REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 1961

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on June 8th instead of June 13th because of pressing business. The meeting was called to order by President, Ralph Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Ralph Murphy, W. G. Murphy, Peter Williams and Walter Patchell. Town Attorney, John B. Wright was also present at the meeting.

TOWN HALL

Mr. Charles Dennison, President of the Cecil County School Board, was present at the meeting. He stated the School Board will deed to the Town Commissioners the old Charlestown School with a reverter clause in the deed (in the event of the Town selling the property, it would revert back to the Board of Education). Mr. John Wright stated that it is not advisable legally to have a reverter clause since it is not a fee simple deed and the Town Commissioners in the future may have title difficulties on the property. He suggested a separate agreement between the School Board and the Town Commissioners whereby if said property shall ever in the future be offered for sale, notice thereof in writing shall first be given to the Board of Education so that for thirty days thereafter the Board of Education shall have prior right to purchase said property.

LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Wright informed the Commissioners that there was a Bill passed at this Session of Legislature whereby the Town would receive half the fine on any arrest made by the municipal police officer. Mr. Williams is to ask Mr. Thomas Bowles if he is interested in the job.

PAULSON PROPERTY

Mr. Kurt Fisher was present at the meeting. He is to be the Caretaker of the Paulson property and live in the house. He will do the painting that needs to be done inside and the Town Commissioners will furnish the paint. The tenant is to pay the oil bill and electric bill. Mr. Walter Patchell is to order a circular mower for use on the property.

It was decided that the property will not be open to the Public until next spring. A fence is needed along the waterfront - it was decided to measure the distance, get a price, and have the work done as soon as a reasonable figure can be obtained.
A motion was made by Peter Williams that a fence should be installed for proper safety precautions. Motion seconded by W. G. Murphy and passed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter is to be written to Mr. Horace Graham telling him that the Commissioners have decided to run on a board of 4 until the next election. We will be looking forward to his name appearing on the ballot. A motion was made by Walter Patchell that the Commissioners continue with 4 until next election. Motion seconded by W. G. Murphy and passed.

Letter is to be written to Mr. Roland Sharretts asking him when the grading is going to be done for sidewalks.

Mr. Mark Good has asked for first opportunity to rent the property which Mrs. Pauline Barnes may turn over to the Town in the very near future.

TOWN STREETS

A figure is to be obtained from Webb on the second application of oil on the bad places in Town, and if figure is satisfactory with majority of Commissioners, work is to be done without waiting for another meeting. After bid for second shots is received from Webb, he can be told to go ahead on the entire contract, with same penalty clause as last year.

BEMETARY

It was decided to give Mrs. McNallen $400.00 for the upkeep of the Cemetery for the remainder of the year.

Sherman and Eiring is to notified to audit the books as soon as possible after July 1st.

BUILDING PERMIT

Mr. Howard Lynch building permit has already been checked and O.K.d.

A letter is to be written to Mr. Harvey telling him that Webb received the bid because he is low bidder.

Prices are to be obtained on rental of an Adding machine and calculator for the period of time the Secretary needs them.

Mr. Kurt Fisher, the Caretaker in the Paulson property is to receive 90 days notice is the Commissioners wish him to move and he is also to give 90 days notice if he wishes to vacate the property.
There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on May 9, 1961 at the Town Hall.

The Following Commissioners were present: Walter G. Murphy, Peter N. William, and Walter A. Patchell. Also Town Attorney, John B. Wright.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and one addition made.

OBNOXIOUS MATTER

Another letter is to be written to Richard Johnson about the obnoxious matter on the property he is renting and also to the owner, Supreme Development Co., and both letters are to be certified.

CHARLESTOWN FIRE CO.

It is agreeable with the Commissioners for the Fire Co. to get a few loads of dirt before Vernon Reynolds is completed at Bill Thorns.

It was agreed to give $10.00 donation to the Fire Co. for use of equipment to clean out ditches.

TOWN STREETS

Webb went over Streets and is to be given additional information before submitting his bid. Street problems in Holloway Beach Area were discussed, and letter which was sent to the Board of Health and on to the Town Commissioners was read and discussed.

PAULSON PROPERTY

John Wright is going to write to the Wilmington Trust Company about the property stating the Commissioners wish to see the Deed before executed. Also telling them that the Commissioners do not want any more of the items attached and listed as Real Estate to be removed from the property.

Kurt Fischer has been considered as caretaker of the property.

FOOT LOG

Foot log is in bad shape. It has been decided to look at it and see what is the best solution to repair it. Mr. Williams suggested that YYYY the work on the foot log be deferred until September when roads are completed and Treasury is in better condition.

Dwelling located on property leased by Pauline Barnes

Mr. John Wright will send a letter to Mrs. Pauline Barnes explaining that the dwelling can be removed before the Lease terminates, otherwise the
Dwelling will become the property of the Town Commissioners.

LEASED PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Williams that Paul Murphy be given a year to year lease and additional 12 feet will not be given since this must be retained by the Town for drainage purposes. Seconded by Walter B. Murphy and passed. In the letter to Mr. Paul Murphy the legality on Long Term leases will be explained. The new lease is to be dated July 1, 1961.

STREET MOWING

It was decided to get Mr. George Sartin to mow along streets if his price is not excessive.

PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Peter Williams made a motion to appoint Mr. Ralph Murphy as President of the Board. Motion seconded by Walter G. Murphy and passed.

Mr. Horace Graham requested that he be appointed Commissioners to fill the current vacancy.

TOWN HALL

It was decided to ask Mrs. McMullen if she will have the man that mows at the cemetery mow around Town Hall.

A letter was read requesting the use of the Town Hall for Sunday School during the summer months. A reply will be given to them stating that they can use the room next to the Fire House provided they supply janitorial service.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on April 11th and called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The following Commissioners were present: Walter A. Patchell, Peter M. William, Walter G. Murphy, Ralph H. Murphy, and Charles Wright.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

**STREET IMPROVEMENT**

Mr. Mulvaney, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lux were present at the meeting to ask if Conestoga St. will be improved to 32 feet in the near future. The Commissioners told them that there is no plan for this year to improve that street. Also they wanted to know is a commercialized park was to be put in the old Town Pier area. It was explained to them that, when there was talk of a park, it certainly was not a commercialized thing.

President and members of the Fire Company were present and asked if they could put in a driveway and parking lot along the Fire House on Bladen St. The Commissioners went to look the site over. A motion was made by Peter M. Williams that the Fire Company be allowed to open and gravel 36 feet x 50 feet of Bladen St. along the East side of the Fire House. Motion seconded by Walter Patchell and passed.

**ORDINANCE COVERING WEEDS AND OBNOXIOUS MATTER**

A lot of complaints have been made about the junk which has been located on the property at the corner of Market and Cecil owned by Supreme Development Co. This property is being rented by Richard Johnson and he is to be sent a certified letter telling him to correct the condition within 10 days. If this isn't done, the Secretary will call John Wright on the 11th day, and ask for his advise as to what procedure the Commissioners take on cleaning up the property and getting the renter to pay the bill.

**SIDEWALKS**

Letter read from the Board of Education and the reply read giving them an estimated cost on the sidewalk in front of the school property and asking is they will be willing to pay for same. Letter read that was written to Sharretts telling him the property owners have been notified that sidewalk is to be installed, and notices were read which were sent to the property owners.

**TOWN STREETS**

Complaints were received about Chain at Holloway Beach
across Town Street. It will be checked to be sure that this chain is across the street, and if so, the person who installed it will be notified to remove same.

POLICE PROTECTION

Mr. Peter Williams made a motion for the Harbor Master to purchase his summons tickets at the Print Shop, and be reimbursed for gas used while on duty. Motion seconded and carried.

There was a discussion about hiring a Policeman. This will be discussed more at a future date.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to set up a date to go over Streets and ditches. Have Fire Co. clean out ditches and get prices on work to be done on Street.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was regularly moved and seconded that all bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

President Charles J. Wright, resigned as President and Commissioner and his resignation is attached to these minutes.
Apr. 11, 1961

Dear Sirs,

I hereby resign as of this date as Commissioner of The Town of Oakland.

Charles S. Wright
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 1961

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on March 14, 1961 and called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles Wright, Ralph Murphy, W. G. Murphy, Walter Patchell and Town Attorney, John B. Wright.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Balance - February 21st - $4,032.79
General Account
Checks Written
Patricia J. Murphy - Postage & Phone Calls - $ 3.56
Marcus Good - Snow Plowing - 162.50
1st Nat. Bk. of North East - 2 Safe Deposit Boxes 11.55
Heating Service Co. - Work on Town Hall Heater 26.54
The Frick Co., Inc. - Building Permit & Ordinance Binder 24.09
R. K. Barnes, - 1 Lock for Ballot Box .50
Roney & Wells - Water Pipe Replacement (Town Hall) 1.48
The Friendly Oil Co. - Cleaning Heaters, Service & Oil 56.50
Conowingo Power Co. - Electricity for Town Hall 5.96
The Print Shop - Building Permit applications & 200 Election Ballots 25.25
Deposit - $82.55
Balance as of March 14th - $3,797.51

Special Account - Balance - February 21st - $3,243.14
Checks written
Conowingo Power Co. - One month's street lighting - $106.65
Balance - March 14th - $3,136.49

GENERAL BUSINESS

A letter was read from the Buchard Engineers requesting they be able to meet with the Commissioners on water and sewage installation.

A letter was read from Cecil County Planning Commission about the Urban Planning Assistant Program.

PAULSON PROPERTY

Letter from Wilmington Trust Co. on conveyance of Mrs. Paulson's property to Town of Charlestown was read. Mr. John Wright stated that the Town could not rent the house, but could put a caretaker in it rent free for taking care of the property. It was decided to meet and go over the property next Sunday at 2 P. M.
RAILROAD CROSSING

Mr. Bonnett of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. was present and explained the gates and lights for the Crossing. The Survey prepared by George Lewis of the State Roads Commission was gone over. This matter will be discussed with the Commissioner who was absent at this meeting, and Mr. Bonnett is going to get further information on the exact location of gates, etc. Decision to be made at a later date.

BUILDING PERMIT

Three Commissioners have looked over the site where the Sales Room for Sea Mark Marina is to be located. Permit applied for by Marcus Good, owner of Marina, was approved.

SIDEWALKS

No reply has been received yet from the Board of Education.

