

MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD
REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 1979

sent: Commissioners Emory L. Balderson, president and Fletcher Hanks.

lic: Miss Edna Sinclair, Mrs. Sandy Julyan, Clarence Cox, Sr., and Mr. Lee Rumsey.

ia: Sharon Denny-Star-Democrat.

regular meeting of the Commissioners of Oxford was called to order by president Emory Balderson at 7:30 p.m..

Chief of Police, "Wally" Jones, reported that since the last meeting his department issued 14 traffic summons and 27 warnings and investigated one case of larceny of lumber from a construction site.

Chief Jones announced that a bicycle seminar had been set for August 14th at 7:30 p.m.. Trooper, 1st Class, Fegan will show films and both departments will discuss bicycle laws.

POLICE
REPORT

Chief Jones said the "No Parking" signs for the Strand had arrived and would be erected on Thursday, August 9th.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: None.

President Balderson then administered the oath of office to Mr. William P. Hubbard as an alternate member of the Appeals Board for a term of four years.

Mr. Clarence Cox, Sr., chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, told the Board that he had talked with members of his committee regarding "street numbering" in the Town and hoped to start work on a concrete plan in the near future. President Balderson suggested that Planning & Zoning draft a plan and then hold a public meeting on the proposal.

STREET
NUMBERING

On Thursday, August 2nd, 1979 the Commissioners met with Mr. H.T. Laughter, vice-president of the County Council of Easton and State Road representatives to discuss a few Town problems in which both County and State are involved.

As a result of this meeting the following terms and conditions were agreed upon:

- 1) Roads: The section of Rt. 333 that is inside the boundaries of Oxford will be patched in the near future. The ridges, caused by heat, will be removed. There is no plan in the future to curb and gutter the street.

Riverview Avenue will be ditched and repaired by the State Roads Commission, before cold weather. Oxford will pay one-half of this expense.

- 2) Swimming Problems at the County Dock:

"No Swimming" signs will be placed at the ferry slip section to prevent the possible injury of the swimmers.

- 3) The Iron Guard Railing leading to the ferry slip will be replaced as soon as materials and manpower are available.

- 4) Disposition of the Oxford School Building:

The Town of Oxford bids one dollar (\$1.00) for the building only; with the stipulation that we will remove it within one year at our expense. The County, in turn, promises to maintain the land as an athletic field.

President Balderson introduced an application from Cutts & Case, Inc. for reclassification of zoning from the present residential and commercial to all commercial. Mr. Balderson said that, "in the beginning of zoning, 20 years ago, all of the yard was zoned industrial and all of the land along Town Creek from the Oxford Boatyard to Market Street was zoned commercial". Mr. Cutts told the Board that his property has been in operation for over 50 years as a boatyard and is now divided by a random zoning line passing through certain buildings and roadways on the property which he feels is a mistake on the part of Urban Pathfinders. In addition, Mr. Cutts stated, the property in total has always been taxed commercial. Mr. Cutts, presented two pathfinder maps to the Commission, one showing the property as part residential and the other a comprehensive map, showing it all zoned commercial.

A few residents of Tilghman Street voiced their opposition and after discussion motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to grant the May 25th application of Cutts & Case, Inc. for reclassification as requested.

President Balderson after announcing this decision said "we have found there was a mistake made by the Urban Pathfinders when they zoned that part of the boatyard residential".

An agreement to purchase the Oxford School Building from Talbot County for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) was read by Commissioner Farmer. After discussion the Commissioners unanimously approved this agreement which was signed by president Balderson on this 14th day of November, 1979.

Subdivision applications were approved for Johnson Fortenbaugh and Peter Schneider and Mr. Edward Stanley.

After bills payable meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Hayes
Clerk-Treasurer

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Since the Head Start Programs lease of the Oxford School expired December 10th it was decided to have them vacate the building by January 1st, 1980. Bids will be put out for demolition of the building. Quotes will be requested for the cost of demolition in January and the cost of demolition in May. Sealed bids to be opened on Wednesday, January 9th, 1980 at 7:45 p.m.

Since the next Town trash pick-up falls on Christmas Day, January 8th (the second Tuesday in January) was set for trash pick-up.

The Commission reviewed and approved planting plans submitted by Miss Bertha Adkins.

Commissioners Hanks asked that weed letters be sent to Mr. Clinton Clubb, Mr. Donald Donohue and Mrs. Louise Willis.

Building permits were approved for Richard Lord and Jack Driskill.

After bills payable meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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