SPECIAL MEETING
June 29, 1970

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on June 29, 1970 in the Town Hall, and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy. The following Commissioners were present: Clarence E. Williams, John W. Lewis, Walter Patchell, Peter M. Williams and Walter G. Murphy.

TOWN STREETS

Only one price was received on Paving approx. 200 feet of Charlestown Place. This bid was from Edmond Howery in the amount of $400.00. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Williams and seconded by Mr. Walter Patchell to do the job. Motion passed.

BUILDING PERMITS

The Commissioners checked the lines for Mr. Francis H. Gibson T/A Ripco, Inc. after receiving an application from him to erect 780 feet of chain-link fence. The Commissioners found that he is enroached 10 to 12 feet on Cecil Parkway and approx. 8 feet on Charlestown Place. A letter will be written to Mr. Gibson telling him the Commissioners findings and asking him to establish another line so it can be checked before issuing the Permit.

Conowingo Power Co. has made application to erect another Transformer and to erect a 6 foot cyclone fence with 2 feet of Barb wire at the top of this fence. The Commissioners want over an Ordinance prepared by John Wright which would amend the previous Ordinance on Barb-wire fencing. A motion was made by Mr. Walter Patchell and seconded by Mr. Peter Williams to pass this Ordinance. Motion passed.

WATER & SEWER

Notice was received from Farmers Bank that the 2 notes they are holding are due on July 6, 1970. The Commissioners decided not to pay anything on these notes, but to ask the Bank to renew them.

Since we have not received any word about our F.H.A. money, the Commissioners decided to write a letter to Congressman Morton and to Mr. Blanchfield of F.H.A. asking them if we can advertise the job. And also, if our money will be available this month.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

The Commissioners went over prices for a radio for the Police Officer's car, but will first write the Commander of North East Barracks to see if it will be acceptable for the Officer's radio to be on their frequency.

CURFEW ORDINANCE

The Commissioners also read an Ordinance prepared by John Wright to put a Curfew into effect. A motion was made by...
Mr. Peter Williams and seconded by Mr. John Lewis to pass this Ordinance. Motion passed.

POST OFFICE

Letters were read about Post Office addition. In these letters, they stated that the Closer on the front door is broken. The Commissioners decided to have this taken off and sent back to Crab and Giles since this expensive Closer should be guaranteed.

CHARLESTOWN FIRE CO. DEED

Mr. Peter Williams suggested that the Charter be amended to read "no longer needed for Public Use except for the Charlestown Fire Co.". The Commissioners agreed to have a special meeting at which time 3 or 4 men from the Fire Co., their Attorney, the Commissioners and their Attorney all meeting together.

TREASURER'S BILLS

The following bills were read and approved for payment:

Bollitt Signs - 24 No-Littering Signs - $60.00
Vernon L. Bryant - Labor to date on Town Pier - 273.00
F. Bowie Smith - Lumber for repairing Pier. - 1,097.57
Postmaster - 1 Year's Box Rent - 2.00
United Paving Co - Paving Cecil Parkway and Frederick - 1,289.00

Mr. Peter Williams asked if the Police Officer could be told to check on Commercial Haulers that do not have covered trucks or covered containers on their trucks. This will be done.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. 26

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," amending Ordinance 20 and permitting barbed wire to be used at the top of a fence 6 ft. or higher above ground and to read as follows:

The use of barbed wire in a fence within the Town of Charlestown is prohibited, except at the top of a fence 6 ft. or higher above ground. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than $200 or sentenced to not more than 90 days confinement or both.

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

Approved: June 29, 1970

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By

WALTER C. Murphy
President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. 24

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 establishing a curfew and prohibiting persons 18 years of age and under to be on the public streets or away from their residences after established hours and to read as follows:

No person 18 years of age or under shall be on a public street or away from his or her place of residence, except in the company of his or her parent or guardian, after 10:00 p.m. on weeknights and 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than $25.00 or sentenced to not more than 30 days confinement or both.

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

Approved: 2-9-1970
COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By Walter G. Murphy, President

ATTEST:

Patrick J. Murphy
Town Clerk
REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 1970

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on June 9, 1970 in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy. The following Commissioners were present: Walter G. Murphy, Clarence Williams, Walter Patchell and John W. Lewis. Mr. John Wright, Town Attorney, and Mr. Richard W. Evans, Town Police Officer were also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Commissioners did point out that there was a misunderstanding about the walkway for the new bridge. They knew a walkway was planned, but were speaking of the bridge by the Beachcomber with the high abutments. They instructed the Town Clerk to write a letter requesting that this bridge be widened with a walkway on each side.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Evans asked if something could be done about the blind corners, especially the corner of Calvert and Frederick and the corner of Caroline and Bladen. The Commissioners agreed that letters should be sent to Mr. Larry Metz and Mr. Donovan Thurn.

Mr. Evans read his monthly report and he also submitted a daily report and trial and arrest tickets which will be on file in the officer for anyone to read.

Mr. Evans requested the following items:

- A Curfew
- Stop Signs on the side streets approaching Cecil Parkway.
- A Radio for the Police Officer's Car.
- Additional hours in order to do a better job.
- Posters be put in Public Places giving Police Officer's telephone number (Commissioners stated that an Advertisement should also be inserted in the County Paper).
- A Committing Ballif

TRAILER CAMP

Mr. Ralph Ritter was present at the meeting. He objects to the trailer camp at Holloway Beach. Mr. Murphy explained that last year the County Health Dept. denied the request that Ripco, Inc. made for a Trailer Camp, but this year they issued them a permit. Mr. Wright said that the Town should have an Ordinance covering a Trailer Camp and he will draw up this Ordinance. The Commissioners agreed to have a Special Meeting this month to go over this Ordinance.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Ronald Moore was present at the meeting, and asked if the remainder of Charlestown Place could be paved. He also requested that Mr. Francis Gibson's lines be checked for his fencing. It was explained that he has made application for
a permit to do this fencing, but the application does not give the location. When the location is received from Mr. Gibson, the Commissioners will check the lines before the permit is issued.

**WATER & SEWER**

Mr. Dudley Willis was unable to attend this meeting. He informed the Town Clerk that he will see Mr. Charles Morris, F. H. A. Engineer, within a few days to see if any other papers are needed to be submitted. He stated that a letter should be written to Arundel Corp., asking them to reply immediately about the land for a Pumping Station which we contacted them about in August of 1969.

Mr. Willis stated that all work is done on the Water Design other than a lot of typing of written specifications on the Pump House.

One of the Commissioners was told that Charlestown is holding up the Metropolitan Commission's project. In checking with the Engineer on this, it was found that he had not submitted the information they requested. He explained that he was holding up on this until approval is received from the State on the last submission of Forms. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that Mr. Willis be notified to submit the data requested immediately.

**FIRE COMPANY DEED**

The President asked if any of the Commissioners think the present Deed which was drawn up by Mr. Wright should be changed. Mr. Patchell stated that he would be willing to give the Fire Co. the land outright if there was any legal way to do it, but feels we have to go along with our Attorney's advise.

Mr. Wright stated that the Commissioners could give them a little longer to remove the building and a little more Mortgage power. The Commissioners agreed they would be willing to talk this over with the Firemen. The Commissioners agreed that they cannot go against their Attorney's advise regardless whether a petition is submitted or not.

**WATER & SEWER**

Mr. Alvan MacGuinness submitted the following name to the Commissioners. This man feels that he can help the Town in the procurement of Funds. Mr. Lee Sosnowski Phone: 501-9300 Est. 47-77 or 987-1415. Since this man lives close to John Wright, he will contact him and try to have him in Charlestown for the August meeting.

**POST OFFICE**

A letter was received from the Postal Department stating that they will not be able to pay a higher rental.
CURFEW

All the Commissioners were in agreement with drawing up a Curfew Ordinance. Time: 10 o'clock week nights and 11 o'clock on Saturday and Sunday nights. Age: 18 and under.

COMMITTING BALLIF

A letter will be written to the Governor asking for an appointment of a Committing Ballif. Mrs. Margaret McCall and Mrs. Marie Evans names were submitted as interested persons. It was decided to ask for Mrs. Margaret McCall's appointment. Mrs. McCall will be contacted first to verify that she is interested in the job.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to ask Mr. Evans if he will erect the Stop Signs.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

The Commissioners agreed to give Mr. Evans 6 additional work hours per week for the months of June, July and August.

The Commissioners will ask Mr. Evans to obtain prices of radios and to find out if he can be on the State Police frequency.

Mr. Evans stated that the benches on the Post Office lot are causing a lot of difficulty. It was decided to move them to the local beach at the foot of Calvert Street. Mr. Howery will be asked if he can move them for a reasonable price.

NO LITTERING SIGNS

Requests have been made for metal signs, since the cardboard signs are not adequate. The following prices were received:

- Dominion Traffic Sign & Signal Co, Inc. - $2.50 each
- Grimm Stamp & Badge Co. - 3.50 each
- James M. Pollitt, Havre de Grace - 50.00 1 Doz.
- Marine Plywood with Plastic Overlay.
- 60.00 2 Doz.

The Commissioners agreed to order 24 signs from Mr. Pollitt.

TOWN STREETS

The Commissioners agreed to get prices on black-top for approx. 200 feet of Charlestown Place. It was decided to pave from up to Mr. Ritter's property line.

TOWN HALL

Mr. Frank Mulveny offered $10.00 for the metal door which was taken off the Post Office. Since the heavy duty closer itself is worth at least $8.00, the Commissioners decided to ask Mr.
Mulveny to make another offer.

PLAYGROUND

Mr. Lewis asked if a playground could be put in behind Mr. Barnes property. The Commissioners asked Mr. Lewis to take charge of this project and see if he can get help from the residents to put this lot in shape.

MINUTE BOOKS

The attorney had already left the meeting when the subject of minute books came up. It was decided to check with him to see if our type of minute books are legally correct and will hold up in a Court of Law.

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 1970

The Regular Meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the
Town Hall on May 12, 1970 and called to order by President,
Walter G. Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Clarence Williams,
Walter Patchell, John Lewis, and Walter G. Murphy. Mr. John
Wright, Town Attorney, was also present.

The following men were present from the Charlestown Fire Co.:
Albert Gillespie, Lyle Bott, and John Gonce.

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting and one Special
Meeting were read and approved.