NEW CHARTER

The Commissioners will meet next Wednesday evening to work on the new Charter.

STREET WORK

Walter Patchell and Ralph Murphy are going to work together to get crushed run and gravel ordered and someone hired to fill holes in streets.

Mr. Charles Wright stated that the Charlestown Fire Co. want to put in a gravel driveway and parking area along the East side of the Fire House. There was a discussion about the matter as follows: that children still use this for a play ground and that the Town citizens would not benefit by private parking lot for firemen. It was decided that the thing for the Town to do is gravel from Town Hall to edge of the Fire House, removing the fence by the abuttment, to give adequate parking space for all the Town people.

TOWN HALL PROPERTY

A letter is to be written to the Charlestown Fire Co. stating that since they have taken the Flag Pole without permission, the Commissioners feel that they should remove the stub. Also asking them to do it immediately since it is a dangerous hazard.

Outstanding Bills were read and passed on.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting as adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary
SPECIAL MEETING
March 22 1961

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on March 22nd. Those present were: Walter Patchell, Ralph Murphy and W. C. Murphy.

Since all Commissioners did not attend this special meeting, those present decided to table the preparation of a New Charter until a later date.

It was decided to accept the Paulson property, and President Charles Wright, will notify the Secretary to send a letter of acceptance in a few days.

Mr. Patchell reported that Wilmer McCall has been given the job of filling the holes in the Streets, and will start work this week.

Mrs. McMullen requested that they Town paint the fence around the Cemetery. The Commissioners decided to tell Mrs. McMullen to have it done, and the Town would pay for it.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 1961

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners scheduled for February 14th was postponed until February 21st.

The meeting was called to order by Acting President, W. G. Murphy. Those Commissioners present were W. G. Murphy, Peter Williams and Ralph Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Mulvaney and Mr. Rhodes were present at the meeting and presented a new plan for filling in their properties along the Shore Line and Bulkhead. Plan is attached.

RAILROAD CROSSING

A letter was received from George N. Lewis, Jr. of the State Roads Commission stating that it is his personal opinion that the best protection other than the elimination of grade Crossings is the use of short-arm gates equipped with lights. Letter and Survey are attached. This matter was discussed by the Commissioners and they decided their only objection to installing the gates would be the loss of jobs of the men involved and would have to be assured in writing by the Railroad Company that these men would have jobs or an adequate pension.

It was decided that the Secretary would call Mr. John Wright and tell him of this decision and he will be present at the March 14th meeting, and also make an appointment with Mr. Bonnett of the Railroad Co. to be present at the same meeting.

TOWN HALL

Mr. Dennison told the Commissioners that they had nothing to worry about on the deeding of the old school property. It should be going through Legislature any day now.

Mr. Charles Wright, President, came to the meeting at this time and took over conducting the meeting.

It was decided at this time to accept the attached plan submitted by Mr. Mulvaney with the understand that the Commissioners want to guarantee that the end of bulkhead between Mulvaney and... [apparently, the text is cut off here]... be closed and that the Commissioners see the initial plan before they go to the Corp. of Engineers.

SIDEWALKS

A letter is to be written to the Board of Education asking them what they will do in paying for a sidewalk along their property.
It was decided not to vote on the Amendment at this time since it will be included in the New Charter. Since there was controversy over 5 or 7 Commissioners to be listed in the new charter, it was decided to take a vote on the matter. One Commissioner voted for 7, 2 Commissioners voted for 5. It was regularly moved and seconded to state 5 Commissioners in the new Charter.

**RACE TRACK: REVENUE**

A form was received from C. W. MacKee, Treasurer of Cecil County, at this meeting and a copy attached to these minutes so that the Town of Charlestown will participate in the revenue received from the tax on horse racing.

**TREASURER'S BILLS**

All the outstanding bills were read and passed on.

Their being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
February 9, 1961

Mrs. Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
Town Commissioners of Charlestown
Charlestown, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

Reference is made to your letter of January 16th requesting our opinion as to whether or not a gate and lights at the railroad crossing in Charlestown will give sufficient protection for motorists.

It is my personal opinion that the best protection other than the elimination of grade crossings is the use of short-arm gates equipped with lights.

We have made an examination of the area of the grade crossing and I am attaching a print showing the layout drawn to a scale of one-inch-equals-50-feet.

I am not familiar with any law which requires warning lights and gates to be any particular distance from an intersection.

I hope we have been helpful.

Very truly yours,

Geo. N. Lewis, Jr.

cc: Mr. Geo. W. Cassell
SURVEY GRADE CROSSING
PENNA. R.R. AT LOUISA LANE
CHARLESTOWN, M.D.
FEB. 1, 1961

NO R.R. SIGNS ON MD 7.

CROSSING VISIBLE
AT 0.20 MI. FROM
INTERSECTION.

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SPEED — PASSENGER 80 MPH. FREIGHT 50 MPH.

WATCHMAN ON DUTY — 6 A.M. TO 10 P.M.
WATCHMAN HAS NO SIGNAL TO WARN M'lN OF
APPROACHING TRAINS.

