

November 8, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

At 7 p.m. the Commissioners and the Secretary went to Patterson's Funeral Home to pay their last respects to Commissioner, John P. Stelle, who died November 6th.

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House November 8, 1955 and called to order at 7:25 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the two previous meetings will be read at the next regular meeting.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy, and Cecil C. Cooper.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Clark, Garden & Percy Sterling, Consulting Engineers. This letter will be acknowledged and kept on file, so this Company can be considered if sometime in the future the Town needs to hire Consulting Engineers.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that Walter G. Murphy be appointed Treasurer, term ending January 9, 1956. Motion passed unanimously. At a later date someone will be appointed to fill Mr. Stelle's unexpired Term which ends January 9, 1957.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

November 3, 1955

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held at the home of John P. Stelle, and called to order at 7:30 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch, and Walter G. Murphy.

LEGAL CASE

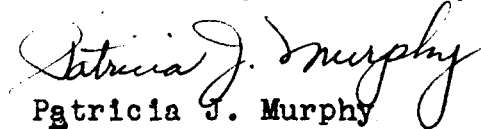
Mr. Albert Roney, our Legal Representative, met with Mr. Haldas Lawyer. In the discussion Haldas Lawyer pointed out that the Town Commissioners were aware of the fences be erected, and are responsible for moving the fences.

Mr. Haldas Lawyer made this proposition, that, if the Town Commissioners would agree to move the fences back just far enough to give sufficient room for improving the Street, they will agree that the new Survey is Constitutional, and that the Town Owns the property. They also will agree that whenever the fences have to be moved the second time the Property Owners must pay to have them moved.

There was a discussion Pro and Con on this matter. No decision made.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

October 25, 1955
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House October 25, 1955 and called to order at 7:00 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, and Walter G. Murphy.

SANITATION

It was arranged to have Mr. David Moore attend this meeting, as the County Office of the State Board of Health had indicated they wished to discuss a topic in which all parties were interested.

Mr. Moore of the Cecil County Office of the State Board of Health was present at this meeting, and advised the Commissioners that a letter had been received from the County Office in Baltimore requesting comment from the County Office regarding a central sewage system for Charlestown. He requested the Commission to comment on this letter which was read in full. Among other things, the letter indicated, but with no factual data given, that a central disposal system could be provided for an estimated \$250,000.

The Commission referred Mr. Moore to its letter, dated November 2, 1954, to the State Board of Health in which was contained pertinent information regarding the financial inability of the Town to pay for such a system, as follows.

- 1-Charlestown population - approx. 500 people.
- 2-Area - 500 Acres
- 3-Tax Rate - .20 per \$100
- 4-Assess Valuation - Approx. \$900,000
- 5-Pipe lines in some instances would run approximately 1,000 yards to service one or two families.

The Commissioners pointed out that since no action requiring the Town to install such a system had followed either at the Bel Air Meeting of Oct. 29th or in reply to the letter referred to above, they were somewhat surprised the subject was being brought up at a time when Mr. Moore's Office had been quite active in the Town getting satisfactory corrections on code violations. It is believed by the Commission, that his Office was as surprised by the letter as was this Board.

While Mr. Moore gave no indication as to the probable answer his Office would make to the State Board of Health the Commissioners made it clear the financial position of the Town was relatively unchanged and it was their opinion the Town could not afford to bear the financial burden of a system which would require approximately 40,000 feet of pipe, probable pumping stations, as well as the central treating plant.

REGISTRATION

It was decided to pay the 2 Clerks and 2 Judges for the Registration Days \$10.00 per person, per day.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the following bills be paid. Motion passed unanimously.

Cecil Democrat Advertising Ordinances	\$30.60
Secretary's Bill Stamps & Phone Calls	5.01
	<u>\$35.61</u>

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy,
Secretary

October 11, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House October 11, 1955 and called to order at 7:05 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy.

LEGAL CASE

A Communication received from our Legal Representative, Mr. Albert Roney stated that he will meet with Mr. Rollins and Mr. Harvey on October 14th to discuss the Haldas vs Charlestown Case.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Murphy was asked to contact Mr. Vernon Reynolds and see if he intends to do the work on the gravel Streets. If he doesn't, it was decided to hire someone else to do the job.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Charlestown Fire Company are having a Halloween Party for the children, and it was requested that the Town give \$20.00 to match the \$20.00 that the Fire Company are giving. It was regularly moved and seconded that \$20.00 be given to the Fire Company for the party. Motion passed.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. Landis made a request that he be leased the Town property in back of his property. It was decided to check to be sure this property belongs to the Town, and to look over the property.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following Bills be paid. Motion passed.

Frederick A. Frock	\$60.00
Henkels & McCoy (Tree work)	110.00
Cecil Whig Publishing Ordinances	27.00
Elkton Supply Co. Culvert	56.55

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

September 27, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House September 27, 1955 and called to order at 7:05 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, Howard R. Lynch, and Walter G. Murphy.

TOWN STREETS

The pipe has been installed at the Corner of Calvert Street between the Francis Graham property and the Howard Taylor property.

Mr. Clarence Williams is going to install the concrete form on Cecil Street along his property.

Mr. Twford went over the Streets with one of the Commissioners to see what patching needed to be done. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that all the hard service streets be patched, and that Mr. Twford be authorized to do the job. Motion passed unanimously.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Mr. Charles Crothers notified the Commissioners that the premium on the Policy previously discussed will be \$136.20. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the Policy be accepted as written. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTING MAGISTRATE

Mr. Ross Patchell has notified the Commissioners that he will accept an appointment as Committing Magistrate, if the appointment can be obtained.

TOWN ORDINANCES

A letter was received from the Corp. of Engineers pertaining to the Harbor Master Ordinance which is in the process of being drawn up. No action taken.

SECRETARY'S SALARY

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr.

