

MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 1980

Present: Commissioners Emory L. Balderson, president, James R.M. Farmar and Fletcher Hanks.

Public: Miss Edna Sinclair, Mrs. Sylvia Vinnicombe, Mr. Clarence Cox, Sr., Mr. Paul Martin, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Philip Connor, Mr. Edmund Cutts, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Poulsen, Mr. Bruce Mills, Mr. Michael Williams, Miss Sally Cohen and Mr. Ty Evans and Mr. Mark Julyan.

Media: Miss Sharon Denny, Star-Democrat.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of Oxford was called to order on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. by President Emory L. Balderson. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Police Chief "Wally" Jones reported that in the past two weeks his department had issued seven traffic citations, 10 warnings and investigated three traffic accidents. Chief Jones stated that they were currently investigating the malicious destruction of an automobile on Division Street with damage estimated at \$500.00. POLICE REPORT

MAINTENANCE REPORT: None.

Sealed bids for the demolition of the Oxford School were opened at 7:45 p.m. this 9th day of January as advertised. Six bids were received:

Norris E. Taylor.....	\$7,449	in January,	\$9,449	in May.
Kenneth Brown.....	\$8,500	" "	,10,200	" "
Adams Company.....	\$8,950,	both months		
S.J. Ireland, Jr.....	\$9,750	in January,	11,750	in May.
Schwaninger's Construction-	14,200	" "	,18,000	" "
Weems Bros.....	-22,860	January only.		

( If building could be burned a deduction of 10% would bring the price down to \$20,574.)

( If craw space and basement are not filled and the blacktop play area used for fill, and the footings left in place a deduction of an additional \$2,500 will be made bringing the bid down to \$13,774.)

The Board decided to award the contract at their next meeting on January 23rd so that they might further study the bids submitted.

President Balderson stated that because of the many residents awaiting boat slips the Commission decided several weeks ago to rent Town owned slips to residents only. Mr. Balderson said he had spoken with Mr. Ronald Poulsen, of Fort Washington, Maryland, who was concerned about having to move his boat at this time of the year. After discussing Mr. Poulsen's case with the other members of the Board it was decided to allow Mr. Poulsen to keep his boat here until the first of April. Mr. Poulsen said he appreciated this offer, but wondered if the Commission would allow him to renew the slip rental agreement for a year so that he would have a year in which to relocate. President Balderson stated he would take the issue of renewal to our attorney for advisement, and notify Mr. Poulsen of the decision. TOWN SLIPS

President Balderson stated that a month ago the Board passed an ordinance creating a Board of Port Wardens for the Town of Oxford. The appointees to this Board are as follows:

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WARDENS

Mrs. Jane Tucker, Chairman, for a three year term.

Mr. Arthur Welton, for a two year term.

Mr. William Holt, for a one year term.

President Balderson then administered the oath of office to Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Welton. Due to illness Mr. Holt will be sworn in at a later date.

Oath of office was also administered to Phil Greenhawk, who will serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission replacing the seat vacated by Roland Greenhawk, 3rd.

President Balderson stated that the Commission had asked the representatives of the three largest boatyards in the Town to come before them this evening with any suggestions they might have on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Environmental Health Administration's proposed Regulation 10.17.12- Sanitary and Sewage Facilities at Marinas in the State of Maryland.

Mr. Douglas Abbott, Sr., Vice-President of the Oxford Boatyard, Inc., told the Board that he and Mr. Philip Connor, owner of Crockett Bros. Boatyard; as well as some other interested parties had attended the meeting held in Easton, Maryland on December 6th on the proposed regulation. Mr. Abbott said he felt that the Commission should "protest this bill until it is well thought out; for it certainly isn't now as it jeopardizes everyone, including the Town and even an individual with a small amount of slips". Mr. Connor agreed that it would create a hardship on many people and suggested that the Board write to the appropriate authorities and ask them to reconsider this regulation.

Mr. Balderson said that "until the Town's sewage system is completely updated it will not stand the pumping stations from the yachts of the Chesapeake Bay". After further discussion President Balderson said the Commission or the Town's attorney would send a letter expressing their strong opposition to the proposed legislation.

President Balderson announced that Ordinance #134 that governs the installation and use of private and public swimming pools in Oxford needed to be updated. Within the next two weeks, Mr. Balderson said, he expected our attorney to update this ordinance which he hoped to introduce at the next regular meeting of the Commission. Since this ordinance will cover all phases of regulations relating to swimming pools Commissioner Hanks recommended that all citizens who may be interested attend the meeting.

Another ordinance covering street numbering in Town will be introduced at the regular meeting on January 23rd. A preliminary map showing street numbering in the Town will be on display in the Town office and reviewed at this time.

**DEMOLITION OF THE OXFORD SCHOOL:** Mr. Philip Connor requested the Board delay demolition of the Oxford School as he feared they might regret tearing it down at a later date. He suggested they consider using the building as a warehouse or Farmer's Market where a minimum amount of maintenance would be required, especially heat-wise.

After lengthy discussion President Balderson said that according to estimates it would cost \$185,000 to 200,000 to "fix the school up with annual maintenance costs running between \$20,000 and \$25,000 an amount which the Board feels is exorbitant".