PREPARED BY
STATE ROADS COMMISSION
BUREAU OF TRAFFIC
Mr. C. W. Mackie, Treasurer
of Cecil County
Court House, Elkton, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mackie:

In compliance with Section 5 (4) of Chapter 502, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1947, providing for the participation in the revenue received from the tax on horse racing in the State by the incorporated towns of the State, I hereby certify that the present population of the Town of Charlestown is seven hundred and eleven (711). I further certify that the President and Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown will use the funds distributed to them under this provision of the law for construction or maintenance of streets, or sewerage facilities or water systems, or garbage collections and disposal within the Town; and that the President and Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown will raise by taxation, and apply for the same purpose as is the distributed funds, an amount equal to said funds so distributed to them under this provision of the law.

Should the County Commissioners so desire, the President and Commissioners of Charlestown agree to permit an inspection of the records of the Town of Charlestown, by an auditor of Cecil County, in order to establish compliance with the above Legislative enactment.

Very truly yours,

TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

Secretary.

1960 Town of Charlestown tax rate

$ .35

(Dated January 9, 1961)
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 1961

Two Commissioners were elected at the Town Election on January 9, 1961. The Oath of Office which was given at this time is attached.

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on January 10th and called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles Wright, W. G. Murphy, Ralph Murphy, Peter Williams and Walter Patchell. Mr. John B. Wright, Attorney for the Commissioners was also present.

TOWN STREETS & R.R. CROSSING

Mr. Clarence Webb of United Paving Co. requested partial payment on the paving of Louisa Lane. A Motion was made by Peter Williams that he be paid $1,500.00 on Account, and note be sent that balance will be paid when corrections are made on the job. Motion seconded by Ralph Murphy and passed.

A letter was received from Mr. Bonnett of the Penna. R. R. Co. requesting that they be permitted to install a gate and lights at the R. R. Crossing. It was decided to get a opinion from the State Traffic Engineer as to whether or not this will be sufficient safety for those drivers who turn off of Route 7. A letter will be sent to Mr. Bonnett stating that a decision will be made at a later date after this opinion is received by the Commissioners.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

Mr. Williams made a motion that a Home Rule Resolution be drawn up to read as follows: The number of Commissioners will be changed from 5 to 7, 4 elected each even year and 3 elected each odd year starting in 1962. President and Vice-President be appointed by the Commissioners each year beginning Jan., 1962, with the President having the right to a full vote. A Secretary-Treasurer will be appointed by the Commissioners with salary to be fixed by separate Resolution. Motion seconded by Walter G. Murphy and passed.

Following the passage of this Resolution, vacancies will be filled at the April meeting. A Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed at this time to serve until the April meeting.

A motion was made by Peter Williams that Walter G. Murphy be appoint Treasurer, seconded by Walter Patchell and passed.

A motion was made by Ralph Murphy that Patricia J. Murphy be appointed Secretary, motion seconded by Walter Patchell and passed.
FILL ALONG SHORE LINE FOR DRAIN FIELD

It was decided that the attached plan is not in the best interests of the Town, and it is disapproved for this reason. A letter is to be written to Mr. Rhodes telling him of the Commissioners' decision, and that the Commissioners will be glad to talk to him about the matter at any time.

PRICE & PRICE

It was decided to get a price from Surveyors on copies of the Town Plat - by sets and by separate sheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE LIST

Mr. Charles Wright will ask Mr. Charles E. Jones if he will compile the list as he did last year.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Charles Jackson has moved the truck which was parked on the Town Street. Mr. Jackson says he doesn't want to trim the bush at this time, but wants to cut it out of there completely at a later date.

SNOW FENCE

A letter will be written to Mr. John J. Ward, Jr. of the State Roads Commission, and copies to Mr. Funk, Mr. Thomas Kay, and Board of Education. This letter will request that the State install snow fence along the school property to keep the snow from drifting in the State Road.

BOARDING UP VACANT PROPERTIES IN TOWN

A letter will be written to Mrs. Concetta Lamonica and a letter to Supreme Development Co. requesting that they board up their vacant properties for the Town's protection and for their own protection.

TOWN HALL

Harry Jones, the plumber that worked on the pipes recently, will be asked to install a pressure switch and 2 values so that the water supply to the Town Hall can be cut off at any time.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was decided to pay all bills as read.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary
OATH OF OFFICE
COMMISSIONER ELECTED JANUARY 9, 1961

On this day, the 10th of January, 1961 before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, residing at Charlestown, personally appeared

[Walter C. Oatmeal]

[Ralph Westfall]

The newly elected Charlestown Commissioners take the Oath of Office that each will dilligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgment and ability, discharge the duties of his office without favor, partiality, or prejudice.

Witness my Hand and Notarial seal this 10th day of January, 1961.

[Patricia Murphy]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 5/1/61
REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 1968

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall and called to order at 7:45 P.M. by the President, Charles Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles Wright, Howard Lynch, Ralph Murphy, W. G. Murphy and Peter Williams.

SIDEWALKS

The President reported that Mr. Roland Sharretts of the State Roads Commission has been down and went over the sidewalks and shoulders with Mr. Wright and Ralph Murphy. Mr. Sharretts said this work could be done when weather permits, which would be grading and shouldering from school drive to corner of Cecil and Baltimore, cross at this corner and come down East side of Cecil to Market and south side of Market for sidewalks he suggested to put tar and chips down, which would go further in money for the Town. Mr. Sharretts in his office would give assistance in engineering details.