FIRE COMPANY DEED

This Deed was discussed at the Fire Co. meeting last evening,
and these men were asked to discuss it again with the
Commissioners. President Murphy asked the Attorney to again
explain why this Deed cannot be given without a reverter
clause. Mr. Wright again explained that it could not be sold
without the reverter clause unless it was no longer needed for
Public Use. The Firemen asked if a petition signed by the
majority of the voters would help, and Mr. Wright said it
would not. Mr. Wright said if the Fire Company Attorney can
draw up what the Company wants with Court decisions and law
to back it up, this is what they should do.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. James Ross Patchell was present at the meeting and read
a report on the Pollution of the River and suggested a meet-
ing with the Anti-Pollution League of Cecil County. The
President pointed out that the original plan was to meet with
Walter J. Hickle. After the Commissioners discussed this
matter, and due to the fact that Rogoor Morton is doing all
in his power to get the money for Charlestown by July, it was
decided to hold up on the meeting with Hickle till July.

Mr. Patchell also gave a list of complaints from Residents.
Most of these complaints will be covered with the Dog Ordinance,
Police Officer and other items which will be covered later in
the meeting.

Mr. Dudley Willis went over revisions of the application for
State Money and F.W.P.C.A. money. This is what the State Dept.
of Health require. The Commissioners decided these forms
should be signed and Mr. Willis will deliver them.

WATER TOWER SITE

The piece of land which Mr. W.W. Bratton is doing the Title
Search on is not owned by the Town, but if the Commissioners
still want to use this site, he will definitely determine who
the present owners are and Condemnation proceedings will
follow. Since the owner of this land is deceased and there
ORDINANCE NO. 23

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 dogs to run at large within the Town of Charlestown and to read as follows:

No person shall permit his dog to be at large or not under restraint in Charlestown. A dog will be deemed to be "at large" when not on the property of its owner and not under the control of a responsible person. A dog is "under restraint" if it is controlled by a leash, or under the control of an owner or other responsible person and obedient to that person's commands, or within a vehicle or within the property limits of its owner or keeper. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than $25.00 or sentenced to not more than 30 days confinement or both.

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

Approved: May 12, 1970

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By [Signature]
Walter G. Murphy, President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. 23
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Sections 64 and 65 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County," and title "Charlestown," that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance prohibiting dogs to run at large within the Town of Charlestown and to read as follows:

No person shall permit his dog to be at large or not under restraint in Charlestown. A dog will be deemed to be "at large" when not on the property of the owner and not under the control of a responsible person. A dog is "under restraint" if it is controlled by a leash or under the control of its owner or other responsible person and is not more than 3 feet from its owner or keeper. Any person violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than $25.00 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days confinement or both.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of adoption or

AGREEED TO May 12, 1970

By: W. S. S. McKee

CECIL WHIG


I hereby certify that the Ordinance No. 23 in the case of Commissioners of Charlestown

was inserted in the CECIL WHIG, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Elkton, Cecil County, Md., one in each of successive weeks before the day of MAY

in the year 1970.

Issues of May 20 & 27, 1970

For Cecil Whig.
is believed to be a long list of heirs, the Commissioners decided it may save time to purchase 200 feet square next to the old Grave Yard at the Cor. of Caroline and Cecil St. Mr. Wright will notify Mr. Bratton to do the Title Work on this lot.

**DOG ORDINANCE**

After reading the Ordinance prepared by John Wright, all Commissioners were in favor of adopting this Ordinance.

**HOME RULE RESOLUTION ON VOTING HOURS**

Four Commissioners were present and all are in favor of adopting this Resolution.

**HARBOR MASTER**

Mr. Harry Heisler told the President of the Commissioners that he had received a letter from the County Commissioners stating that he has been appointed Harbor Master. Since the Commissioners did not ask for this appointment and have had a Harbor Master for 14 years, the Town Clerk called the County Commissioners and verified the fact that they did appoint another Harbor Master. The Town Attorney stated that they County Commissioners have no powers within the Municipal Limits.

**SEWERAGE**

A letter was received from the County Commissioners in reference to Senate Bill #382 which provides financial aid and assistance for waste disposal equipment. Mr. Wright suggested that if our State and Federal money does not come through as expected, we should keep this in mind to make application later.

**NEW BRIDGE NORTH OF TOWN**

Designs were received from the State Roads Commission and the Commissioners looked over this design. They stated that they did not see a walk-way in the design and will ask the State Roads if this can be included in the Plans.

**POST OFFICE**

The U. S. Post Office has signed for a 5 year Option to renew their Lease at the same rental. It was decided to send a letter to the Postal Dept. asking them if they will consider a $20.00 a month increase in rental due to the increase in expenses. Mr. John Lewis stated that he cannot find anything wrong with the steps except a very small chip out of one.

The man who received the job of enclosing the back porch at the Post Office asked the President of the Commissioners if the Commissioners would verify in their minutes that the 30 inch door should open in instead of out so that no one could be knocked down the steps. Also he finds it impossible to put hinges on to make the door secure if the door opens out.
The Commissioners decided that this man should contact the Postal Representative on this change, since they awarded him the contract and will make payment for the job.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Reservations will be made for any Commissioners that wish to attend the Conference. Of those present, only the President and Town Clerk are going to attend the conference.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Applications were received from Richard W. Evans of Charles-town, Alden Wilson of Elkton, R. D. #1, Donald Warf of Hollingsworth Manor, Elkton, and Clifford Preston, Sr. of Holloway Beach, Charlestown. The Commissioners agreed to appoint Mr. Richard W. Evans and have him on duty as soon as he can be equipped. The Commissioners agreed to pay half on his uniform.

INSURANCE

A note was received from Charles T. Crothers asking the Commissioners if they wish to renew the Fire Insurance on the Town Dwelling and Town Hall. The Clerk was instructed to get prices from Hartenstine Ins. and Wilson-Oliver, and contact the Commissioners for their decision after prices are received.

DIFFERENTIAL ON TAXES

A letter was received from the County Commissioners stating they will not discuss this matter until after the hearing on the New Bill. Since the Bill which was passed a few years ago stated they may give differential, Mr. Wright said we have no alternative except to wait until the Hearing is over.

TRAILER CAMP

A letter was received from the County stating that Mr. Francis H. Gibson T/A Ripco, Inc. has received his permit for a Trailer Camp.

TREASURER'S BILLS

The Commissioners decided to hold the Bill from Richardson's in amount of $98.82 until the money for Sewer and Water starts to come in.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Special Account - $14,860.00 General Account - $6,194.00

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy, Town Clerk
RESOLUTION OF The Commissioners of Charlestown, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article 11-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland to amend Section 42 of the Charter of Charlestown and the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition), said Code being Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, to change the hours of municipal elections in Charlestown from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 p.m. to the new hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN that Section 42 of the Code of Public Local Laws be and the same is hereby amended to change the hours of municipal elections in Charlestown from the present hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to the new hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of adoption of this Resolution is May 12, 1970 and the amendment of the Charter of Charlestown herein set forth shall become effective on July 1, 1970, unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the Bulletin Board in the Town Office until June 22, 1970, and a copy of the title of the Resolution shall be published in the Cecil Whig or other newspaper in general circulation in the Town, once in each of four
be affixed to the minutes of this meeting an appropriate certificate of publication of the newspaper in which the title of this resolution shall have been published and shall declare the charter amendment hereby enacted to be effective by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided, on the said effective date.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as soon as the charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, wither as herein provided or following a referendum thereon, said President shall send separately, by registered mail, to the Secretary of State of Maryland and to the Department of Legislative Reference of Maryland, a copy of the text of Section 42 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition), as hereby enacted, a certified copy of this resolution showing the number of commissioners voting for and against it, and a report on the votes cast for and against the charter amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of any such referendum.

The foregoing resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Commissioners of Charlestown on May 12, 1970, at which 4 commissioners were present, 4 commissioners having voted for said Resolution and 0 commissioners having voted against it.

ATTEST:

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Walter G. Murphy
President of the Commissioners of Charlestown

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Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
MAY 2, 1970

SPECIAL MEETING

A short special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on Saturday, May 2nd at 9:30 A.M. The following Commissioners were present: Clarence E. Williams, Walter G. Murphy, and Peter M. Williams.

The Commissioners checked the lines along the Street right-a-way for Mr. Glen Mohler to erect a fence. This building permit was approved.

They went over the material needed for repairs on Town Wharf, and agreed to order the material at the price of $855.56. Mr. Vernon Bryant and two other carpenters will do the work at $3.00 an hour each for two carpenters and $4.00 an hour for the third one.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall on April 14, 1970 and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Clarence Williams, Peter Williams, Walter Patchell, John Lewis and Walter G. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Special Account - $11,648.46
General Account - $7,601.02

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

There was a discussion on whether or not to hire a Police Officer and what his qualifications should be. Mr. Peter Williams definitely opposes hiring an unqualified person from the legal standpoint. The majority are in favor of hiring a Police Officer if we can get a qualified person. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Williams that we hire a Part-time Police Officer with qualifications as follows: Furnish good character reference, be physically able, at least 21 years of age with some type of formal police training. Military experience may be acceptable in lieu of formal police training. Application must be made in writing. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarence Williams and passed unanimously. This is to be advertised in both County papers and applications are to be in before the next meeting.

The Commissioners agreed on a Salary of $3.00 per hour and working hours are to be 24 hours per week.

FIRE COMPANY DEED

The lawyer for the Fire Company and the lawyer for the Town are working on this matter and will advise us later.

TOWN STREETS

The bids received for Street Work read as follows:

Edmond Howery - Grade, gravel, patch holes, etc. - $1,660.00
Pave Frederick St. - 1,475.00

United Paving Co. - Grade, Gravel, patch holes, etc. - $4,249.00
Pave Frederick St. - 1,084.00
A motion was made by Mr. Peter Williams that Edmond Howery be given the job of grading, graveling, patch holes, etc. and United Paving Co. be given the job of paving Frederick St. Motion seconded by Walter Patchell and passed. Work is to be completed by June 1st with a penalty clause of $25.00 per day.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Williams to pave Cecil Parkway from the end of black-top to corporate limit and to ask United Paving to do this job if the price is reasonable. Motion seconded by John Lewis and passed.

DOG ORDINANCE

One written complaint and several verbal complaints have been made about the dogs running loose in town. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Williams that the Town Attorney be asked to draw up an Ordinance prohibiting dogs to run loose except in the owners yard or accompanied by the owner and that the dog must be tagged. Motion seconded by John Lewis and passed.

ORDINANCE ON WEEDS AND OBNOXIOUS MATTER

Some complaints have been received on the condition of Frank Howell's property and the property at the corner of Market and Cecil. The Town Clerk is instructed to send these two property owners letters giving them 10 days to correct the affending condition. There was also a discussion about getting someone to cut the blind corners, clean off town property and litter on streets. The Boy Scouts did this work two years ago, but weren't interested last year.

