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 ler by president Emory Balderson at 7:30 p.m..

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

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

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ief Jones said the "No Parking" signs for the St**r**and had arrived d would be erected on Thursday, August 9th.

INTENANCE REPORT: None.

esident Balderson then administered the oath of office to Mr. Illiam P. Hubbard as an alternate member of the Appeals Board or a term of four years.

r. Clarence Cox, Sr., chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, old the Board that he had talked with members of his committee STREET egarding "street numbering" in the Town and hoped to start work-NUMBERING on a concrete plan in the near future. President Balderson uggested that Planning & Zoning draft a plan and then hold a ublic meeting on the proposal.

n Thursday, August 2nd, 1979 the Commissioners met with Mr. H.T. Haughter, vice-president of the County Council of Easton and State Road Pepresentatives 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

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.

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that the Commission seriously consider utilizing the Oxford School as a Town Hall and Community Center where all Town affairs could be concentrated.

President Balderson said that both he and Commissioner Farmar had shared these same views until they found that the cost of renovating, maintenance, fuel and utilities would be excessive and unreasonable. President Balderson stated that he felt the Commissioners first duty was to the taxpayers of Oxford and that the undertaking of such an expensive project would not be in their interests.

Clerk-Treasurer will write a letter to Mrs. Jackson informing her of the Board's decision.

President Balderson informed the Board of a request from Cutts & Case for rezoning on Tilghman Street. All cases of rezoning are sent to the Planning & Zoning Committee. President Balderson stated that the original zoning of the place was all maritime and since then the Urban Pathfinders had cut it up into part Maritime and part Residential. Part of the residential they made was the front of the shop.

Planning & Zoning held a public meeting after which they decided that "in view of the strong opposition demonstrated they recommended that the zoning of the subject property be unchanged".

President Balderson said the Commissioners would hold a public hearing on this request at their regular meeting date of November 14, 1979.

Clerk- Treasurer informed the Commission that a date had been set for a meeting with the Beautification Committee on Thursday, November 1st. at 7:30 p.m.. All three Commissioners will attend.

President Balderson asked Commissioner Farmar to read the procedure of the Commission to change the charter which states:

9. ( Procedure of the Commission )

Each proposed ordinance shall be introduced by a member of the Commission and read at a regular public meeting of the Commission. Within 72 hours after the introduction of such ordinance, a copy thereof and a notice of public hearing shall be posted on an official bulletin board in the Town Office. Additional copies shall be made available to the public for a nominal fee.

The Town Clerk shall schedule the proposed ordinance for a public hearing to be held within two weeks of introduction of the ordinance. Said hearing may be held immediately preceding a vote by the commission on such ordinance.

No ordinance shall be adopted unless the title thereof, and a summary of the contents shall have been published at least twice in a newspaper having general circulation in Talbot County or the Town of Oxford, together with the date, time, and place of public hearing referred to above.

The above provisions shall not apply to ordinances adopted to meet emergencies affecting public health, safety, or welfare, provided that the introductory clause of any such ordinances shall plainly designate the ordinance as an emergency measure and plainly desirable the claimed emergency.

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BOORU & PEAS President Balderson introduced an application from Cutts & Case, 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 landsalong 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 Farmar. 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.

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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.

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