REQUEST TO FILL IN FRONT OF RHODES PROPERTY & MULVANEY PROP.

Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Mulvaney were present to discuss the proposed plans of improvement in front of their properties. A scale drawing was shown, and also a letter read from the County Health Department giving them permission to place their drainfield in this area which is not to be bulkheaded, just a natural fill from 0 to about 2-1/2 feet in all. Decided to meet at this side on Sunday, January 8, 1961 at 1 P.M.

WATER FOR PARSONAGE

Mr. Howard Fairlamb was present at the meeting to see what agreement could be made on the cost of maintenance of the pump. Motion made that church be asked to pay a sum of 325.00 per year for pump maintenance, and church to be billed annually approximately January 15th. Motion seconded and passed. 1966 (This is 1960).

The Commissioners decided to have the present lines fixed so that the Town Hall water supply can be cut off when not in use.

Motion made and passed that plumbing bill be paid.

TOWN STREETS

A letter was read from Mrs. John Lux requesting that
a bush along Mr. Charles Jackson property be removed.

Mr. Ralph Murphy was asked by Mrs. Pauline Barnes to talk to the other Commissioners about an unlicensed truck which is parked opposite her driveway on the Street. Mr. Howard Lynch will see Mr. Charles Jackson about the matter.

It was decided that Mr. Mark Good be given the work of snow removal on the streets at $5.00 per hour for tractor and operator, and $14.00 per hour for Bulldozer and operator.

LEASED PROPERTY

Mr. R. K. Barnes' request for a long term lease was discussed. Motion made that letter be written to Mr. Barnes that Lease remain the same. Motion seconded and passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 1960

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was proposed until December 20th because of not having any heat in the Town Hall, and water pipes were frozen. Rather than have a meeting, the Town Commissioners spent this time in attempting to make arrangements to have these problems solved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 1960

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on November 1, 1960, and called to order by President, Charles Wright.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Special Account - $3,043.19
General Account - 4,512.19 (as of October 28, 1960)
1,937.40 is the only large bill not paid as of this date.

The following Commissioners were present: Peter M. Williams, Howard R. Lynch, Charles S. Wright, W. G. Murphy, and Ralph H. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous Regular Meeting and the previous Special Meeting were read. One Correction was made in the minutes of the special meeting, and then all minutes approved.

LEASED PROPERTY

A letter was read from John B. Wright about the Lease which he was instructed to draw up for C. W. Thorn, Jr. He drew it up on the same basis as the old lease for the property which Mr. Thorn now has his business located on, and explained that this old Lease drawn in 1933 was for 8 years with only year to year renewal after that.

Then a letter was read from Mr. Thorn in which he explained that he would not except the Lease primarily because it is yearly. He repeated his request for a long term lease which he clarified on the time element as being 25 years with 25 years renewal.

The President, Mr. Charles Wright, stated that the Lease which the Attorney drew up was in accordance with motion made at last meeting, and since this Lease was not acceptable, the Commissioners should now consider the new request.

The Attorney, Mr. John Wright, stated that on a long term lease the legality could be questioned since all leases in Town are on a year to year basis other than the Marinas where something is received in return. Mr. Wright also stated that an 8 year lease with provisions could be legal.

A motion was made by Walter G. Murphy that Mr. C. W. Thorn, Jr. be given a Lease of 8 years with 8 year renewal on 30.31 ft. of Caroline St. from Water St. to the Water's edge adjoining the property owned by Thorn and formerly owned by William Frederick. The Lease is to be clear, grade and gravel additional
25 feet of Caroline St. from Water St. to the Water's Edge. The lease will also include clause about dirt removed from leased property to be put at the Corner of Conestoga and Water St. at the direction of the Commissioners. **WILLIAM** Lessee shall receive prior right on future leasing of the remainder of Caroline St. Motion seconded by Peter M. Williams and passed with Mr. Lynch opposing.

A letter was read from Mr. Richard K. Barnes, requesting that he be given a ninety nine year lease on the property where his store is located. The President repeated what the attorney had stated that leasing for a long term, the lessee receives more of the Public Rights and the Town must receive more in return. This request will be taken up at the next meeting.

**COMPLAINT ABOUT CONDUCT OF FAMILY**

Mr. Huber Mentz was present at the meeting to see if the Commissioners had done anything about the complaint which he made on September 13th. Mr. Charles Wright stated that nothing had been done by the Commissioners. The Commissioners decided to send a letter to the Welfare Board telling them of the complaint that has been made, and request that the Welfare Board inform the Town Commissioners as to what action can be taken.

**TOWN REGISTRATION AND ELECTION**

It was decided to have the posters made for Election and Registration and have them made up in such a manner that date can be filled in, in order to cut down on the yearly cost of posters. Registration will be December 12, 1960 and Election January 9, 1961.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
SPECIAL MEETING
October 21, 1960

The special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on October 12, 1960 and called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The following Commissioners were present: Peter M. Williams, Howard R. Lynch, Ralph H. Murphy, and Charles S. Wright.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John Scott requested that he be sent a copy of the Ordinance covering Housing Developments. The Secretary was instructed to send this as soon as possible.

BUILDING PERMITS

The building permit obtained by Lewis M. Alexander for the property of William Charles Scott was approved.