WELLWOOD YACHT MARINA

Since this Lease has expired due to rental not being paid, the Town Attorney will be instructed to notify the owners that they do not have a lease on the property at the foot of Frederick St. and ask them if they would like to meet with the Commissioners.

WATER TOWER SITE

Attached is a letter from William Wilson Bratton about the Title Search of the Water Tower Site. Since he believes the Town no longer owns this property, we will wait for instructions from Mr. John Wright as to the next move on this matter.

DIFFERENTIAL ON REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR RESIDENTS OF TOWNS

Attached are letters pertaining to this matter. It was decided to check with the Town Attorney to see if there was a bill passed in prior years that would allow the town some differential,
WATER & SEWER

Since it is impossible to contact the Engineer by phone, a letter will be written to him about a Bill which he continues to send us in the amount of $98.82. The Commissioners thought this was included in the amount on notes held by Farmers Bank. In this letter he will also be asked about his progress so everything will be ready to let out the job for bids on July 1, 1970.

REGISTRATION

The Ordinance on Registration states that the Commissioners can designate additional days, therefore Mr. Peter Williams made a motion that there will be Registration on the Regular Meeting nights of the Commissioners in the months of March, June and September. Hours 7:30-10:00 P.M. Motion seconded by John Lewis and passed. This item will be checked by the Town Attorney before posters are made to notify the public.

TREASURER’S BILLS

Hartenstine Insurance Agency - Workmen's Comp. - $56.00
Conowingo Power Co. - Electricity for Town Hall- 21.31
Transfer from General to Special Acct. - 817.54
To March Racing Revenue
Vernon Benjamin - Coat Rack & Voting Booth - 140.00

CEMETERY

Mrs. McMullen may need additional funds until the lot dues start to come in. A bill will also be received for the cost of printing Bill Heads for the Lot Dues. The Commissioners agreed that she should be granted the needed funds.

POST OFFICE

There is a bad step at the entrance of the Post Office. Mr. John Lewis will ask Mr. Hershel Armour to repair the step.

The Commissioners instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Post Master requesting a better letter box outside with a larger opening since even a small package cannot be inserted in this box.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy, Town Clerk
To the Town of Charlestown!

With spring coming, I make a request to my fellow citizens to do something about the animal control. I own two animals, but I have traps in my yard. I feel that a resident should not have to put up with this. Perhaps we could be glad to help in any way to get people to keep them at home.

J. Carpenter.
April 13, 1970

John B. Wright, Esq.
Wright and Cohen
2024 West Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Charlestown water tower site
Our File: R6112

Dear Mr. Wright:

From time to time we have been working on the Charlestown titles in an effort to get some exact title information for the 310' x 360' Town Commons parcel.

As you recall, this parcel shows on the tax plat without an owner.

In our approach to the search we traced back the title for the contiguous parcels of land, first on the south, then on the west, and then on the north. In checking back these three chains we found all three went back to the Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown but the grants out from the Commissioners did not seem to include the parcel for which we have been making an examination.

We then started from the beginning of time and checked the conveyances from the Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown. One of these conveyances was a deed to Thomas Richardson. This deed is dated May 13, 1850 and recorded in Charlestown Record Book No. 4, folio 131. The recited consideration was $13.00. This parcel of land containing 3.57 acres is apparently this lot.

It would appear, therefore, that this area does not belong to the Town and will have to be purchased from the owners.

We reached this point in our title work only this morning, and as this letter is dictated I cannot say who apparently presently has title. It does appear that Thomas Richardson conveyed all of his property in 1896 to William T. Richardson, and that William T. Richardson died testate leaving his estate to his daughter, Ella R. Logan for life and then to her children.
As soon as we have an opportunity to do further work on this I will try to give you a further report.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Wilson Bratton

cc: Town Commissioners of Charlestown
March 12, 1970

William Wilson Brattoa, Esquire
118 North Street
Elkton, Maryland 21921

Re: Charlestown water tower site
Your File: R6112

Dear William:

Your title certificate concerning the 310 x 360 ft. Charlestown water tower site is urgently needed for the meeting of the Town Commissioners on Tuesday, April 14, 1970. Would you please complete your title work on this parcel and send me your report by Thursday, April 9th?

We have received assurance that federal funds will be available in July, and it is likely that your billings for the title work can be paid at that time.

Your assistance with these title matters is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John B. Wright
Charlestown Attorney

cc: Town Commissioners
April 9, 1970

The Honorable Donald B. Whitaker, President
Town Commissioners of Perryville
Perryville, Maryland 21903

Dear President Whitaker:

This will verify my telephone call this morning to the Town Office of Perryville regarding the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 1970.

In an effort to accumulate all available information on the subject of a differential on real estate taxes for residents of incorporated towns, it was learned that the bill in the past session of the Maryland Legislature was defeated but was referred to a study committee, and a study will be made this summer. At the present time, Harford County is the only county in Maryland that allows a differential, and the towns involved are Havre de Grace, Bel Air, and Aberdeen.

The County Commissioners will await the outcome of the proposed study before a differential for the incorporated towns is considered in Cecil County.

Very truly yours,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CECIL COUNTY

BY: [Signature]
(Mrs.) Mildred O. McGuirk

MM/11b

cc: Mayor and Commissioners of Cecilton
Mayor and Commissioners of Charlestown
Mayor and Commissioners of Chesapeake City
Mayor and Commissioners of Elkton
Mayor and Commissioners of North East
Mayor and Commissioners of Port Deposit
Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun
March 16, 1970

Cecil County Commissioners
Court House
Elkton, Maryland

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 123A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County (1961 Edition, being Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Cecil County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County to grant a partial property tax exemption for property located within certain incorporated towns in Cecil County, designating which towns are eligible for the exemption and limiting the amount of the exemption, the Perryville Town Commissioners hereby request the Cecil County Commissioners to grant to the Perryville residents an exemption in accordance with their eligibility.

Our town provides the following services:

(1) Street lighting;
(2) Police protection;
(3) Street maintenance;
(4) Maintenance and operation of landfill and garbage collection;
* (5) Enforcement of planning, zoning and subdivision regulations.

* An application has been submitted and accepted by the State Planning and Zoning Commission and an Ordinance is being drafted to incorporate this in our town functions. We should be eligible for this by July 1, 1970.

We would appreciate a meeting at your convenience to determine our town eligibility for this exemption.

Very truly yours

Donald E. Whitaker
President

co: Rising Sun Commissioners
North East Commissioners
Cecilton Commissioners
Charlestown Commissioners

Port Deposit Commissioners
Chesterfield Commissioners
Elkton Commissioners
VERNON V. BENJAMIN
CONTRACTOR

Charleston, Md

Estimate

Labor and material, including 2 coats of paint to
erect a combination closet and vanity bath,
as described by Walter Murphy. For the sum of

$475.00
TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
P. O. BOX 154
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND 21914
PHONE 287-6173

MARCH 19, 1970

Special meeting of the Town Commissioners to go over Streets.

1. Town Spring - contact Health Department and check for sewerage.

2. Hump in Cecil Parkway near Mr. Clarence Williams property - Leave as is.

3. Cecil Parkway - clean ditches and open pipes.

4. Street to Elizabeth Owens' property (Charlestown Place) - open ditches from top of hill to Cecil Parkway on right hand side of street.

5. Baltimore St. - clean and cut ditches from Cecil to River.

6. Clean pipe at Town Hall and dig ditch (Black Ave.).

7. Caroline & Cecil St. (Albert Cooper) drain water toward Fears' property.

8. Separate Bid - Black top on Frederick St. from Bladen to Cecil. 16' wide, same thickness and mixture as all other new Streets.


10. Clean all ditches to drain hard top roads.

11. Scrape and gravel where needed on all gravel Streets. Also ditch all gravel streets where needed.

Walter G. Murphy
President
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on March 10, 1970 and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Clarence Williams, John Lewis, and Walter G. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved other than for the Town Clerk to check to be certain on the name and title of man that Mr. James Ross Patchell is to meet with.

STREET WORK

Mr. Edmund Howery never asked the Commissioners to check his work (1969 street work) and receive his final check. Since he has never stated that he had completed the extra jobs, it was decided to make no further payment until he has requested the Commissioners to check the work.

The Commissioners will go over the streets to decide what is to be done for this year. The Town Clerk is to call Peter Williams and Walter Patchell to see what evening or Saturday will suit them. The following items should be checked at the time the streets are gone over: Overflow from Town Spring in Holloway Beach area, discuss removing hump by Mr. Clarence Williams residence (Request made by Mrs. Marquis), Pipe cleaned by Town Hall and Black Ave, clean pipe on Ceciil Parkway below Tasker Lane.

The Town Clerk is requested to call the State Roads Commission about the bad condition of the approaches from Bladen St. to Frederick and Caroline.

RAILROAD CROSSING

At the meeting of the Town Commissioners on April 22, 1969, the Commissioners agreed to send a letter to the State Roads Commission stating they will close the crossing at the time the new bridge north of town is completed. The Commissioners asked the Town Clerk to hold up on this letter to see if the Penn Central would be back to offer something to the town in exchange for closing the crossing.

The State Roads are pressing us for this letter, since they want to try to get some money from the Penn Central to be used in construction of the new bridge. John Wright stated that he thinks
we should go ahead and honor this agreement by writing this letter. The Commissioners agreed to have the Clerk write the letter.

TOWN ELECTION

John Wright has checked all the Charters of Towns in Maryland and finds that all Charters state definite hours for Election. He feels that we should also state definite hours in our Home Rule Resolution which amends the Charter. A motion was made by John Lewis that the hours be changed from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 Noon to 8 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarence Williams and passed.

TOWN HALL BUILDING

A letter was received from Mr. Fitzpatrick of the Post Office Department stating that he would like copies of the bids and will try to work out an agreement with the Government to take care of paying for improvements to Post Office.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Alden Wilson of Elkton, Md. R. D. #1, and Mr. Adams of Holloway Beach are interested in the Police Job. It was decided to hold till next meeting and try to have a full board to make decision, but if this is not possible, a decision will definitely be made on this matter at the next meeting.

TOWN WHARF

The Commissioners have tried for over a year to get someone to rebuild the Town Wharf. So far it has been impossible to find anyone to do the job, but the Commissioners will again try to find someone to do the work so they will be able to rent out slips this summer.

TREASURER'S BILLS

Wm. B. Merry & Sons - $6.89 - Get well gift for Frank Mulveny.
Jackson-Balling Oil Co. $55.62 - Oil for Town Hall
Atlas Plumbing - $13.00 - Drain Water tank, check for leaks, and check pump.

