

REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 1980

Present: Commissioners James R.M. Farmar and Fletcher Hanks. Mr. David R. Thompson, attorney for the Town was also present.

Public: Miss Edna Sinclair, Mrs. Sylvia Vinnicombe, Mrs. Sue Jackson, Mrs. Mae Kammert, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Connor, Mr. Davenport West, 111, Mr. Norman Harrington, Mr. Paul Martin, Jr., Mr. Lee Rumsey, Mr. Clarence Cox, Sr., Mr. Clifford Coleman, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lasher, Mrs Dorothy Moore, Mr. Woodall Labat, Mr. John S. Labat, and Mr. William Benson.

Media: None.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of Oxford was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner James R.M. Farmar, presiding for President Balderson who is ill. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Police Chief "Wally" Jones reported that his department issued POLICE nine citations and twelve warnings in the past two weeks. Chief REPORT Jones announced that arrangements were being made to have another "gospel sing" on February 29th which they hope to hold in the Holy Trinity Church.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: None.

Commissioner Farmar administered the oath of office to Mr. William Holt who will serve on the newly appointed Board of Port Wardens for a term of one year.

PETITION- OXFORD SCHOOL DEMOLITION:

Clerk-Treasurer read a petition signed by approximately 250 Oxford citizens who oppose having the Oxford Elementary School demolished at this time. The petitioners requested that the Commissioners of Oxford: (1) delay demolition plans, (2) promptly appoint a committee of actively interested citizens of Oxford, (3) request that the committee obtain views of local residents, study various possible uses for the building and site, estimate the immediate and continuing financial requirements of these uses and make recommendations and (4) hold a town meeting so that the committee can present its report to the Commissioners and the people of Oxford.

Mr. Philip Connor said the committee's goal " is to save the Oxford School and to find a useful purpose for the building at no expense to the Town."

After much discussion Commissioner Farmar stated the Board would give the committee a month in which to formulate, not finalize, some plans for using the school. Said plans to be submitted to the Commissioners for their consideration at the regular Commission meeting of February 27th, 1980.

The Commissioners accepted with pleasure the invitation from the Oxford Fire Company to attend their annual banquet on Friday, January 25th.

A sign permit was approved for Lippincott Marine Supply.

After bills payable meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Hayes
Clerk-Treasurer