FURNITURE FOR TOWN HALL

Mr. Williams made a motion to authorize $150.00 for a table and chairs to be purchased for the use of the Commissioners and persons visiting the Town Hall. Motion seconded by Howard Lynch and passed.

WEED ORDINANCE

Complaint has been made to the Commissioners about 3 properties here in town: The Catholic Church property, the property of Mary A. Kavanaugh, and the property of Arthur D. & Margaret E. Cronin. The Secretary was instructed to send these property owners letters in compliance with the weed ordinance.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION REPORT

The yearly report on street improvement which must be sent to the State Roads Commission along with map was filled out. It was found that Charlestown Place had never been entered on the map.

CECIL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Williams to except the Resolution for the Town to participate in this planning program. Motion seconded by Howard Lynch and passed. A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes.

SIDEWALKS

Since it has been a period of time since the State have not laid out the lines on the State Highway so the Town Commissioners would know where the sidewalks could be located, a letter will be written to Mr. Thomas Kay requesting that this be done as soon as possible.
Mr. Charles Wright asked the Commissioners if they would think over a plan which he has in mind. To appoint a Committee of five persons, one being a Town Commissioner for the purpose building a park, planting of trees, getting the teaching Town History into the school or anything that the Town people would want which wouldn't be listed in the Town budget. These things being something which would beautify the town, but no money for these projects would come out of the Town Treasury.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND

October 21, 1960

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Cecil County, for the purpose of promoting the health, security, general welfare, and morals of Cecil County have seen fit to recognize the benefits to the community, as a whole, in establishing a Cecil County Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, this Cecil County Planning Commission is authorized and empowered to make, adopt, amend, extend, add to, or carry out a municipal plan as empowered in the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957, article 66B, Title One, Section Ten of Thirty-seven inclusive;

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Article 66B, Section one entitled GENEReAL PROVISIONS, "it shall be the function and duty of the Commission to make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the municipality";

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission has requested the Maryland State Planning Department to file an Application for an Urban Planning Grant with the Urban Renewal Administration, Housing and Home Finance Agency, for the purpose of establishing a program to include the major elements of the comprehensive plan that will necessitate close coordination with the Town of Charlestown;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Charlestown, realizes the benefits that will accrue to the citizens of the Town of Charlestown to be a party to such a program, this Town Council resolves,

THAT it agrees to participate in the County Planning program for comprehensive planning.

Approved: October 21, 1960

Signatures

[Signatures]
REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 1960
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on October 11th and called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles S. Wright, W. G. Murphy, Peter M. Williams, Howard R. Lynch, and Ralph Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Approved.

BUILDING PERMITS
The building permits approved were for properties of Walter Lawrence and Joseph D. Russell. Permits for Nelson C. McCall and William Charles Bott were also approved.

PARKING PROBLEM ON BLACK AVE.
The Commissioners decided to take a "Hands Off" attitude unless petitioned by the majority of the property owners on that Street.

LEASED PROPERTY
Mr. Graham was present at the meeting and stated he had a receipt dated prior to the time he was issued a lease which showed more footage in the tract of land which he is leasing from the Town. The Commissioners stated that there is only a small portion of land in Lot #7 which is not being leased, and they will consider leasing same to him at the time he can show some improvement to the property which he is already leasing.

CECIL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Two men from the Cecil County Planning Commission went over general layout of Book on regulations, also read one of our Ordinances and pointed out possible flaws. A copy of a resolution was left with the Commissioners for them to decide if they care to participate in the County Planning Program. Mr. Paul M. Segal, Director of Planning urged the Commissioners to participate even though the Town could not contribute financially to the program. If they decide to participate, 1 original and 2 copies should be sent to Mr. Segal along with a copy of the Town Trailer Ordinance which Mr. Segal would like to read.

LEASED PROPERTY
Mr. C. W. Thorn, Jr. was present at the meeting and stated that he is going to spend a great deal of money improving his business on property which is leased from the Town and on property which he has recently purchased from the Frederick Estate. He requested that he be able to lease, on a long term,
ORDINANCE NO. 12

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Section 44 and 45 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County" sub-title "Charlestown", that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance governing the subdividing of lots and establishment of subdivisions in Charlestown and to read as follows:

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

1. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to make a subdivision of any lot or parcel of land, which involves the layout of one or more streets, or the platting of one or more new lots from a larger parcel, before proceeding with said subdividing or the sale of any such lot, shall submit a plat of the subdivision to the Town Commissioners for approval.

2. This plat shall show the location of said property, the scale, date and names of the owner and surveyor. North point will be indicated, together with all lot sizes and widths of streets and public ways. The width of street rights-of-way shall be fifty feet from property line to property line. Lot sizes shall have a minimum frontage of 100 ft. and depth of 150 ft. Sidewalks will be platted and constructed with a minimum width of 4 ft. in the street right-of-way abutting each lot. Culverts and drainage will be constructed where deemed necessary by the Town Commissioners.

3. Approval of the plat shall be conditional and subject to the following improvements being constructed, or bond posted guaranteeing said construction, prior to the sale of any platted lot or erection of any building thereon:

a. Each road or portion thereof shall be brought to proper grade and given a sixteen ft. wide triple surface treatment over a minimum of six inches compressed bank gravel with incline of one-fourth inch per foot
from the center to the edge of shoulder. Each shoulder shall be at least eight ft. in width and comprised of a minimum of four inches of compressed bank gravel with an incline of one-half inch per foot.

b. All road and shoulder surfaces shall be warranted for a two year period after completion and any deterioration during that period shall be repaired by the original owner.

c. All sidewalks, roadways and street rights-of-way shall be dedicated to public use.