A motion was made by Mr. Clarence Williams and seconded by John Lewis to pay these Bills. Motion passed.
TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
P. O. BOX 154
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND 21914
PHONE 287-6173

Treasurer's Report - General Account Balance - $6,983.55
Special Account Balance - 11,770.04

WATER & SEWER

Mr. Bill Mills, Congressman Morton's Administrative Assistant, met with the Commissioners on the same day that they visited the County. Mr. Mills stated that he and Congressman Morton feel certain that we will get word in June about our money and the money will be available in July. He said to advise our Engineer to have everything ready to let out bids in July.

TOWN HALL

All the Commissioners were in agreement to have Mr. Vernon Benjamin make the Coat Rack and Voting Combination at the price of $140.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on February 10, 1970 in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Walter G. Murphy, Clarence E. Williams, Peter M. Williams, Walter Patchell, and John W. Lewis. Mr. Dudley Willis, Engineer, and Mr. John B. Wright, Town Attorney, were also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. James Ross Patchell was present at the meeting to ask about the legality of the Ballots that were not counted. Mr. Wright explained this to Mr. Patchell as it is explained in the attached letter. Mr. Patchell also asked if something could be done with Cooper Ave. since it is in such bad shape. The Commissioners stated that this is not a Town Street.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. Alvan MacGuinness was also present at the meeting. Mr. MacGuinness is attending the Sanitary Technology course on behalf of Charlestown. He stated that he cannot take Water and Water Waste in the same year and he will not attend the course next year. He also wanted it understood by all the Commissioners that he does not want a full time job in the Town's water and sewer program.

Members of the Metropolitan Commission were present to go over the area as shown on map prepared by Mr. Willis. The Metropolitan Commission feel the Town should tell them from their Planning and Study what should be done.

The Lawyers and Engineers for the Town and Metropolitan Commission will get together so that the Metropolitan Commission can get the Study, Plans, etc. which have already been completed.

The Metropolitan Commission suggested that we write a letter to the County Commissioners stating that the Town is going ahead with the Town only and that the County Commissioners and Metropolitan Commission can do the outlining area. Copy of letter is attached to these minutes. The Metropolitan Commission stated that they meet the First Monday of each month if we need to meet with them.

Mr. Willis will follow through with answering HUD and Health Department letters giving additional information and forms requested.
FIRE COMPANY DEED

The Fire Company haven't checked with their lawyer yet to say whether or not they want this Deed as worded. Mr. Peter Williams submitted a written memo stating what the Fire Co. wants. Mr. Wright explained that the property cannot legally be given to the Fire Company. He suggested that the Fire Co. have it appraised, and the Town have it appraised, and perhaps the Fire Company would like to buy the land at a fair Market Value.

WATER & SEWER

A motion was made by Peter Williams and seconded by John Lewis that Mr. James Ross Patchell be appointed to talk to Congressman Sickles to try to speed up getting our money for the project. Motion passed. The Commissioners decided that one Commissioner should accompany Mr. Patchell, and that Mr. Patchell should contact the Commissioners after he has obtained an appointment so that whatever Commissioner is available can accompany him.

There was a discussion about appointing Mr. Mulveny to some title so that he could assist the Commissioners. This matter will be studied and discussed at a later date.

POST OFFICE REMODELING

Two bids were received on the work that the Post Office has requested to be done. Mr. Raymond Petry, Jr. $650.00
Mr. Vernon V. Benjamin $665.00

Also a bid was received for the Coat Rack and Voting Booth Combination for Town Hall - Price $140.00.

It was decided to ask for an appointment with Mr. Fitzpatrick of the Postal Department to discuss an increased rental to cover the improvements.

RACE TRACK REVENUE

Attached to these minutes is a letter from the County Treasurer which was read and made a part of these minutes so that the Town of Charlestown can receive their Allotment of the Racing Revenue.

TREASURER'S BILLS

Marcus Good - Snow Removal - $40.00
The Cecil Whig - Article on progress of water & sewer - $37.80
The Cecil Democrat - Article on progress of " " " - $31.20

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Peter Williams that these bills be paid. Motion passed.
TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND 21914

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
January 23, 1970

Mrs. Elisabeth McMullen
Charlestown, Maryland 21914

Dear Mrs. McMullen:

I have been advised that there were eleven paper ballots ruled invalid in the January 12, 1970 Charlestown election because a proper "X" mark had not been made in the appropriate box but instead a check mark or some other mark had been made.

Legal research has been completed as to whether this action by the three judges of the municipal election was proper.

In 1954 the Maryland Court of Appeals ruled on this question following an election involving George P. Mahoney and Dr. H. Curly Byrd. Chief Judge Brune wrote a very comprehensive opinion in this Mahoney case and made the following comments: "Voters should not be unnecessarily disfranchised due to minor errors or irregularities in marking ballots."

"Action of election board of supervisors in counting ballots involving a dot and occasionally some other mark or marks in the square with the cross-marks was within discretionary power vested in supervisors."

"Ballots on which there was a dot but not cross-mark in square were properly counted where dot was due to flaws in paper, but where the dots on other such ballots may have been pencil marks some of which were inadvertently made, they were of such uncertainty as to fall within power of determination of election board of supervisors."

"Ballots involving more lines than were needed for a cross were properly counted where such ballots showed efforts by nervous persons to retrace one or both lines of cross-mark."

"Where ballots involved a third line which produced somewhat of an "H" rather than a cross-mark, rejection of those ballots containing lines which were clearly H's or which were clearly stars, and counting those which involved honest attempts to retrace one or both lines of cross to make them more distinct by persons untrained in use of writing instruments was proper."
"The voter should be given benefit of doubt in determining whether ballot is within statute providing for rejection of ballot on which there is any mark other than cross-mark in square opposite name of candidate."

I also understand that one of the Charlestown voters has requested permission to have access to the names of persons who voted on January 12th. Since this information is public information, whenever it is convenient to allow this inspection, it should be done.

Very truly yours,

John B. Wright
Town Attorney

JBW:arc

cc: Town Commissioners
February 13, 1970

Mr. David Racine
President of the County Commissioners
Court House
Elkton, Md. 21921

Dear Mr. Racine:

Confirming the comments made on February 10, 1970 at a joint meeting of the Town Commissioners of Charlestown and the Metropolitan Commission, the Town of Charlestown has decided to proceed immediately with its plans for installation of water and sewerage within the town limits only. We are assuming that the Metropolitan Commission will be proceeding with whatever plans are to be made for servicing areas outside of our Town limits, and the Town Commissioners withdraw all previously made requests to the County Commissioners for any control or jurisdiction by the Town Commissioners of Charlestown over properties to be serviced outside the town limits.

Very truly yours,

Walter G. Murphy
President
Office of
Treasurer of Cecil County
Court House
 Elkton, Maryland 21921

February 2, 1970

Town Commissioners of Charlestown
Charlestown
Maryland 21914

Gentlemen:

There has been allocated to Cecil County the sum of fifty-five thousand, six hundred sixty-one dollars and forty-eight cents ($55,661.48), representing the amount of money apportioned to said County by the State of Maryland for the calendar year 1969, as Cecil County's share of the racing revenue received from the State of Maryland.

Out of the above sum Cecil County in turn is required to distribute to the incorporated towns a share of the above funds on a population basis, provided the incorporated towns comply with the Legislative enactment governing the distribution. I have appended below a copy of the law controlling this distribution as enacted by Chapter 502, of the Acts of 1947.

"From the funds allocated to each County under the provisions of this Section, the County Commissioners of the County shall allocate and pay to each incorporated town in the County a share of such funds in the ratio which the population of each such town (figured on the best and most reliable figures available in the opinion of the County Commissioners) bears to the total population of the County, provided, however, that such distribution shall be made if and only if the following conditions are met: (a) only if such funds are used for the construction or maintenance of streets or sewerage facilities or water systems, or garbage collections and disposal within the town; and (b) only if such town shall raise by taxation and apply for the same purpose as is the distributed funds an amount equal to any funds so distributed. The share which any incorporated town failing to comply with the provisions of this Section would have received upon such compliance shall be retained by the County."

The population figure of your Town, as the result of the last Federal Census of 1960, is 711. The population of Cecil County, in accordance with the last Federal Census, is forty-eight thousand, four hundred and eight (48,408). The population figures in accordance with the last Federal Census have been adopted by the County Commissioners
as the basis for this distribution to the incorporated towns. The amount of money which you will receive, in accordance with the census figures above mentioned, is $817.54.

I have prepared an agreement to be signed by the Town Commissioners of your municipality, and I am enclosing one for your use. As soon as this agreement has been signed, made a matter of record in the minutes of your municipality and returned to this office, I shall be glad to forward to your Town a check representing your proportionate share of the racing revenue for the calendar year 1969.

Very truly yours,

M. Rebecca Jackson

M. Rebecca Jackson,
Treasurer of Cecil County

MRJ/rh
Enclosure
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on January 13, 1970 in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy. The following Commissioners were present: Walter Patchell, Clarence Williams, Walter G. Murphy and John W. Lewis.

**ELECTION**

Mr. James Ross Patchell was present at the meeting to ask if there is an Ordinance or stated in the Charter that Ballots must be marked with an X. The Commissioners stated that there is no Ordinance or reference in the Charter, but it has been printed on the Ballots for many years. The legality of not counting these ballots will be checked with the Town Attorney. Mr. Larry Metz and Mr. McCann were also present to ask about this matter. The Commissioners stated that the Judges of Election had checked these Ballots to see if they would change the results of the Election and they did not.

It was also requested that the hours of Election be changed. The Commissioners said there has been several requests and they are going to instruct the lawyer to prepare a Resolution to amend the Charter.

Mr. Larry Metz suggested appointing Mr. Mulveny to a position to assist the Town (without compensation) because of the work he has done for the Town.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Murphy gave Deed to Fire Company and they will check with their lawyer before asking to have Deed executed by Town Commissioners. The Fire Co. returned the first Deed given to them which they weren't happy with.

Due to Ralph Murphy's death and the Secretary's illness, the Legal Service Agreement with John Wright under FHA has not been signed. It will be retyped with new president's name and executed. Also leases to Cornelius and Fabmica will be retyped and executed.

**COMMISSIONERS ELECTED**

At this time two of the Commissioners elected were sworn in by Notary Public, Patricia Murphy. Affidavit attached. One Commissioner was unable to attend this meeting and will be sworn in as soon as possible. (Affidavit attached for this Commissioner also).

Mr. John W. Lewis made a motion that they present officers and Secretary remain the same as last year. Motion seconded by Mr. Walter Patchell and passed.

It was decided to contact Mr. John Wright immediately to have Resolution drawn to change Charter for Election Hours, and have them flexible, if possible. It was suggested as many hours as
necessary between the hours of 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. It was decided that Registration provisions are sufficient.

