\$2,150.51

Distribution of hourly wages:

10.811 Municipal Buildings	\$ 48.00	
11.111 Police Dept.	4.35	
11.212 Fire Dept.	33.75	
12.201 Streets	2.90	
13.201 Sewers	133.95	
13.401 Waste Collection	175.50	
20.201 Water	148.05	
1959 Capital Fund (Force Main)	<u>242.85</u>	789.35
		<u>\$2,939.86</u>

A LETTER SIMILAR TO THIS TO BE SENT TO ALL OCCUPANTS OF TRAILERS IN MUNICIPAL TRAILER PARK

This is to advise you that the public toilets and wash rooms at the Municipal Trailer Park will be closed to the patrons thereof. These buildings are being converted to a different use by the municipality.

We feel that these facilities are unnecessary inasmuch as the majority of mobile homes are now provided with these conveniences.

If your trailer does not have these facilities, we are unable to provide them and ask that you make plans to vacate your space unless you plan to replace the trailer with a more modern one.

It has also been determined that electricity will no longer be furnished by the municipality. We will have a secondary line installed within the area and electrical entrances will be placed on poles at various locations to take care of the units. It will be up to the owner of the trailer to make application to the Eastern Shore Public Service Company for his or her electrical service.

Furthermore, beginning May 15, 1963, the rate for a trailer up to 45 ft. will be \$175.00 based on a period of four months, or to September 15th. Dead storage will be \$7.00 per month for the remaining eight months. The total cost per trailer up to 45 ft. for a year will be \$231.00. The rate for a trailer over 45 ft. will be \$200.00 based on a period of four months, or to September 15th. Dead storage will also be \$7.00 per month. The total cost per trailer over 45 ft. for a year will be \$256.00.

Rental of space for a period less than the season will be at the rate of \$45.00 per month; \$12.00 per week, or \$2.00 per day for trailers up to 45 ft., and \$52.00 per month; \$13.00 per week, or \$2.00 per day for trailers over 45 ft.

The trailer park will be managed by our public utilities staff and Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenz will no longer be in our employ.

If any one or all of these changes should cause you to want to give up your space, we ask that we be notified by February 1st, 1963. If we have not heard from you by that date we will assume that you will want your same space for this coming year. If you decide to make a change, your trailer must be removed on or before May 14th, 1963.

Very truly yours,

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
OCEAN CITY

Hugh T. Cropper
Mayor