4. Construction of buildings or residences on said lots shall provide for minimum set-backs of 25 ft. from the front lot line, 10 ft. from each side and 30 ft. from the rear line.

5. Variation in these design or construction requirements may be permitted by the Town Commissioners when required, in their opinion, by topography or other considerations.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: October 11th 1960.

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By Charles S. Wright
President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
30 feet of Caroline Street adjacent to the property which he purchased from Frederick. He also requested that in the Lease it be stated that he would be given prior right to lease the remaining width of foot of Caroline Street if at any time the Commissioners wish to lease same.

After questions on the matter, Mr. Peter Williams made a motion stating that: Mr. C. W. Thorn, Jr. is to be granted a Lease compatible with the old Lease (whatever period of time is remaining on old Lease will be the number of years for which the new Lease will be granted). Mr. Thorn will be given prior right to lease the remaining width of the foot of Caroline St., and it be stated that he will maintain the balance of Caroline St. from Water Street to the Water's edge, also all dirt which is removed be put at the corner of Onestoga and Water Sts. at the direction of the Commissioners. The motion was passed with 3 in favor and Mr. Lynch apposing. As a matter of record, Mr. President, Mr. Charles Wright, was opposed to a long term lease, but in favor of a short term lease.

Town Hall...

Mr. Charles Dennison was present at the meeting to verify the fact that the Town Commissioners would be able to use property after an act of Legislature at their next session, Letter which gives the Town right to use property as their own until Deed is executed, can be found in Town Hall Földer.

The Boy Scouts are no longer holding any meetings so they have given up the use of meeting room in Town Hall. The Girl Scout leader, Mrs. Hannah Hayes, requested in writing for her group to be able to use the meeting room on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, Seconded and passed that the Girl Scouts be given permission to use the room.

A letter was received from Mr. Vaugh Oliver asking if he might rent a small portion of the Town Hall for a Barber Shop which would be open 2 nights a week and a reply be Saturdays. A motion was made by Mr. Williams that the building is designated for Community Use only and cannot be used for other purposes. Motion seconded by W. G. Murphy and passed.

It was decided to have the next regular meeting of the Town Commissioners on November 1st, in order not to conflict with Election Day. Town Attorney, Mr. John Wright, will be notified of the change.

Housing Developments

An Ordinance covering all Housing developments was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve this Ordinance. Motion passed.
TOWN STREETS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by W. G. Murphy that the Bill of $375.00 be paid to United Paving Company for patching of Streets. Motion passed. A letter will accompany this payment stating that payment will be made for surfacing Louisa Lane, as soon as shoulders are satisfactory. Mr. Howard Lynch will show the contractor where shoulders are to be corrected and also show him another job that the Commissioners would like to have done, but only price will be obtained at this time.

LEASED PROPERTY

Mr. Paul Murphy was present at the meeting and requested that as of July 1, 1961, when his present lease runs out, he would like to have a 25 year lease on the same plot of ground, and if there is 12' between his line and the Wellwood's line, he would also like to lease the additional 12 Feet. Since there is a great deal of time for this matter to be decided upon, it will be discussed at a later date.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 1960

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held September 13th, 1960 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Wright, at 7:55 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Peter Williams, Charles Wright, Ralph Murphy, and W. G. Murphy, and Mr. John B. Wright, Town Attorney.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Mr. G. Willard Blackson was present at the meeting and explained the problems they are having on Black Ave. by people parking along the street.

Mr. Lawrence Metz, manager of the Wellwood Club, was present at the meeting with 5 parking tickets that were returned to him. He stated that he had, since the time that the parking tickets were issued, erected signs and provided his costumers with additional parking space. Mr. Metz stated that he would pay them is necessary, but would rather give the $25.00 to the Fire Company. Mr. Williams made a motion as follows: all eleven were guilty, 6 suspended (5 Mr. Metz had paid the one that has already paid his parking ticket), and that money should be donated to the Fire Company. Mr. Ralph Murphy seconded the motion and it was passed with 2 for and W. G. Murphy against.

COMPLAINT ABOUT CONDUCT OF FAMILY

Mr. Hubert Mentz was present at the meeting. He stated that there is a family on his street that are a nuisance. Members of the family and their guests tear up the streets with hot rodding and there is a great deal of disorderly conduct, drinking, etc. This is the Coy Handy family who are on welfare, but apparently the money is not going for the care of their children.

TOWN TAX

Mr. Howard Fairlamb was present at the meeting to ask the Commissioners what he has received in the past and what he will receive in the future for his tax dollar. His main concern is the installation of sidewalks for the school children.

Housing Development

Mrs. Lamonica asked that she receive definite word whether her proposed housing development has been approved. The Commissioners requested Mr. John Wright to draw up an Ordinance covering all housing developments.
STREET WORK

The United Paving Company will be notified that they will receive payment after all the holes in the Streets are patched.