SEWAGE & WATER

It was decided to request that the Metropolitan Commission be present at our next meeting and also try to have Mr. Blanchfield, Mr. Wright and Mr. Willis present.

TOWN HALL BUILDING

Each Commissioner will try to contact a Carpenter for the addition at the Post Office. It was decided to specify frame with wall board lining, and bids are to be submitted by February 10, 1970.

STREETS

Caroline Street from Calvert to the River is to be Closed during the time that children wish to sled on this hill and wooden horses of whatever material is available at the Town Hall can be used to close it off.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND 21914

The following Commissioners:  

JOHN W. LEWIS  
WALTER C. MURPHY  
PETER M. WILLIAMS

Elected at Town Election, January 12, 1970, do hereby take oath that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their judgement and ability, discharge the duties of their office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

SIGNED: John W. Lewis  
SIGNED: Walter C. Murphy  
SIGNED: Peter M. Williams

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 13 day of January, 1970.

Notary Public  
My Commission expires 7/1/70

The latter above named Commissioner was unable to attend the January 13, 1970 meeting and was sworn in on the 14th of January by me, a Notary Public, State of Maryland, County of Cecil.

Notary Public  
My Commission expires 7/1/70
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on December 9th in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Walter G. Murphy. The following Commissioners were present: Frank Mulveny, Clarence Williams, Walter Patchell, John Lewis and Walter G. Murphy. Dudley Willis, Engineer, and John Wright, Attorney, were also present.

Mr. David Moore of the Cecil County Health Dept. and members of the Metropolitan Commission were also present at the meeting.

Mr. Gillespie was present representing the Fire Co., and stated that they were not happy with the wording of the Deed given to them. A discussion followed as to what type deed they wanted. Another Deed will be prepared by the Town Attorney and sent back for both the Town Commissioners and the Fire Co. approval before executed.

**WATER & SEWER**

A discussion was held with the Metropolitan Commission, and it was decided to have copies of maps of outlining areas sent to the Metropolitan Commission and meet again at a later date. Also they would like to find out the assessable base of the outlining areas.

There was a discussion about the Engineer Bills, and a letter is attached showing how these Bills will be paid. This agreement was made in a form of a motion made by Frank Mulveny, seconded by Clarence Williams. Four Commissioners in favor with one abstaining. Motion passed.

Mr. Wright stated that Mr. Jack Johnson, Mayor of North East called and said that they wanted three items deleted from the Contract before signing it. Mr. Willis and the Board agreed and Mr. Wright will make up new contract for signatures.

**TOWN CLERK**

A motion was made to appoint Mrs. Elizabeth McMullen as Acting Town Clerk in Mrs. Murphy's absence since she has been ill and will need to have medical treatment on the day of Registration. Motion made by Mr. Mulveny, seconded by Mr. Lewis and passed.

**SEWAGE (CONT.)**

Mr. Willis told the Commissioners that they should have Mr. David Moore write letter about stopping all building outside of Town in proposed Sanitary District.

**POST OFFICE REMODELING**

Mr. Murphy will follow up on this item and try to get bids in for
the job.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
RE: Payment for Engineering Service

Gentlemen:

I have discussed the meeting of December 9, 1969 with Mr. Willis, and I am in agreement with the tentative agreements that were reached at the meeting. These are as follows:

1. Existing Sewage Project note is to be renewed at same interest rate of 8%.

2. Water Project note is to be given for first billings for $10,000. This is to be at interest rate of 5% which was set to match 5% rate said to be given by FHA for their loans.

3. Next billing will be when the Water Project design is completed and this will be for $10,000. As soon as project financing is secured, or the project is abandoned, the billing will be brought up to date in accordance with the Contract, and paid as rapidly as possible.

4. The notes mentioned in items #1 and #2 above will be completed and returned to us as rapidly as possible. These will be 120 day bank notes and will be renewed periodically as required.

5. Billing in accordance with #3 above will not be secured by a note and will not receive interest.
Mr. Blanchfield of F.H.A. requested that this agreement be made an attachment to the Agreement for Engineering Services. For this reason, this letter is transmitted with six (6) signed copies. Each of these copies is to be signed by you. They shall then be attached to, and become a part of, the forms of agreement which you now have for review and approval. One signed copy should be sent to Mr. Blanchfield of F.H.A. and one returned to us for our file.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD H. RICHARDSON ASSOCIATES, INC.

Edward H. Richardson, C.E.

EHR/ams

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

Mayor

Clerk
TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND 21914

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 1969

MINUTES TAKEN BY FRANK MULVENY, JR. - INSERT WHEN MR. MULVENY COMPLETES SAME.
October 17, 1969

TO: CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND COUNCILMEN

FROM: F. MULVENY, JR. (ACTING SECRETARY)

The following are some personal ideas that should be discussed in the future for the good of the town.

Design new stationary and have names of Mayor, Councilman and Secretary on letterhead.

Secretary should write minutes of previous meeting, including balances of checkbooks, and mail to each councilman within a week of each meeting.

The town office should be cleaned out of doors, voting booths, etc. Ceiling should be patched and painted and new lighting installed if necessary.

Some presentable furniture and coat rack be bought.

A duplicating machine be bought.

Nameplates for Mayor and Councilman.

Entire area behind town hall to Conestoga Street be mowed. Also area behind fire hall from Bladen to Cecil Street.

Road contractor should finish work before winter.

Have Al Mac Guiness updated on plans for sewers and water as we have tentatively made him the future custodian.

Buy truck primarily for water and sewer maintenance but also use for snow removal and cleaning roads.

Intensify our efforts to get a town policeman. (Buy radio and signs for car.)

Investigate whether town house can be made into apartments and leased without cost to State Policeman.

It has also been suggested that part of town house be made into a maritime museum as some local residents have items that could be exhibited.
October 17, 1969

Cecil County Metropolitan Commission
Room 101, Court House Building
Elkton, Maryland 21921

Attention: Mr. John T. Barrow, Jr.
Chairman

Gentlemen:

We are asking you to set a date in the next 30 days between your Commission and the Charlestown Commissioners to finalize the County Sanitary District that will surround Charlestown but be serviced by Charlestown.

At a previous meeting your Commission, attorney and engineer had agreed verbally to this project. The County Commissioners had also agreed verbally to this request.

When citizens of Charlestown Manor petitioned your Commission for a sanitary district your Commission and engineers, as quoted by local papers, said they should be incorporated into our plan.

This meeting should include respective attorneys and engineers and the representative of the FHA, who will do the financing.

Our plans for sewers and water are substantially complete for the town and sanitary district. We wish to start this project in the spring of 1970. An agreement has been made with the Town of North East, Maryland to supply us with water.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Frank Mulveny, Jr.
Charlestown Commissioner
October 17, 1969

TO: CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND COUNCILMEN

FROM: F. MULVENY, JR. (ACTING SECRETARY)

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 1969 MEETING

Attending: F. Mulveny, Jr.
J. Lewis
C. Williams
W. Patchell
J. Wright - Town Lawyer

A. C. Gillespie was advised by N. E. Bank that the deed given to Fire Company was not satisfactory to obtain a loan. Wright said that bank should indicate what they require. Wright told us that town owned land and buildings under present set-up. This was a surprise to everyone. Councilman told Gillespie that town will not relinquish land but do not want Fire Company to lose any money invested in building in future.

Gillespie reminded us that we were to grade pile of dirt at bottom of Bladen Street so fire engines could pump water from creek. Advised him that contractor has not returned to town to finish job.

Gillespie said that road guardrail at corner of his property is on his land and also any future sidewalk built by town would be an infringement. Would like us to write State Roads Department to find out what they will do about situation.

Ross Patchell complained about a neighbor's septic tank overflowing into his well. Told him to see D. Moore in Elkton as it is State problem. Also wanted to know why R.C. church property was not cleaned. Told him that contractor had not shown up and Town Secretary, who is ill and not at work, was handling problem. He also asked about proposed schedule of water and sewers and was told we were hopeful of spring of 1970 start.

Local P.T.A. asked commissioners to be at Halloween party at school as judges and patrons. J. Lewis and wife will attend.

Discussion of snow removal was held and consensus was that if no one bid on job that M. Good be asked to do it because the town does him a favor by leasing land to him.
October 17, 1969
Charlestown, Maryland Councilmen

Secretary to write letter to Animal Rescue League about the large number of dogs running loose in town.

Secretary to write letter to State Roads Comm. about progress of new bridge at north end of town.

Secretary to write letter to garbage collectors about using open trucks and that this is final notice.

J. Lewis to get open barrels, for refuse, to be put around town. He will try to get Boy Scouts to paint barrels. Secretary to arrange to pay a refuse collector to empty barrels weekly.

(W. Patchell, J. Lewis, F. Mulveny and wives will attend Municipal League dinner in Port Deposit October 20.

F. Mulveny to write letter to Metropolitan Comm. to arrange meeting to discuss setting up sanitary district outside of town limits for water and sewerage.

FM:mmc
October 17, 1969

TO: CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND COUNCILMEN

FROM: F. MULVENY, JR. (ACTING SECRETARY)

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 1969 MEETING

Attending: F. Mulveny, Jr.
J. Lewis
C. Williams
W. Patchell
J. Wright - Town Lawyer

A. C. Gillespie was advised by N. E. Bank that the deed given to Fire Company was not satisfactory to obtain a loan. Wright said that bank should indicate what they require. Wright told us that town owned land and buildings under present set-up. This was a surprise to everyone. Councilman told Gillespie that town will not relinquish land but do not want Fire Company to lose any money invested in building in future.

Gillespie reminded us that we were to grade pile of dirt at bottom of Bladen Street so fire engines could pump water from creek. Advised him that contractor has not returned to town to finish job.

Gillespie said that road guardrail at corner of his property is on his land and also any future sidewalk built by town would be an infringement. Would like us to write State Roads Department to find out what they will do about situation.

Ross Patchell complained about a neighbor's septic tank overflowing into his well. Told him to see D. Moore in Elkton as it is State problem. Also wanted to know why R.C. church property was not cleaned. Told him that contractor had not shown up and Town Secretary, who is ill and not at work, was handling problem. He also asked about proposed schedule of water and sewers and was told we were hopeful of spring of 1970 start.

Local P.T.A. asked commissioners to be at Halloween party at school as judges and patrons. J. Lewis and wife will attend.

Discussion of snow removal was held and consensus was that if no one bid on job that M. Good be asked to do it because the town does him a favor by leasing land to him.
October 17, 1969
Charlestown, Maryland Councilmen

Have pier at town house repaired so we can lease slips for boats.
Have standard specifications for road and sidewalk improvements.
Set up new program for paving roads and new sidewalks after water and sewers are installed. This might entail regrading streets and installing some storm sewers.
Fence or put up notices indicating limits of town owned property. Have this town land surveyed. (Expensive but probably necessary.)
Increase rates of leased property.
Recheck Giardono on fixing odorous ditch by Wellwood Marina.
Fine people who do not clean snow from sidewalks and have town owned sidewalks cleaned.
Adopt building and zoning codes.
Put up signs at beaches, with rules for conduct, and rigidly enforce.
Uniformed crossing guards for protecting school children. Paint warnings on streets or put up signs.
Contract with an engineering firm to design a playground and parking lot behind fire house. State funds up to 75% of project are available.
Buy property to east of church for enlarged cemetery.
Future dump as present one may close in one to two years.
Clean town beaches in the summer and also have trash barrels and benches. Clean out roads at water ends.
Re-investigate annexing some areas so that we can provide for better growth of town.
Should some town land be sold or leased for light clean industry to provide a higher tax base?
Put large map of town on plywood and hang in office. Secure map from Richardson Assoc.
Have sub-standard housing fixed or removed.

FM:mmc
October 17, 1969
Charlestown, Maryland Councilmen

Secretary to write letter to Animal Rescue League about the large number of dogs running loose in town.

Secretary to write letter to State Roads Comm. about progress of new bridge at north end of town.

Secretary to write letter to garbage collectors about using open trucks and that this is final notice.

J. Lewis to get open barrels, for refuse, to be put around town. He will try to get Boy Scouts to paint barrels. Secretary to arrange to pay a refuse collector to empty barrels weekly.

W. Patchell, J. Lewis, F. Mulveny and wives will attend Municipal League dinner in Port Deposit October 20.

F. Mulveny to write letter to Metropolitan Comm. to arrange meeting to discuss setting up sanitary district outside of town limits for water and sewerage.

FM:mmc
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on September 9, 1969 in the Town Hall and called to order by Acting President, Walter G. Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Frank Mulveny, Walter Patchell and Walter G. Murphy.

Mrs. Peggy Lewis, Mrs. Jeanette Armour, and Mr. Lyle Bott were present at the meeting. Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Armour wanted to know what is being done about a park for the children, and also the Sewer and Water. The Commissioners explained the progress. These ladies stated that they were trying to form an Organization to help make these things a reality in the Community. Mr. Bott also wanted to know the progress of Sewer and Water.

APPOINTMENTS OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Clerk made a great number of calls from the list made at the last Special Meeting. The following persons said they would be interested: William Doss, Clarence Williams, Larry Metz, Charles S. Wright and Peter M. Williams, and John W. Lewis.

Numerous Secret Ballots were taken with all six of these names entered on them. Finally the names were narrowed down to two. Mr. Mulveny made a motion that it is the unanimous decision of the Board to appoint Clarence E. Williams and John W. Lewis to fill the two unexpired terms. Motion seconded by Mr. Patchell and passed.

A coin was flipped to determine the term of each. A motion was made by Mr. Mulveny that John W. Lewis fill the unexpired term of Kramer ending Jan. 1970, and Mr. Williams fill the unexpired term of Ralph Murphy ending Jan., 1971. Motion seconded by Mr. Patchell and passed.

At this time the two new Commissioners were sworn into office. Oath of Offices are attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by John W. Lewis and seconded by Clarence E. Williams to appoint Mr. Walter G. Murphy for President and Mr. Clarence E. Williams for Treasurer. Motion passed.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. Alvan MacGuinness is interested in attending the course on Sanitary Technology in preparation for being the Superintendent of Water and Sewer for Charlestown. The Town Clerk will find out more about this course and if the State Health Department pays for the schooling.
TREASURER'S BILLS

The bill for the Maryland Municipal League Dues has been received in the amount of $75.99. A motion was made by Mr. Mulveny and seconded by Mr. Williams to pay this bill. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
OATH OF OFFICE

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

BY TH COMMISSIONERS IN OFFICE

to fill the unexpired term of Richard R. Kramer

On this 9th day of September, 1969, before me the Subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland residing at Charlestown, Cecil County, Maryland personally appeared JOHN W. LEWIS.

Signed

The newly appointed Charlestown Commissioner, takes the Oath of office that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgement and ability, discharge the duties of his office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September, 1969.

Notary Public

My Commission expires 7/1/70
OATH OF OFFICE
COMMISSIONER APPOINTED
BY THE COMMISSIONERS IN OFFICE
to fill the unexpired term of Ralph H. Murphy

On this 9th day of September, 1969, before me the
Subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland
residing at Charlestown, Cecil County, Maryland
personally appeared CLARENCE F. WILLIAMS

Signed

The newly appointed Charlestown Commissioner, takes the
oath of office that he will diligently and faithfully,
to the best of his judgement and ability, discharge the
duties of his office without favor, partiality or
prejudice.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of
September, 1969.

Notary Public
My Commission expires 7/1/70
A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on September 4, 1969 and called to order by acting President, Walter G. Murphy. The following Commissioners were present: Walter Patchell, Frank Mulveny, and Walter G. Murphy.

This meeting was called to discuss filling the terms of the recently deceased President of the Commissioners, Mr. Ralph Murphy, and Mr. Richard Kramer who moved out of Town a couple months ago.

A list of names was made by the Commissioners and the Town Clerk will call these persons to see if they are interested in serving.

The Commissioners would like to appoint W. G. Murphy as President but will hold off until the next meeting, at which time a new Treasurer will be appointed.

SEWER & WATER

There was an article in the Cecil Whig about a course on sewer or water maintenance. The Clerk will check on this. Mr. MacGuinness is interested in taking this course, and the Commissioners are interested in hiring him as Superintendent of Sewer and Water at the time Construction begins.

WEED ORDINANCE

A nice letter was received from Rev. Edward B. Carley of the Church of the Good Shepherd stating that we should have the church lot mowed and Bill them for same. It was decided to have Mr. George Sartin do the job.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Allen Wilson came into the office and told the Town Clerk that he is willing to work for free just for the experience of Police work.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
ORDINANCE NO. 22
entitled

AN ACT empowering the Town of Charlestown to supply public water and provide sewage disposal facilities to inhabitants of the Town and under certain circumstances to provide water and sewage disposal or either of them to persons residing beyond the town limits and to establish rates and regulations concerning water and sewage service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN that:

SECTION 1. A. Meters Required. All premises using the town water supply must be equipped with an adequate water meter furnished by the town at town expense.

The cost of installation of the meters through the initial construction phase of the system shall be paid for by the Town. After the system has been completed and declared operational, the cost of installation of the meters shall be paid for by the consumer.

B. Installation. Meters shall be installed in a location that will be easy of access.

C. Reading Meters. The superintendent of public works, or other person designated by the Town Commissioners, shall read or cause to be read every water meter used in the town at such times as are necessary so that the bills may be sent out at the proper times.

D. Testing Meters. Any municipal water meter shall be taken out and tested upon complaint of the consumer, upon payment of a fee of $10.00. If upon test the meter is not within three per cent of being accurate, it shall be repaired or replaced and the $10.00 fee returned to the consumer.

SECTION 2. Rates. The following rates shall apply to consumers living within town limits:

A. Water and sewer service. Minimum rate per quarter, water and sewage disposal service included:
   - For first 5,000 gallons $30.00 per quarter
   - For over 5,000 gallons 50¢ per 1,000 gallons

   Rates applicable to a vacant lot or unimproved property which receives no water or sewer service shall be at the rate of 15¢ per front foot per quarter.

A revenue unit is equivalent to one residential usage. The Town shall have the right to set and establish how many revenue units are located in each individual commercial structure.

B. Water only or sewer service only. If for some reason only one service is provided, either water or sewer, the Town will charge such rate as it deems equitable under the then existing circumstances.

SECTION 3. Rates. The following rates shall apply to consumers living outside the town limits:
A. Water and sewer service. A sum not less than 1 1/2 times the minimum rate charged consumers within the town limits, and thereafter 1 1/2 times the metered rate.

B. Water only or sewer service only. A sum deemed by the town to be equitable under the then existing circumstances but not less than 1 1/2 times the town rate.

SECTION 4. Amending rate charges. The town reserves the right to (a) increase the rates and connection charges herein or hereinafter set out in the event that its operating experience indicates that the rate fails to yield, after reasonable deduction for debt retirement, and other necessary and proper expenses and reserves, a reasonable rate upon the fair value of the town's property used and useful in rendering service to the town, or (b) decrease its rate should its operating experience indicate that after reasonable deduction for debt retirement, and other necessary and proper expenses and reserves that the rate yields a higher than reasonable rate.

SECTION 5. Payment of bills. Bills will be rendered quarterly and are payable 30 days after date. All bills unpaid for 30 days shall be subject to a penalty of 5% of the total bill.

SECTION 6. Non-Payment of bills. The water supply may be shut off from any premises for which the water and sewage bill remains unpaid for a period of 30 days after the bill is rendered. When shut off, water shall not be turned on except upon the payment of an established fee for turning on water. As to consumers supplied with sewage disposal service only, all sewage service may be discontinued for any premises for which the sewage bill remains unpaid for a period of 30 days after the bill is rendered. If any expenses are incurred by the Town by the discontinuance of this service, it shall not be reinstated until the costs of discontinuance and reinstatement of service are paid.

SECTION 7. Curtailment of use of water. The Town is hereby authorized and empowered, whenever in its judgment it shall think it necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety, to suspend, curtail, regulate and prohibit the use of water from the municipal water system of the town for the operation of fountains, swimming pools, pavement washers and hydrants, for the sprinkling of pavements, streets, lawns, flowers, shrubbery and gardens, for washing automobiles and other vehicles, and to regulate, curtail or prohibit the use of water for any purposes other than ordinary household, domestic and culinary purposes.

The Town is hereby authorized and empowered to give reasonable notice whenever possible to all consumers of water to curtail, regulate or refrain from the use of water for all or any of the purposes specified in this section.

SECTION 8. Discontinuance of service.

A. At request of consumer. Whenever the consumer desires to have his sewer service terminated or his water service discontinued, he shall so notify the Town in writing. Until such notice is received by the Town, the consumer shall be responsible for the payment for all services rendered by the Town. A reasonable time after the receipt of such notice shall be allowed the Town to take a final reading of the meter and to discontinue water and sewer service. This shall not be applicable to regular and bona-fide consumers who shall still pay their respective individual quarterly rate, but under certain circumstances and exceptions may be allowed in the discretion of the Town. The Town reserves the right to approve or reject any discontinuance application in its sole discretion.

B. By the Town. Water or sewerage service may be discontinued by the Town for any one of the following reasons:
1. Misrepresentation in applications.
2. Wilful waste of water.
3. Failure to comply with restrictions imposed under Section 7.
4. Molesting Town property or seals on appliances.
5. Vacancy, and then the minimum rate charge will apply.
6. Non-payment of bills when due.
7. Cross-connecting the Town's service pipe with any other supply source.
8. Refusal of reasonable access to property to determine whether residential or commercial usage exists.

C. Charge. When water has been turned off or sewer service discontinued from any premises for any of the above reasons, or for any other violation of the Town's rules, a charge will be made for restoring service in the amount of the actual cost of turning on the water or reconnecting sewerage service, except, however, that the minimum charge shall be $5.00.


A. The word "Town" shall mean the Town of Charlestown or its duly authorized officers or agents.

B. The word "consumer" shall mean the applicant for service receiving water and/or sewer service at one household or business.

C. The word "main" shall mean the town-owned piping and fixtures in or along public highways and streets, or along privately-owned right-of-ways, used for the transmission or distribution of water or supplying sewer service to consumers.

D. "Persons" means any person, firm, association or corporation.

E. "Service connection" means the sewer line and/or water line extended from the curb line to the main in the street.

F. "House connection" means the sewer line, and/or water line running from a building to the curb line and connecting with the service connection or lateral.

G. "Curb line" means a location which in the town's judgment is as near to the curb of the streets as it is feasible to terminate its service connection and/or install town-owned facilities.

H. "Lateral" is the line from the main to the curb line.

I. "Lot" shall mean any vacant land on which no revenue unit is located or which is described in a deed separate from any lot on which a revenue unit is located.

J. "Front foot" means a foot of length measured along the front property line of a lot. If a corner lot abuts on two or more streets or public ways, the length of front footage shall be one-half the total distance abutting on the streets.

SECTION 10. General Regulations Pertaining to Application for Service.

A. Turning on. No water from the Town water supply shall be turned on for service into any premises by any but the superintendent of public works or some person duly authorized to perform this service.

B. Application - fee. Application to have water turned on shall be made in writing to the Town, and shall contain an agreement by the applicant to abide by and accept all of the provisions of this ordinance and its amendments as conditions governing the use of the Town water supply by the applicant.
C. Deposit. A deposit of $30.00 shall be made with each such application, this sum to be retained by the Town to insure payment of all bills; when service to the applicant is discontinued permanently this deposit, less any amount still due the town for water service, shall be refunded without interest.

D. Plumbing. No water shall be turned on for service in premises in which the plumbing does not comply with the County Health Department regulations; provided, that water may be turned on for construction work in unfinished buildings, subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

E. Resale. No water shall be resold or distributed by the recipient thereof from the Town supply to any premises other than that for which application has been made and the meter installed, except in case of emergency.

F. Tampering. It shall be unlawful for any person not authorized by the Town to tamper with, alter or injure any part of the Town water works or water supply system or any meter, or any part of the Town sewerage system or sewage treatment facility.

G. No application for service will be accepted by the Town until the applicant has paid, or made satisfactory arrangements, to pay all arrears and charges due by the applicant to the Town at any premises now or heretofore occupied by him.

SECTION 11. A. Every person desiring to connect into the sewerage system shall apply in writing to the Town for permission to so connect and no connection shall be made until such application shall have been approved by the Town. Every application shall contain an agreement by the applicant to abide by and accept all of the provisions of this ordinance as conditions governing connections into the municipal sewerage system.

B. Applications for service installations for water or sewer will be accepted subject to there being an existing main in a right-of-way abutting on the premises to be served.

C. Any extension of either a water main or a sanitary sewer main shall be limited to 100' for each tap or connection, and any extension in excess of 100' shall be at the sole expense of the property owner requesting the service; provided, that should the excess extension footage be subsequently utilized for additional taps or connections, then the costs of such excess footage, or applicable portion thereof, shall be refunded, if utilized within five years from the date of installation; provided, that the provisions of this section relating to extensions of either a water main or sanitary sewer main shall not apply to an extension constructed for a shopping center, housing development, marina, school, apartment building, industrial plant or area, and similar uses, but the request of each such applicant for such extension shall be individually considered by the Town.

SECTION 12. Connections. When any water main or sanitary sewer main is declared ready for operation by the Town and reasonable notice given, all abutting property owners shall within six months connect all fixtures with the water or sewer main or both the water and sewer mains where both mains are available. Upon notification that the sewerage system is operational, all property owners shall within six months at their own expense abandon, clean out, disinfect and permanently fill up their respective privy vaults, cess-pools and other drainage or sewage receptacles with clean fresh earth and fill or permanently cap all wells; provided that clean ashes or other approved material may be used with the permission of the Town.
In the case of non-compliance or if any owner of any such property shall refuse, neglect or fail to comply with any of the terms and requirements of said notice within the time therein stated, then, upon the expiration of the time stated, the Town Commissioners, their servants, agents and employees, are hereby empowered and directed to enter upon said premises and to perform all the work required of the said owner of said property, and to supply all the material needed therefor at the expense of said owner, and, upon the completion of said work, the cost thereof, including the cost of said materials and all expenses incurred, may be recovered by the Town Commissioners from the said owner by suit or otherwise, if necessary; but, in the discretion of said Town Commissioners, no owner or other person in default under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be permitted any use of said sewer or water or any part thereof, until security adequate, in the judgment of said Town Commissioners, shall be given for the full payment and satisfaction of all cost and expenses incurred in any manner by it, for the benefit of such owner or other person, under the provisions of this ordinance; and, in addition thereto, the said owner who shall refuse, neglect or fail to comply with any of the terms and requirements of said notice shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be subject to a fine of $5.00 for each day until the terms and requirements of said notice are fully complied with or confinement for not more than 30 days or both.

In Town Connections. The fee for the privilege of connecting into the Town water and sewer mains shall be $100.00 (or $50.00 each in cases where only one service is available). This charge will be waived as to all persons residing in the town who connect into the water and sewer mains within three months from notification that the water and sewer mains are ready for operation. All owners of properties situate within the town limits failing to connect into the water and sewerage system or either of them within three months from the date the systems are declared operational shall be required to pay the minimum quarterly rate of $30.00 or the front foot rate thereafter in addition to the above referred to connection charge.

The Town alone will install or cause to be installed the water service line leading from the water main to the curb line and the sanitary sewer service line leading from the sanitary sewer main to the curb line. As to all applications for service received three months after the date of completion of the project referred to in this ordinance, the cost of installation of the water service lines and sewer service lines from the main to the curb line shall be at the expense of the property owner. The Town reserves the right to require a deposit sufficient to cover the estimated cost of installing said lines.

Out of Town Connections. As to all persons residing outside the town limits to whom service is furnished, whether both water and sewer or either of them, they shall pay in addition to the connection fee of $100.00 (or $50.00 each in cases where only one service is available), the actual cost of installation of the service connections. The Town reserves the right to require a deposit sufficient to cover the estimated cost of installing said lines.

SECTION 13. A. Title to all services from main to curb line are vested in, and the same shall at all times remain the sole property of, the Town and shall not be trespassed upon or interfered with in any respect. This property shall be maintained by the Town.

B. The house connections from the curb line to the building shall be installed at the expense of the owner of the premises. For this installation the owner or applicant shall employ a registered plumber to do the work, shall obtain all necessary permits, and shall abide by all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to such an installation. Materials and method of construction shall be approved by the Town, and if the house connection has not been installed in accordance with the Town’s requirements, water will not be turned on or sewer services furnished until such defects have been remedied. The house connection between the curb line and the building and all piping and fixtures the building of the owner or applicant, shall be maintained by him and the work performed by a registered plumber in a manner satisfactory to the Town.
C. All water service pipes to the building shall have a minimum cover of 3½ feet. All water service pipes shall be at least 5/8 inches inside diameter, and/or shall conform with the applicable plumbing regulations of Cecil County.

D. No water service pipe shall be laid in the same trench with gas pipes, drain or sewer pipe or any other facility of another public service company, nor within 3½ feet of any open excavation or fault, and/or shall conform with the applicable plumbing regulations of Cecil County.

E. Every water service pipe must be provided with a stop waste cock on the inside of the cellar or foundation wall adjacent to the location where the pipe passes through it, easily accessible, fully protected from freezing, and all pipes in the building must be laid in such a way that they can be fully drained by that waste cock.

SECTION 14. From the time this ordinance becomes effective no new construction within the town limits which will require water and sewage shall be commenced or permitted unless satisfactory arrangements are made to connect to the municipal water and sewerage system.

SECTION 15. After the property owners have been advised that the water system is operational and a water main has been installed in the public way upon which said property fronts, the town may order existing wells to be abandoned and closed and shall order all wells found to be polluted or a menace to health to be abandoned and closed.

SECTION 16. All rates and/or charges referred to in this Ordinance herebefore or hereinafter mentioned shall constitute a lien on the real estate served, collectible in the same manner as town taxes, special assessments or by a suit at law.

SECTION 17. It shall be unlawful to discharge rain water or other waste water usually conveyed by storm sewers into the sanitary sewerage system of the Town, and the penalty upon conviction for violation of the foregoing shall be $25.00 per day after written notification has been received.

SECTION 18. Harmful substances.

A. Prohibited substances. It shall be unlawful to permit or cause the flow of any of the following substances into the sanitary sewerage system of the town:

1. Any grease, fatty material, offal, or garbage on a commercial basis that is not first approved by the Town.
2. Any stone dust, sand, dirt, gravel, sawdust, metal filings, broken glass, or any material which may cause or create an obstruction in the sewer.
3. Gasoline, benzine, fuel oil, or any petroleum products or volatile liquids.
4. Milk or any liquid milk waste products in quantities in excess of ten gallons during any 24-hour period.

B. Chemicals. It shall be unlawful to cause or permit to flow into the sanitary sewer system any cyanide, phenols or any other chemical or substances which interfere with or prevent the functioning of the sewage treatment plant.

C. Interception. Every building or premises used or occupied by any sewer user where any commercial or industrial operations are conducted or permitted which result in the discharge into the sanitary sewerage system of the town of any of the products, waste products or other substances in the manner and to the extent prohibited in this Ordinance, shall be equipped with an adequate and suitable catch basin, grease trap, filter or other interceptor, installed in such a manner that the products, waste products, or other substances herein set forth will not flow into or be discharged into the sanitary sewerage system.
It shall be unlawful to permit the flow of waste from such building or premises into the sanitary sewerage system unless such interceptor is installed and in good working order and approved by the Town or County Health Department.

D. B.O.D. limits. The admission into the public sewers of any waters or wastes having (1) a 5-day biochemical oxygen demand greater than 300 parts per million, or (2) containing more than 350 parts per million by weight of suspended solids, or (3) having an average daily flow greater than 2% of the average daily sewage flow of the town, shall be subject to the review and approval of the town. Where necessary, the owner shall provide, at his expense, such preliminary treatment as may be necessary to (1) reduce the biochemical oxygen demand to 300 parts per million and the suspended solids to 350 parts per million by weight, or (2) reduce objectional characteristics or constituents to within the maximum limits provided for or (3) control the quantities and rates of discharge of such waters or wastes. Plans, specifications, and any other pertinent information relating to proposed preliminary treatment facilities shall be submitted for the approval of the Town Commissioners or their duly authorized representatives, and no construction of such facilities shall be commenced until said approvals are obtained in writing.

SECTION 19. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

ENACTED: August 27, 1969

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By Ralph H. Murphy
President

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
Charleston
May 22, 1922
Received of W. P. Marvin 129.81
the remains of John Han A. Boyer.

April 13, 1923
Marion Lewis be & I received $200

received from B. Lom 200
same sheet
May 15, 1925 - $200 for building

May 13, 1926 - $200 for $25.50
SPECIAL MEETING
August 28, 1969

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on August 28, 1969 and called to order by President, Ralph Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Ralph Murphy, Frank Mulveny, Walter A. Patchell and W. G. Murphy. Mr. John Wright, Town Attorney, and Mr. John Blanchfield, F.H.A. Representative from Chestertown were also present.

A motion was made by Mr. Mulveny and seconded by Mr. Patchell to approve Ordinance #22 as written. Motion passed. A summary of this Ordinance will be published in the Cecil Whig as soon as John Wright prepares the summary.

The County Commissioners have requested a name of one Commissioner from Charlestown serve on the committee to review the Comprehensive Plan for Cecil County. It was decided to give them two names in case one is working and unable to attend the meetings - Walter G. Murphy or Walter Patchell.

Mr. Blanchfield said that he felt Richardson should not be paid for this recent bill, and John Wright said just to file it. The F.H.A. Engineer's agreement does include planning and he would be paid at the time the Town receives their money.

Mr. Blanchfield received a letter from State Director, Trenton, New Jersey stating that they are not permitted to insure loans to tax-exempt public bodies and resell them as tax-exempt from Federal income taxes. This completely changes the policy for F.H.A. loans for this year, and Mr. Blanchfield stated that he felt something would be worked out by December or January so the Town requesting can have loans. The Commissioners decided to write to the F.H.A. stating that they will be willing to pay 6% rather than the 5% previously asked on these loans.

It was decided to get Mr. McGuirk, Clerk to the County Commissioners, to look up the minutes of March 26, 1969 meeting with the Town Commissioners of Charlestown and the Metropolitan Commission so that we can proceed to try to have a sanitary district formed in the areas outside of Town making project bigger and more feasible.

It was also decided to write to Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton and ask if he could meet with the Town Commissioners at his convenience or if Mr. William Mills, his Assistant Administrator would meet with the Commissioners.

After going over John Wright's contract, it was decided that it is satisfactory with the Commissioners, but not signed at present since we can't move forward with F.H.A.

It was decided to have the pipe pulled and jet cleaned on the well at the Town Hall. Atlas Plumbing feel assured that it will not cost more than $100.00.
There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on
August 12, 1969 and called to order by President, Ralph Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Ralph Murphy,
Walter Patchell, Frank Mulveny, and W. G. Murphy. Mr. Dudley
Willis and Mr. David Foulk of Richardson Assoc. were also
present at the meeting.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. Willis was questioned by the Commissioners about the size
of project as applied for through F.H.A. He said if approval
can be received from the County Commissioners, we should
continue with full area in our application. Mr. Willis will
draft a letter to be sent to the County Commissioners.

A letter was received from Mr. Willis that we would meet with
Arundel Corp. representative in about two weeks, but Mr. Willis
met with this man today, and he will draft a letter to be sent
to the Company requesting they give the Town of Charlestown
9 Acres of land.

Mr. Willis was questioned by the Commissioners about a $6,000.00
bill received today from Richardson Assoc. Mr. Willis stated
that his was on the per denim basis for the water planning.
Since he is to sign a contract with F.H.A. for the Town project,
Mr. Blanchfield will be contacted to see if this contract will
cover this bill. The Commissioners do not want to sign a note
for this amount.

The Commissioners decided to have a meeting in two weeks, when
it suits John Wright and any other persons that need to be here
to clear up this matter.

The Commissioners decided to go along with John Wright's and
the auditor's recommendations to let the interest ride on the
note with Farmer's Bank of Delaware.

The Ordinance for the rates on water and sewer will be read by
each Commissioner before the next meeting and then a decision
will be made on it.

John Wright's contract, and the title search of water tower
site will be discussed with Mr. Wright at the next meeting.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Since Mr. William Smith has not checked into the office, or
contacted any Commissioner stating he wanted to start working
as a Police Officer, the Commissioners decided to forget
about hiring a man since it is so close to the end of the
summer season.
The forms to be filled out for Police Revenue from the State will be filled out and sent in stating that the Town does not have an officer at the present time.

**COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Mr. Patterson of Hartenstine Insurance Agency submitted a letter that the exact coverage that the Town has at the present time would be $174.00 per year. The Commissioners are now paying $426.00 per year to Crothers Insurance Agency. The Commissioners decided to take this insurance with Hartenstine, and Mr. Patterson is to be notified immediately so the policy can be drawn, and Crothers is to be notified that we do not want a policy with them effective in October.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING

July 29, 1969

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on July 29, 1969 in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Ralph Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Ralph Murphy, Walter G. Murphy, Walter Partch and Frank Mulveny.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

The Sheriff of Cecil County would not issue a Special Deputy card to Daniel Lee Allen because of his past record.

Two more applications were received this week. One from William E. Smith who is now employed as a Deputy Sheriff at the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, and Alden Wilson of Elkton, Md. R. D. #1 who has no experience.

The Commissioners decided to hire William E. Smith provided the Sheriff will permit him to do this job. It was also decided that the next Police Officer Must file a monthly report of duties performed and present at the monthly meeting of the Commissioners. The summer salary is to be $160.00 per month, the same months as previous years and, if he is retained for the winter, $80.00 per month.

Mileage for Court Cases is to be .08 cent a mile.

All residents will abide by same laws as a non-resident.

If the Sheriff will permit Mr. Smith to take this job, it is to be checked to see if he needs another Bond from the Town, and see if he needs to be sworn in again as the Town Police Officer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia F. Murphy
Town Clerk
SPECIAL MEETING
July 23, 1969

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on July 23, 1969 in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Ralph Murphy.

The following Commissioners were present: Ralph Murphy, Walter G. Murphy, Walter Patchell and Frank Mulveny.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

An application was received from Daniel Lee Allen of North East and no other applications were received. The Commissioners decided to hire this man provided a Special Deputy card can be obtained for him.

He will receive the same salary as the previous officer, but the Commissioners decided also to pay mileage for the officers' trips to Magistrate Court and Jail.

The Town Clerk is to check on price of signs. Magnet type to fasten on side of police car reading Charlestown Police, at least 2 inch letters. If price is right, 2 are to be ordered. Mr. Mulveny said there is a store at 4th & Union, Wilmington that sell this kind of equipment.

WATER PROJECT

The Commissioners decided on the land owned by the Town north of Louisa Lane. This to be used as Water Tower sight, notify David Foulk, and start on Title Search as suggested by Mr. Blanchfield.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk
REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 1969

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on July 8, 1969 in the Town Hall and called to order by President, Ralph Murphy.

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

Mr. Ronald Moore was present at the meeting to ask about the owner of the Holloway Beach blocking streets and about the camping trailers on the Beach. It was explained to him that the Town could take no action on Beach St. since they had no control over it, and the Cecil County Health Dept. is taking action on the camping trailers.

LEASED LAND

Mr. Fabuica was present at the meeting and stated that he, his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius have agreed on leasing of Town Commons in the same manner which was laid out by Mr. Walter Patchell and Mr. W. G. Murphy. The Attorney said he would draw up the leases.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. John Blanchfield and the F.H.A. Engineer, Mr. Dudley Willis and Mr. David Foulk of Richardson Assoc. were present.

An agreement for the sale of water from North East was received by John Wright from Ellis Rollins. Mr. Buckler suggested a few changes be made and Mr. Willis asked for a few changes. Mr. Wright will rewrite this and send it back to Mr. Rollins for the approval of the Town of North East.

Mr. Wright said to hold up on agreement with Penn Central since Mr. Willis said there is no rush on this. No doubt Penn Central will want to meet with the Commissioners again on closing crossing, and at this time the Commissioners can again ask for an underpass and come to agreements on all matters pending.

In order to get a site to locate pumping station, Mr. Willis suggested our writing a letter to Arundel Corp. and set up a meeting with a Representative of their Company. First Mr. Willis will obtain the names of officials of the Corp. John said he would be at the next meeting and try to have a Representative of Arundel attend this meeting.

Mrs. Murphy will check to see who owns the property behind the Old Cemetery on the Eastern corner of Louisa Lane and call Dave about it. This is a suggested site of the water tower.

Mr. Blanchfield suggested trying to get F.H.A. to waive Bond Counselor. Mr. Wright will write a letter for the President of the Commissioners to sign requesting this, since Mr. Blanchfield said we might be able to save $85,000.00.
Mr. Wright is also going to make up an Ordinance to cover the rate figures. This item the F.H.A. need as soon as possible.

We also need a letter from the County Commissioners of approval of our plans. Mr. Willis is going to contact Bouchard and Horn to see if they have their approval written to present to the County Commissioners.

TRAILER CAMP

Mr. Gibson did not appear at this meeting as Mr. Moore of the Health Department assumed he would. Mr. Wright said to let the Health Department handle his violations.

CHARLESTOWN BEACH ESTATES

Mrs. Murphy is to check on the width of the Streets in this subdivision.

STREETS

A follow-up letter is to be sent to the County Commissioners that the Dump Road is ready for surfacing.

All Commissioners agreed to pay Mr. Edmund Howery part of his contract price in the amount of $2,400.00.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

It was decided to Advertise in the County Papers for a Town Police Officer, request a written application including qualifications, and letters to be submitted to the Town Hall within 2 weeks.

WEED ORDINANCE

Letter is to be written to Rev. Couming about the grown up condition of the Catholic Church property.

AUDITOR

It was agreed to hire the same auditor for $400.00, as stated in Mr. Aiken's Letter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Town Clerk