Lynch that the Secretary's salary be raised \$100.00 per year effective July 1, 1955 because of the additional work involved in having two monthly meetings. Only one half of the increase being applicable to the current year. Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. /

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Section 44 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 dealing with the operation of motor vehicles upon the Streets of said Town, and be known as Ordinance No. 1 and which shall read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any one to operate a motor vehicle on any of the Streets within the corporate limits of said Town at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any one operating a motor vehicle within the corporate limits of the Town of Charlestown not to come to a full stop at all intersections at which stop signs have been erected by the Commissioners of Charlestown.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any one to operate a motor vehicle on any of the Streets within the corporate limits of said Town in a careless and reckless manner, and any motor vehicle being operated so that when turning corners with the result that its tires squeal, or any motor vehicle being operated so that it causes excessive and unreasonable noises as a result of cut-outs and the like, and any motor vehicle being operated at a speed greater than the speed limit fixed by the Commissioners of Charlestown or the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of Maryland, or any motor vehicle engaged in a race with another motor vehicle upon the Streets of said Town, shall be deemed to be operated in a careless and reckless manner.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any one to park a motor vehicle on any Street in the Town of Charlestown where parking is prohibited by order of the Commissioners of Charlestown.

(5) Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars, nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, or be confined in the County Jail for not more than fifteen (15) days, or both.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on October 13, 1955.

APPROVED this 13TH day of September, 1955.

TEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

BY:

Alvin G. McQuinn
President

Sabina J. Murphy
Secretary

June 28, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House June 28, 1955 and called to order at 7:10 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch, and Walter G. Murphy.

DUMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

It was decided to have the pile that was dumped at the foot of Conestoga Street removed, and the first time anything else is dumped there, try to find the person that is responsible right away.

TOWN STREETS

A letter was written to the State Roads Commission asking them if they would install the skirting over the ditch along the parking facility across from the Post Office. The skirting has been installed.

DELINQUENT TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that all delinquent taxes for the years 1952, 1953, and 1954 be put in the hands of the Magistrate for collection. Motion passes unanimously.

TOWN DUMP

Mr. Vernon Reynolds has been hired to dig old trench to suitable depth.

OLD NOTTINGHAM ROAD

The County Commissioners wrote to the Charlestown Fire Company explaining to them that the Nottingham Road couldn't be opened until the County is given easements by the property owners along the Road. These easements being sufficient to make a 33' right-a-way for the Road. For this reason the Town Commissioners didn't write a letter to the County Commissioners.

POSTING OF SIGNS

It was decided to write to Mr. Ward of the State Roads Commissioners requesting that Stop signs be installed at the corner of Cecil & Baltimore, 2 on Caboline entering

Route 7, 1 on Frederick entering Route 7 and 1 on Market entering Route 7.

It is decided to purchase 4 Dead End Signs and 4 standards.

The 12' pipe is to be sent out to Mr. Sasser, as decided at the last meeting.

MEETING NIGHTS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the Board have as their regular meeting nights, effective July 1, 1955, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Motion passes unanimously. Notice to this affect will be put in the County papers and placards posted. Also a notice will be enclosed with each tax bill.

NEW HOME RULE BILL

A copy of the New Home Rule Bill will be passed around for each Commissioner to read, and decide what each one thinks the requirements should be to vote in the Town of Charlestown. There will be a discussion on this matter at a later date.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to meet and go over the Road beyond the Station, and find out what is needed to put the Road in better condition.

It was decided to have the ditches in town cleaned out.

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY

The deed to J. Howard Ward was Executed.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that all the Bills be paid. Motion passes unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

May 31, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House May 31, 1955 and called to order at 7:30 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

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

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch, and Walter G. Murphy.

DUMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

There was discussion about writing to all the property owners along Conestoga Street about dumping at the foot of the Street.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to write to the State Road Commission calling their attention to the fact that they promised Mr. Cooper and Mr. Stelle that they would put in a skirting over the ditch after the parking facility across from the Post Office was completed.

TOWN DITCHES

At the regular monthly meeting August 31, 1954 it was decided to run a relief drain along the property of Mr. Fears in such a way that it would be agreeable to both Mr. Fears and the Town Commissioners. After these many months, an agreement has been reached and this project was been completed.

DELINQUENT TAXES

Mr. Stelle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper that the delinquent taxes running back to 1951 be put in the hands of Magistrate, Benjamin Cole, for collection. The motion was passed unanimously.

TOWN DUMP

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Cooper that Mr. Vernon Reynolds be hired to dig a trench at the dump. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD NOTTINGHAM ROAD

It was agreed that the Commissioners should write to the County Commissioners requesting that the Old Nottingham Road be opened, and this was made in the form of a motion

by Mr. Stelle, seonded by Mr. Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. Willard Blackson asked if he could cut down the trees and clean up on the Town property along the property where he is living. This request was granted. Mr. Blackson also requested a Dead End sign be installed at the end of Baltimore Street. Mrs. Sasser requested a Dead End sign be installed at the end of the Street next to her property.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to contact Earl Twyford about patching the streets.

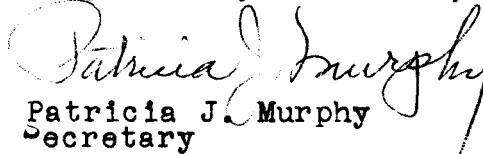
TREASURER'S BILLS

Vernon Reynolds	\$335.00
The Print Shop Letterheads	6.25

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that these bills be made. Motion passes unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

May 23, 1955

SPECIAL MEETING

A special Meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House May 23, 1955 and called to order at 7:30 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch, and Walter G. Murphy.

LEGAL CASE

Mr. Roney explained the progress in the Legal Case.

HOWARD WARD'S LEASE

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the lot which Mr. Howard Ward now leases (40x148) be sold to Mr. Ward for \$350.00. The motion was passed unanimously. This is reversing a previous action and the original petition will be accepted.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made and seconded that the following bills be paid:

The Print Shop	for Notices as to Taxes in the Arrears	
		\$5.25
Ewing & Reed	Work cleaning up the dump.	\$200.00

Motion carried.

No other business coming before the Board, a Motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

April 26, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House April 26, 1955 and called to order at 7:30 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy.

LEGAL CASE

No action has yet been taken on the Legal Case by the Court of Appeals.

STREET LIGHTS

No action will be taken at this time on installation of a light on Market Street between Bladen and Calvert Sts.

TOWN STREETS

Vernon Reynolds has been working on the Town Streets.

There is a bad dip in the parking facility across the Street from the Post Office. It was decided to do whatever necessary to improve the situation.

DUMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

There has been trash dumped at the foot of Conestoga Street. Three people have seen trash being moved from Emery's lot to the foot of the Street. A letter will be written to Mr. Emery.

It was decided to have the trash cleaned out at the foot of Calvert Street, where it has been carried in by high tide and wind.

TOWN DUMP

William Ewing was hired to straighten up the Dump and dig a new trench. Part of the work has been done. It was decided to also fix the road into the dump.

HOWARD WARD'S LEASE

Mr. Howard Ward asked the Board if he could buy the ground that he is now leasing, so he will be able to borrow the money to complete his building. This will be voted on at a later date.

TOWN DITCH

Cars have been sliding into a ditch on Market Street in front of Harry Maier's property. It was decided to put crossties, or some other temporary barrier, along the ditch.

NEW HOME RULE BILL

A COPY of the New Home Rule Bill has been received from the Department of Legislative Reference. This copy will be passed around for all the Commissioners to read.

TREASURER'S BILLS

Thomas Bowles, Town Police Officer for Paint Job on his car.

J. Albert Roney	Retainer Fee	\$37.13
		100.00
		<u>\$137.13</u>

A motion was made and seconded that all Bills be paid. Motion carried.

No other business coming before the Board, a Motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy

Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

March 29, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House March 29, 1955 and called to order at 7:15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

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

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle and Howard R. Lynch.

RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER - FRANK L. MURPHY

The resignation tendered by Frank L. Murphy as Commissioner of Charlestown effective February 1, 1955 having been tabled at the last regular meeting pending clarification of regulation regarding participation of Civil Service employees in local Government was presented for disposition.

A communication dated February 18, 1955, but received subsequent to the last regular meeting of the Commission from Dr. E. P. Brannon, M. D., Manager of the Perry Point Veterans Hospital was read. This communication indicates that Mr. Murphy may not serve as a Town Commissioner due to the fact that an Executive Order of 1873 prohibits such activity by all Civil Service employees whose date of appointment precedes August 15, 1940.

Having no alternative, the Town Commissioners of Charlestown regretfully accept the resignation of Frank L. Murphy as rendered.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, Seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed unanimously that the following comment by the President be made a part of the recorded proceeding of the meeting. - As President of the Commissioners and on behalf of the entire Board of Commissioners and a great majority of the Town people we express our gratitude to Frank L. Murphy for having given so unselfishly of his time and effort for 29 years, as a member of the Town Commission, to make Charlestown a better community in which to live. It is with extreme regret that such a long tenure of service to the community was to be brought to an abrupt and untimely ending by the deliberate effort of a minority of two individuals.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF
FRANK L. MURPHY, RESIGNED.

A motion was made by John P. Stelle and seconded by Cecil C. Cooper that Walter G. Murphy be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Frank L. Murphy, resigned. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes during which the newly appointed Commissioner was administered the Oath of Office.

The meeting was re-called with Walter G. Murphy in attendance.

LEGAL CASE

The case went before the Court of Appeals on March 23, 1955 and the Town's side of the Case is being argued by Mr. J. Albert Roney and Mr. Reynolds Ash. This information was contained in a letter received from J. Albert Roney and Mr. Roney also stated that the Court of appeals usually render a decision within 30 days.

STREET LIGHTS

Conowingo Power Company have installed the light on Black Ave. and the other two Street lights that the Town Board requested them to install.

Mrs. Nan Cather and Mrs. McMurty have requested that a light be installed along Market Street in front of their houses. A decision will not be made, until the Commissioners check to see if the light is needed.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

Mr. Dennison invited the Commissioners to attend a meeting on Monday, April 4, 1955 at 8 o'clock for the benefit of Charlestown School.

TOWN BILLS

It was agreed to pay a Bill received from the Daily Record Company for copies of the Brief on the Legal Case, in the amount of \$34.13.

No other business coming before the Board, a Motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND

March 29, 1955

OATH OF OFFICE

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED MARCH 29, 1955

On this day, the 29th of March, 1955, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, residing in Charlestown, personally appeared

WALTER G. MURPHY

the newly appointed Charlestown Commissioner, to take the Oath of Office that he would diligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgment and ability, discharge the duties of his office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Witness

Edgar M. Mullen, Walter G. Murphy

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 29th
day of March, 1955.

Edgar M. Mullen
Notary Public.

March 11, 1955

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House March 11, 1955 and called to order at 7:35, by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle and Howard R. Lynch.

STREET LINES

The Commissioners have been requested to establish street lines along Caroline and Frederick St.

LEGAL CASE

The lawyer for Mr. Haldas has filed his brief to the Court.

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

February 22, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House February 22, 1955 and called to order at 7:10, by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Decil C. Cooper, and Howard E. Lynch.

TOWN STREETS

Competitive bids were obtained for grading and graveling the Station Road and other Streets in Town that need patching, etc. The lowest Bid was obtained from Mr. Curly Reynolds.

RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER

A resignation, dated February 1, 1955 was received from Mr. Frank L. Murphy. Action on this resignation is being deferred pending clarification on the Federal regulations regarding Federal Employees serving in Local Self-Government.

LEGAL CASE

The lawyer for Mr. Haldas was given 10 days to file Brief and appeal Case. We have 20 days thereafter to file our Brief.

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

January 25, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House January 25, 1955 and called to order at 7:15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

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

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, and John P. Stelle.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to get a price per hour from persons who have grading equipment and prices on gravel in order to do the final grading and graveling on the Station Road.


TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made and carried to pay the following Bills:

Treasurer's Bond	\$20.00
Printing Bill	
For Posters and Ballots	13.00

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

January 17, 1955

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House January 17, 1955 and called to order at 7:35 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, and Howard R. Lynch.

At the election for Commissioners of Charlestown held Monday, January 10, 1955, and in accordance with the provisions of the Charlestown Charter the following were elected to serve a term of one year:

Howard R. Lynch
John P. Stelle

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Stelle for Treasurer. Mr. Stelle was elected unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard Lynch that Mrs. Patricia Murphy be appointed Secretary for the Term of February 1, 1955 to January 31, 1956. Motion carried unanimously.

A check will be received from the County Treasurer, in the Amount of \$702.39 for our share of the revenue received from the tax on horse racing in the State, upon the receipt of a letter we were requested to send to the Treasurer of Cecil County. This letter was sent to the County Treasurer by the Commissioners of Charlestown stating that these funds will be used only for the construction or maintenance of streets, or sewerage facilities or water systems, or garbage collections and disposal within the Town, and that the Commissioners of Charlestown will raise by taxation, and apply for the same purpose as is the distributed funds, an amount equal to said funds so distributed to them under this provision of law. The Commissioners of Charlestown also agree to permit an inspection of their records, should the County desire it.

A motion was made and carried to pay the following Bill:

Fred Brock \$25.00 For installation of corrugated
cover on Station Road.

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

**TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**

January 10, 1955

OATH OF OFFICE

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED JANUARY 10, 1955

On this day, the 10th of January, 1955, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, residing in Charlestown, personally appeared

John P. Stelle

Howard R. Lurch

the newly elected Charlestown Commissioners, to take the oath of office that each would diligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgment and ability, discharge the duties of his office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 10th
day of January, 1955.

Edgar M. Muller
Notary Public.

December 28, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House December 28, 1954 and called to order at 7:20 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and one correction made.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, and Howard R. Lynch.

TOWN PROPERTY

The lease for the piece of land in the northern corner of Block N has been prepared and was executed during this meeting. to the Boy Scouts

It was agreed that the Commissioners will lease a piece of property to Hobson, formerly leased by Harry Barnes, if, Mrs. Harry Barnes sells the building on said property to Hobson.

TOWN STREETS

The Conowingo Power Company have removed poles in the center of Ogle Street. It was decided to improve a 20' width of Ogle Street, and run pipe along street.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the following bills be paid. Motion carried.

Charles L. Sherman, Jr. Certified Public Accountant	Services Rendered	\$150.00
John P. Stelle	Phone calls to General Crushed Stone, Co.	1.38
The Cecil Whig	Notice of Election	2.63

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

November 30, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House November 30, 1954 and called to order at 7:15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, and Cecil C. Cooper, and Howard R. Lynch.

STREET LIGHTS

The Comowingo Power Company are in the process of relocating poles on Ogle Street between Caroline and Louisa Lane.

TOWN STREETS

At the request of Mr. Rollins, the Commissioners and Mr. Roney met with Mr. Rollins and Mr. Haldas on November 21st to discuss the Water Street project. The purpose of the meeting was to affect a compromise which would have altered the present plan to have the right-a-way cleared to the new Street lines. No Compromise was affected. On November 23rd the dismissal by Judge Kintner was appealed.

TOWN PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Lynch that Mr. Elwood Heisler be given permission to use Railway on lot No. 7 formerly used by Mr. George Cooper. Three were in favor of this motion, and one opposed (Mr. Cecil C. Cooper).

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Cooper that a piece of ground with ~~100~~ ^{approximately} 100 ft. frontage, adjoining Lots 117 and 128 be leased to the Boy Scouts, if, after checked with the land records, it is found to be the property of the Town. This will be a one year lease with priveledge of renewal, for this Troop, only; and, if for any reason the Town needs the property for its own use, the Lease can be revoked. The motion was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was agreed to pay the following Bill:

J. Albert Roney For Services Rendered \$150.00

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

October 26, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House October 26, 1954 and called to order at 7:05 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and one correction made.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle and Cecil C. Cooper.

STREET LIGHTS

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Murphy that three new street lights be installed. The pole numbers are 3970, 4317, and 4354. Motion carried unanimously.

Conowingo Power Company will remove the poles in the middle of the Station Road as soon as possible. In the meantime, it was agreed to put up two signs on the station road which read "Travel at your own Risk".

TOWN STREETS

The Bill of Complaint filed by Mr. Thomas Haldas against the Town has been dismissed. Mr. Roney stated that the time given the Plaintiff (Mr. Haldas) by the Judge for amending the Bill has expired.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Department of Health asked us to send a representative to a meeting being held in Bellaire, October 29, 1954 at 2p.m. Representatives from other Towns in this Section will attend the meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Sewage Disposal and how to prevent pollution of the Upper Bay Area.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Stelle that Mr. Roney attend the meeting as our Legal Representative. The motion was passed unanimously.

CONTRIBUTION

Mr. Thomas Bowles informed the Town Commissioners that the Fire Company were giving \$35.00 for a Halloween Party for the Children of the Town, and he requested that the Town also give \$35.00. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy that the Town also give \$35.00. Motion was carried unanimously.

TOWN PROPERTY

The Boy Scouts would like to lease a piece of Town

September 28, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House September 28, 1954 and called to order at 7:29 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper and Howard R. Lynch.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mrs. England's Trailer is located on Town Property. As is was agreed at the last meeting, Mrs. England will be given a short term lease for the ground on which her Trailer is located.

*Correction: Short Term Privelege or Verbal Permission.

It was agreed to contact the Conowingo Power Company and request that the electric light poles be removed from the station road.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the following bills be paid. Motien carried.

The Print Shop	\$6.00
The General Crushed Stone Co.	96.33
Nelson E. Wardell	49.00
The Charlestown Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	10.00

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy

Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

August 31, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House August 31, 1954 and called to order at 7:30 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper and Howard R. Lynch.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

There was a discussion about further plans for improving the streets.

TOWN STREETS

A letter was received from Mr. Roney advising the Commissioners that some action has been taken on the Case involving the Town Street. The Judge stated that the Constitutionality is not involved in the Case, and that the Plaintiff, Mr. Haldas, should amend the Bill within 30 days. Later an extension of another 30 days was given to the Plaintiff.

TOWN DITCHES

It was decided to run a ditch along Fears property in such a way that it will be agreeable to both the Town Commissioners and Mr. Fears.

WASTE DISPOSAL

It was agreed to find out from the Maryland Municipal League whether or not the Town must supply a place to dispose waste from outside toilets.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mrs. England would like to lease the ground where her trailer is located. There is a question as to whether this ground belongs to the Town or to Mr. Howard Ward. It was agreed to find out who owns the property in question, and if it belongs to the Town, Mrs. England will be given a short term lease.

TOWN DUMP

It was agreed to stretch a heavy cable across the entrance to the dump to replace the chain which was stolen.

January 26, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House January 26, 1954 and called to order at 7:20 by the President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper, and Howard R. Lynch.

TOWN POLICE

Thomas S. Bowles, Town Police Officer gave an oral report of several arrests for minor law violations.

Mr. Bowles requested that a revolver be purchased for the Town Police Officer.

Mr. Bowles also requested that the Town Commissioners send to the Department of Motor Vehicles for a Trial and Arrest Book.

REVOLVER FOR TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Motion made by Howard Lynch and seconded by Cecil Cooper that a Smith & Wesson revolver be purchased from W. S. Darley Co. at \$46.31 less 2%. Remittance to be made at time of purchase.

LEGAL ACTION

Bill of complaint by Haldas, and answer to complaint by J. Albert Roney were read. Mr. Roney wrote a letter stating that he would advise us of further developments. Motion made and carried that the above be recorded in our minutes.

Mr. Stelle made a motion that action be postponed until after March 1st. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper, and passed unanimously.

HOWARD WARD'S LEASE

In a general discussion relating to the rental stated in Howard Ward's lease, it was decided to ask J. Albert Roney if a clause can be attached stating the rental will not exceed a certain amount. This will enable Mr. Ward to obtain a loan from the bank.

VERBAL PERMISSION

Motion made by Howard Lynch and seconded by Cecil Cooper that verbal permission be given to Harry Clayton, for the amount of \$5.00, to put up poles for fishing nets during the fishing season ending June 15th. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion made by Howard Lynch and seconded by Cecil Cooper that Frank Murphy be given permission to use 6' more ground adjoining his railway. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion made by Cecil Cooper and seconded by Howard Lynch that Mr. Rens Swan be sent a letter asking him to pay \$5.00 for the use of the railway where he has pulled his boat. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was moved and seconded that the following bills be paid:

Gravel	\$34.81
Cecil Cooper for plowing snow.	60.00
Public Official bond on Treasurer.	20.00

The motion was passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Howard Lynch at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted.



Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

Addition to Minutes of January 26, 1954

Mr. Patricia Murphy notified Mr. MacGuinness that she would accept the position of Secretary and Assistant Treasurer at \$300.00 per annum. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that Mrs. Murphy be appointed. The motion was passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING
January 13, 1954

A special meeting of the newly elected Commissioners of Charlestown was held in the home of C. C. Cooper, Wednesday, January 13, 1954 and called to order by President MacGuinness at 7.15 P.M.

The following Commissioners were present: Frank Murphy, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch and Alvan G. MacGuinness

The official result of the election for Commissioners of Charlestown held on Monday, January 11, 1954, as prepared by the election officers, is as follows:

John P. Stelle	111	Votes
Frank Murphy	165	"
Cecil C. Cooper	135	"
Alvan G. MacGuinness	166	"
Howard R. Lynch	115	"
John H. England	99	"
Roy L. Robertson	61	"
Charles M. Jackson	67	"

and in accordance with the provisions of the Charlestown Charter the following were elected to serve a term of two years

Alvan G. MacGuinness
Frank Murphy
Cecil C. Cooper

and in accordance with the provisions of the Charlestown Charter the following were elected to serve a term of one year

Howard R. Lynch
John P. Stelle

and in accordance with the provisions of the Charlestown Charter the following is named President of the Commissioners for a period of two years.

Alvan G. MacGuinness

A motion was made by Howard R. Lynch and seconded by Frank Murphy the result of the election as prepared by the election officers be accepted, recorded in the minutes and that the original report of the election officers be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cecil C. Cooper and seconded by Frank Murphy that John P. Stelle be appointed Treasurer of the Commissioners of Charlestown.

The motion was passed unanimously

SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 1954 - Continued

A general discussion was held relating to the need of a secretary and assistant treasurer for the coming year. It was decided to contact Mrs. Patricia Murphy for the position which, by unanimous consent of the Commissioners would pay \$300.00 per annum.

No other business coming before the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned on motion by John P. Stelle at 9.00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvan G. MacGuinness
President.

January 11, 1954

We, the undersigned Clerks and Judges of the election held January 11, 1954 for the purpose of selecting five(5) Commissioners for the Town of Charlestown, Maryland to serve in accordance with the provisions of the present Charter, do hereby certify the results of the voting to be as follows:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
John P. Stelle	111
Frank Murphy	165
Cecil C. Cooper	135
Alvan G. MacGuinness	166
Howard R. Lynch	115
Hohn H. England	99
Roy L. Robertson	61
Charles M. Jackson	67

and that in accordance with the provisions of the present Charter the following candidates have been elected to serve for a term of two years:

Alvan Mac Guinness
Frank Murphy
Cecil C. Cooper

and in accordance with the provisions of the present Charter the following candidates have been elected to serve for a term of one year:

Howard R. Lynch
John P. Stelle

ELECTION OFFICERS:

SEAL <u>Carroll C. Alford</u> Judge	SEAL <u>Elizabeth B. McMullen</u> Clerk
SEAL <u>Albert G. Cooper</u> Judge	SEAL <u>Margaret S. McColl</u> Clerk
<u>Walter A. Tutchell</u>	SEAL _____ Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of January, 1954.

Edgar M. Miller
NOTARY PUBLIC

SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 1954

A special meeting of the Commissioners of Charlestown was held at the home of C.C.Cooper, January 6, 1954 and called to order by President Stelle at 7.30 P.M.

The following Commissioners were present: John P. Stelle, Frank Murphy, Cecil C. Cooper, Robert Calvert and Alvan G. MacGuinness

The meeting was called for the purpose of appointing clerks and judges to conduct the election of Commissioners to be held Monday, January 11, 1954.

The following persons were named for the offices of clerk and judge.

Margaret McCall	Clerk
Elizabeth McMullen	Clerk
Carrol Algard	Judge
Walter Patchell	Judge
Albert Cooper	Judge

Each person was contacted and each expressed a willingness to serve in the capacity designated above.

A motion was made by Frank Murphy and seconded by Robert Calvert the above named persons be appointed to conduct the election of Commissioners of Charlestown to be held, Monday, January 11, 1954 and that each be paid five dollars (\$5.00) for the service rendered.

The motion was passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Commission the meeting was adjourned on motion by Robert Calvert, at 8.30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvan G. MacGuinness,
Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 1953

The regular monthly meeting of the Charlestown Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, December 29, 1953 in the Fire House Auditorium and called to order by President Stelle at 7.15 P.M.

The following Board members were present: John P. Stelle, Frank Murphy, Robert Calvert, Cecil C. Cooper and Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

LEGAL ACTION - CHAPTER 706 Acts 1953

President Stelle reported that this Commission, through him, had been served with a Bill of Complaint prepared by E.D. Rollins on behalf of Thomas Haldas, non-resident property owner who charged that Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1953 was in violation of the Constitution of the State of Maryland on several counts and in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

President Stelle reported further that the above complaint had been given to this Commission's legal representative, J. Albert Rooney for study and preparation of rebuttal.

A motion was made by Robert Calvert and seconded by Cecil C. Cooper that the action taken by President Stelle in presenting the Bill of Complaint to the Commission's legal representative, J. Albert Rooney, be approved.

The above motion was passed unanimously.

STREETS AND ROADS - OGLE STREET DEVELOPMENT.

Cecil C. Cooper reported that the development of Ogle Street was in its final stages and, weather permitting, the project could be completed on or about the first of 1954.

No other business coming before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned on motion of C. C. Cooper at 8.15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvan G. MacGuinness.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1953

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners of Charlestown, Maryland was held in the Fire House, September 29, 1953 and called to order by President Stelle at 7.15 P.M.

The Following Board members were present: Frank Murphy, Robert Calvert, Cecil C. Cooper, John P. Stelle and Alvan G. Mac*Guinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

STREET MAINTENANCE

A general discussion was held relating to street conditions throughout the Town, after which

A motion was made by Frank Murphy that one (1) load of black top (Stock-It) be procured for patching hard top streets throughout the Town. This motion was seconded by Robert Calvert and passed unanimously.

TOWN POLICE

Thomas S. Bowles, Town Police Officer, gave an oral report on his activities for the month of September. He stated that warning had been given several residents of the Town for speeding but that no arrests had been made. It was stated further that hot-rodding in and about the Town had been reduced and that on the whole drivers were using more care and caution in the operation of automobiles in this area.

TOWN CHARTERS

The secretary reported that fifty(50) copies of the Town Charter, in book form, had been ordered and that copies would be available to the general public at \$1.00 per copy.

OFFICE BUILDING - TOWN COMMISSIONERS

The Secretary, in a general discussion relating to the accumulation of Town Records and the lack of proper facilities for housing them as well as the Commissioners, suggested that some thought be given to the establishment of an office building for the Town Commissioners. It was decided that on Saturday October 3, 1953 the Commissioners would investigate the suitability of Town property for such a purpose.

FAIR GREEN

A motion was made by Cecil C. Cooper that paint, chain and posts be procured and installed to prevent use of the Fair Green

SEPTEMBER 29, 1953

GENERAL MEETING

IN THE VICINITY of the School as a public thoroughfare by motorists. This motion was seconded by Frank Murphy and passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Cecil C. Cooper at 9.00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Alvan G. MacGuinness,
Secretaty.

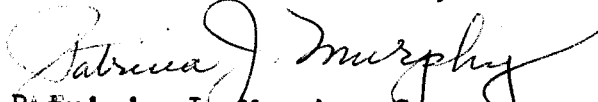
TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the following bills be paid. Motion carried.

Patricia J. Murphy	Stamps	\$3.70
Elkton Supply Co.	Padlock	1.13
C. W. Thorn, Jr.	35 ft. of chain.	7.88
The Print Shop	Enclosure Notices	4.75
	1200 Sets Tax Bills	61.50
Cecil C. Cooper	Bulldozer & Grader	
	Hire	138.00
Cecil C. Cooper	Bulldozer & Grader	
	Hire	22.00
Cecil C. Cooper	Grader Hire	25.00

No other business coming before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

July 27, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House July 27, 1954 and called to order at 7:05 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, and Cecil C. Cooper, and Alvan G. MacGuinness.

VERBAL PERMISSION

It was agreed that the person or persons requested to remove poles, and have not done so, will not receive another year's permission to erect same.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Stelle that the Town of Charlestown become a member of the Municipal League and that the Town Treasurer be hereby instructed to draw a warrant for \$25.00. Motion carried.

TOWN STREETS

The town has not been advised as to whether there was any action taken on the Legal Case involving the Town Streets.

A motion was made by Mr. Stelle and seconded by Mr. Cooper that the Town develop parking facilities along the State Highway from the Entrance of the Church property to Mr. Herbert Cooper's line. Motion carried.

TOWN DITCHES

It was agreed to send a notice to Mr. Fears telling him to open up the ditch which he had stopped up sometime in the past, or Legal action will be taken.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Cooper that all Bills be paid. Motion carried.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Stelle and seconded by Mr. Murphy that all streets be surfaced, graded, and filled in where necessary, and that Mr. Cecil C. Cooper be asked to do the work. Motion carried.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

June 24, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

Rescheduled to this date because of Carnival Activities.

The Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House June 24, 1954 and called to order at 7:20 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper, and Howard R. Lynch.

VERBAL PERMISSION

It is believed that Ernest Norman has erected metal poles. A motion was made by Mr. Stelle and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the Commissioners look to see where the poles in question are located. If the poles are on Town property, Mr. Norman will be requested to remove them. Motion was carried.

TOWN STREETS:

The legal case involving the Town streets came before Judge Kintner the first part of this month. Judge Kintner asked for both sides to present Memorandas sighting similar cases. These Memorandas will be presented to the Judge in the near future.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

There was a discussion about joining the League - Dues \$25.00 a year.

TAX BILLS

The price of a three year supply of tax bills will be \$50.00. The Year date on these bills will be large Bold type.

TOWN POLICE

It is decided to talk to the Sheriff, and find out if it necessary for the Town Police Officer to parole outside of Town as part of his duties as Deputy Sheriff.

It is agreed to give Mr. Bowles, the Town Police Officer \$3.00 a week for gasoline during the months of June, July, and August.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Cooper that all Bills be paid. Motion carried.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

May 25, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House May 25, 1954 and called to order at 7:10 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper, and Howard K. Lynch.

VERBAL PERMISSION

Notice is to be sent to Ernest Norman requesting payment for erecting poles and requesting him to remove the poles immediately at the close of the season.

TOWN STREETS

The Court Case involving the streets is believed to be listed on the Court Docket for June 3rd or 4th. If it doesn't come before the Court on one of these dates, a special meeting will be held the week of June 7th for the purpose of meeting with Mr. Roney.

TOWN POLICE

Thomas S. Bowles, Town Police Officer gave an oral report of two arrests made for minor law violations.

Mr. Bowles was requested to submit a written report to the Board.

LEGAL INFORMATION

In the minutes of February 23, 1954, under this heading, there is mention of a Motor Vehicle Bill authorizing the town to regulate the speed of vehicles on the town streets.

This month a copy of the Maryland Municipal News was received stating that this Bill has been vetoed by the Governor.

COUNTY-WIDE RADIO SYSTEM

A letter was received from John J. Ward, Jr., Director of Cecil County Civil Defense, advising us that the cost of the Base Station is \$675.00. It was agreed to by the Commissioners some time ago that the Town would pay 1/3 of the cost (at that time the total was given as \$600.00).

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper that the Town will pay 1/3 of the cost which is \$225.00. This motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the following bills be paid:

Cecil C. Cooper	Bulldozer Hire	\$168.00
Lawrence Williams	Trimming along streets	24.00
W. N. Williams	Trimming along streets	8.13

TAX FORMS

It was mentioned that new tax forms must be ordered.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

April 27, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House, April 27, 1954 and called to order at 7:20 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, and Howard R. Lynch.

TOWN DUMP

The Boy Scouts and Firemen had a difficult job trying to burn the dump. The Fireman in charge of burning the dump said that they didn't expect to be paid \$40.00 for the small amount of rubbish they were able to burn.

A motion was made by Mr. Stelle that the person in charge be contacted and asked what would be a reasonable price for the work they did.

VERBAL PERMISSION

Notices were sent to Walter Murphy and Peter Heisler requesting payment for erecting fishing poles.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Roney indicated that the Court Case involving the town streets would no doubt come up this week.

DRAINAGE

Mr. James L. Lewis, Jr. requested that the Boy Scouts, as a summer project, be allowed to cut small ditches along the town streets to run the rain water into the main ditches. It was unanimously agreed to let them carry out this project.

STREET MARKER

There was a discussion about the street marker that was cut off above the ground by Charles Jackson. No Action taken.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

It was decided to ask Mr. Lawrence Williams when it will suit him to work on the streets.

RIGHT OF WAY TO RIVER

It was discussed as to whether or not the right of way along Mr. Heisler's property is ever blocked.

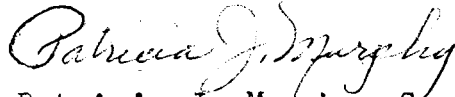
TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Lynch that the following bills be paid:

Charlestown Cemetery	Cleaning outside of church fence.	\$ 4.00
J. Albert Roney	Retainer fee for 1954.	100.00

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

March 30, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House, March 30, 1954 and called to order at 7:15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Stelle, and Cecil C. Cooper.

TOWN PROPERTY

Use of Town property at the foot of Conestoga Street by Harold Patchell and Harry Clayton has been satisfactorily arranged.

TOWN DUMP

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Murphy that a contribution of \$40.00 be given to the Boy Scouts and the Fire Company for burning the dump. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was decided to ask Paul Murphy to build a gate, 3 feet high, 12 feet long, to be hung at the entrance of the dump.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the monthly bills be paid, and a bill from Charlestown Sand and Gravel be paid. The motion was passed.

VERBAL PERMISSION

Notices are to be sent to Walter Murphy and Peter Heisler requesting payment for the right to erect poles for fishing nets, and also requesting that these poles be removed by July 1st.

DRAINAGE PIPES

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Murphy that someone be hired to open the drain pipes throughout the town.

LEGAL INFORMATION

It was decided to have a special meeting with Albert Roney to get legal advice in several matters.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion made by Mr. Cooper at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy

Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

**SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 1954**

A special meeting of the Commissioners of Charlestown was held Tuesday, March 16, 1954 at the home of Cecil C. Cooper and called to order by President MacGuinness at 7.00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were present: C.C.Cooper, Frank Murphy, J.P.Stelle and A.G.MacGuinness.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to take action on the requests for use of public property at the foot of Conestoga Street for hanging of nets during the 1954 shad season.

A motion was made that Harry Clayton, the first applicant for the use of the property above mentioned should have the first choice as to location, notwithstanding the fact that Harold Patchell had occupied the location in prior years.

It was pointed out that we had no knowledge that Mr. Patchell was interested in the use of the property during the 1954 season and we had accepted Mr. Clayton's request at the February meeting of the Commission on a first come, first served basis.

The motion mentioned above was made by C.C.Cooper and seconded by J.P.Stelle.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made that Harold Patchell's request for use of public property at the foot of Conestoga Street for hanging of nets during the 1954 shad season, be granted subject to the choice of location given Mr. Clayton.

The above motion was made by C.C.Cooper, seconded by J.P.Stelle and carried unanimously.

President MacGuinness advised that Rens Swan had made application for use of public property formerly used by Archie Paulson and occupied by railway. Swan advised that Mr. Paulson had stated he had no further use for either the railway or the property.

It was decided that, subject to verification of the statements made by Mr. Swan, ~~XXXX~~ the use of the property above mentioned would be made available to him on a year to year basis with the expressed understanding that termination of the privilege could be effected by the Commission at any time.

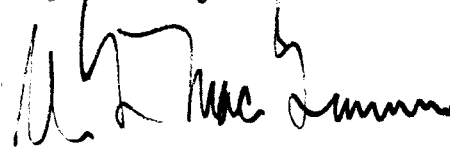
BILLS: The following bills were present to the Commission for approval:

Nelson E. Wardell	\$63.00
Comowingo Power Co	66.66

The above bills were unanimously approved for payment.

No other business coming before the Commission the meeting was adjourned on motion by Frank Murphy at 8.00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alban G. MacGuinness".

Alban G. MacGuinness,
President

February 23, 1954

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House, February 23, 1954 and called to order at 7: 15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and an addition made.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Frank L. Murphy, John P. Steele, Cecil C. Cooper, and Howard R. Lynch.

HOWARD WARD'S LEASE

A Supplement to Mr. Ward's lease was drawn up giving him an additional 8 year lease at the rental of \$20.00 per year, and not to exceed \$40.00 per year. The supplement was agreed to by the Commissioners and Mr. Ward. It was witnessed by the Commissioners.

VERBAL PERMISSION

Mr. Rens Swan promptly remitted the \$5.00 requested for use of railway.

Mr. Harry Clayton has paid for erecting fishing poles adjacent and parallel to the Nill property until July 1, 1954.

TOWN POLICE

Mr. Bowles submitted an additional list of car owners within the Incorporate limits of Charlestown.

The revolver for the Town Police Officer was ordered.

LEGAL INFORMATION

A copy of a Motor Vehicle Code Bill was received from W. Wilson Bratton. This Bill authorizes the town to regulate the speed of vehicles on any street or road within the Incorporate limits of the Town except those streets or roads maintained by the State.

TOWN BUILDING

There has been a general discussion from time to time on the possibility of a Building being erected for the purpose of transacting town business and housing town records. Mr. Steele reported that a loan could be secured from the North East Bank for a period of 5 to 6 years at 6% interest.

STREET MAINTENANCE

Howard Lynch made a motion, seconded by Frank Murphy that gravel be purchased from Ted Wardell for the Station Road, and gravel be purchased from Charlestown Sand and Gravel for Ogel Street. The motion was passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy

Patricia S. Murphy
Secretary

AUGUST 25, 1953

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners of Charlestown, Maryland was held in the Fire House, August 25, 1953 and called to order by President Stelle at 7.15 P.M.

The following Board members were present: Robert Calvert, Cecil C. Cooper, Frank Murphy, John P. Stelle and Alvan G. MacGuinness..

Others present: Jessie N. Howell

Mr. Howell requested the Board to advise him what percentage of the estimated cost of \$150.00 for improvement of Chesapeake Ave was expected of the property owners, who by lease, were willing to convey the street to the Town of Charlestown.

A general discussion was entered into during which Mr. Howell stated that it was doubtful that 50% of the amount could be procured from the property owners. He advised that \$50.00 was the maximum which could be expected. The amount specified was acceptable to the Board.

A motion was made by Cecil C. Cooper and seconded by Frank Murphy that the deed of conveyance of Chesapeake Ave be accepted by the Board of Commissioners and that said street be graded and graveled approximately 18' wide from Cecil Parkway westerly to a point 50' beyond Pole No. 3997. This motion was unanimously carried.

General discussions were held on the following subjects: Town Police; New Street Lines (Water Street) and general street maintenance.

No action was taken on the subjects discussed.

No further business coming before the Board the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. C. Cooper at 9.00 PM.

Respectfully submitted.


A.G. MacGuinness

AUGUST 17, 1953

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners of Charlestown, Maryland was held in the Fire House, August 17, 1953 and called to order by President Stelle at 8.15 PM.

The following Board members were present: Frank Murphy, Cecil C. Cooper, Robert Calvert, Alvan G. MacGuinness and John B. Stelle.

Others present: Thomas S. Bowles.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the establishment of a Town Police Officer with deputy sheriff status.

Mr. Bowles reported that he had been for an interview with the County Sheriff during which he had been advised the appointment as deputy sheriff would be made upon procurement of the customary bond on such officers. He stated further, application for the bond had been made and that actual issuance of it would take several days. It is believed that actual receipt of the bond by the sheriff is a prerequisite to the appointment. Mr. Bowles was to clarify this point with the sheriff.

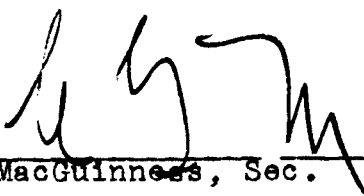
Upon receipt of notification that the appointment had been made, this Board is to apply immediately for liability and compensation insurance coverage on the Town Police Officer.

The subject of uniform and arms for the officer was discussed after which it was unanimously decided that a part uniform was to be purchased immediately and decision regarding arms would be deferred until the availability of such equipment from the sheriff had been determined by Mr. Bowles.

Mr. Bowles was instructed to proceed with matters pertaining to the appointment and the procurement of a uniform and report to the Board, at once, any progress made.

No further business coming before the Board the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. C. Cooper at 9.15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


A.C. MacGuinness, Sec.