BUILDING PERMITS

Joseph C. Russell's and Walter Lawrence's permits will be held until checked. Mr. George Rowe's was passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
ORDINANCE NO. 11

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Sections 44 and 45 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County" sub-title "Charlestown", that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance prohibiting weeds, excessively high grass, unsightly or unhealthful growths or obnoxious matter on lots abutting on public streets, and to read as follows:

No person, persons, firm or corporation shall permit any weeds, excessively high grass, unsightly or unhealthful growths or obnoxious matter to be grown, lying or located on any lot, place or area or sidewalk abutting on a public street or walkway. Upon complaint thereof, the Town Clerk is directed to notify the owner of such property to remove the offending condition within ten days; and upon his failure to do so the Town Commissioners are authorized to remove or correct said condition and charge the property owner for the cost of such work.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved: August 9, 1960

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By Charles S. Wright
President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. 10

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charles-
town by authority of Sections 44 and 45 of Article 8 of the Code of Public
Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County" sub-title "Charlestown",
that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance prohibiting the
use of trailers within Charlestown except at a trailer camp, and to read
as follows:

Commencing August 10, 1960, no new use of an
automobile trailer or trailer coach designed for human oc-
cupancy shall be made as living or sleeping quarters in the
Town of Charlestown except within the limits of an established
trailer camp. Any person violating the provisions of this
section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
thereof shall be fined not less than Ten ($10.00) Dollars
nor more than Twenty-Five ($25.00) dollars,
and each day said violation shall continue shall be a separate
offense and be punishable as such. Permission for the tempo-
rary use of a trailer for a limited period may be granted by the
Town Commissioners of Charlestown.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance
shall take effect from the date of its passage, but said provisions shall
in no way prohibit the continued use of trailers being occupied as living or
sleeping quarters on August 9, 1960.

Approved: August 9, 1960

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

ATTEST:

By Charles S. Wright
President

Charles S. Wright
President

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held August 9th, 1960 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and one correction made in the minutes of the Special Meeting.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles Wright, Howard Lynch, Peter Williams and W. G. Murphy.

**PARKING SIGNS**

It was decided to call Mosedale and Order 7 NO-Parking Signs. 4 (No Parking in this Block) and 3 (No parking this Side). A stop sign is to be erected on Market St. approaching Bladen.

**CEMETARY FUND**

Mrs. McMullen requested $158.00 in order to finish payments on bills for the season. Motion made by Mr. Lynch to transfer said amount into Cemetary Fund. Motion seconded by W. G. Murphy and passed.

**STREET WORK**

Mr. Wright contacted Mr. Clarence Webb about not receiving a reply on contract letter. Mr. Webb verbally accepted the Contract over the Phone. If reply is not received in the next few days, Webb will be contacted again.

**TRAILER ORDINANCE**

Motion made by Howard Lynch that Ordinance #10 be adopted. Motion seconded by Peter Williams and passed.

**WEED ORDINANCE**

Motion made by Peter Williams and seconded by Howard Lynch that Ordinance be adopted. Motion passed. Both Ordinances will be published in the County Papers.

**TRAILER REVENUE**

Letter to be written to County Commissioners to see what revenue can now be obtained from Trailers already within the Town Limits. Motion made by Peter Williams, Seconded by Howard Lynch and passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary
NOTE: Mention was made that Mr. Haldas should request to Lease the property where his garage is located. This property is in Lavagnino's name and his Lease is paid until July 1, 1961.
SPECIAL MEETING
July 27, 1960

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on July 27, 1960 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles R. Wright, Ralph Murphy and Howard R. Lynch.

STREET WORK

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch that United Paving Co. be awarded the contract on patching and paving Louisa Lane from Bladen to Calvert. 30 days will be given to complete patching with $10.00 per day forfeit for every day over the 30 days. 60 days will be given to complete paving with $20.00 per day forfeit for every day over the 60 days. $375.00 for patching and $1,937.40 for paving. Seconded by Ralph Murphy and passed unanimously.

Ralph Murphy, Howard Lynch and Charles S. Wright signed Resolution on Amusement Tax corrected to conform to Admissions Tax Division requests.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

Note: Henkels & McCoy gave a bid of $925.00 on patching Streets and $4,075.00 on grading and paving Louisa Lane.
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 1960

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on July 12, 1960. The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Charles R. Wright, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy.

BUILDING PERMITS

The permits of Howard Sapp and Margaret Brostrant will be checked.

Letters are to be sent to Mr. Walter Lawrence and Conowingo Power Co. explaining the Building Permit Ordinance and asking that their applications be submitted within 10 days.

LEASES

Mr. Horace Graham has lost his original Lease. Copy will be made and sent to him.

ORDINANCES

It was decided to talk to John Wright again about the Trailer Ordinance to see if it can read "As of this date". Also request that he make up an Ordinance for cleaning up weeds, etc. on individuals lots.

PARKING

Mrs. Pauline Barnes has complained several times about cars parking in front of her property. A letter is to be written to her explaining that parking cannot be prohibited on a Town Street unless cars are blocking traffic.

STREET WORK

Bids will be obtained from Clarence Webb (United Paving Co.) and Joseph Dugan for surfacing of the Streets. Bidding the lowest bidder 30 days to complete the job. A price will also be obtained for surfacing Louisa Lane from Bladen to Calvert.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary