

June, 9, 1942

Board met at 10.00 A.M.

Present J. Claude Johnson
John M. Wible
J. Frank Combs

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Mrs Mary E. Thompson asked the Board to refund \$40.00 for licenses (Beer & Traders) which she took out May, 1, 1942 and after one week was ~~was~~ compelled to discontinue the business. The Board decided it would refund eleven months (\$22.91) on the Beer License but could do nothing in regard to the Traders License. The Clerk was instructed, on the surrender of the Beer License, to issue a check for \$22.91 on the Liquor and Beer ~~XXX~~ License Fund in favor of Mrs Thompson.

Messrs Wm. E. Fenwick, Wm. Alec. Loker, Edward J. Waring, and John J. Duke, Commissioners of Leonardtown, appeared before the Board and requested some financial assistance ~~for maintaining~~ to get extra police protection for Leonardtown during the unsettled conditions ^{now prevailing in the County} due to the great number of strangers now working on the various Federal construction projects, ~~now prevailing in the entire County.~~ The Board felt it would be better to have a conference with Governor O'Connor on the subject, before taking any action, and see if the the State would not help out with State police. The Commissioners of Leonardtown were invited to have a representative attend a conference to be arranged with the Governor.

Mr. Joseph Weiner, Atty., Capt. Fred McWilliams, Wm F. Herbert, Jr. and Wm. Hill requested the Board to take action looking to the condemnation of about 2 acres of land for a Public Landing at a place called "Woodlanding" on the west side of St. Clements Bay in the 7th Election District, which they claim has been used as a Public Landing as far back as the oldest local resident can remember, but nothing can be found in the land records to show that the County ever acquired title to the land, and it being claimed that Mr. A. E. Stone has now fenced off the tract of land and is denying the public access to it. The Clerk was instructed to invite Mr. Stone to attend a special meeting of this Board to be held at its office at 10.00 A.M. June, 19, 1942, to discuss the matter and see if some amicable arrangements can be made to solve the problem.

The Board decided that it would provide \$160.00 to the Board of Education for rental of typewriters to establish a class for a business course providing a satisfactory location for the class can be found.

The Board authorized Mr. Barnard Smith, Chief Air Raid Warden, to have an extension telephone installed in his office, from the Air Raid Center in the Leonardtown fire house.

Mr. J. A. Coad, through Commissioner Combs, requested the Board to accept into the County road system, for maintenance, about 300 yds of road on the lower end of the Drayden-Cherryfield road, 2nd Dist. Mr. Thompson asked to report on this as soon as possible.

Mr. A. F. King, Director, C. D. and Mr. Barnard Smith, chief Air raid Warden reported to the Board that in at least one instance there had been open defiance of Black out regulations. The Board considered the matter as very serious and adopted the rules and regulation which are attached immediately following these minutes (June, 9, 1942) and fixed the penalty for violations of these rules and regulations at a fine not exceeding \$100.00 or ^{3 months} imprisonment in the County jail for a term of not exceeding ~~90 days~~ or both in the discretion of the Court.

Received from:

L. E. Hammett, Maint, Edmund Hammett, State Hosp. 1 month	\$35.00 ✓
Paul J. Bailey, Atty, J. H. Cissel, Prop F. A. Jones, 8th Dist	7.66 ✓
T. H. Lynch, Maint, E. H. Lynch, State Hosp. to 3/31/42	31.25 ✓
J. Ralph Abell, T. Mag., Fines & Costs, May report	78.50 ✓
State of Md. (S. T. C.) Franchise Tax	12.50 ✓
County Com., Scrip for balance in 1940 Cont. Fund	807.05 ✓
Interst on above Scrip	48.42 ✓

-----\$1020.38

(Over)

Passed and paid the following accounts:

	C.G.F.		
Geo.L.Lawrence	4008		\$100.00 ✓
1st Nat.Bank of St.Mary's	9	<i>Curtail Note + Int</i> →	488.40 ✓
Jos.P.Wilkinson	4010		155.00 ✓
B.F.Owens	1		3.75 ✓
The Paul Co.	2		23.64 ✓
J.Aubrey Norris	3		33.33 ✓
Md.Light & Power Co.	4		11.35 ✓
Elizabeth Russell	5		16.66 ✓
J.Julius Johnson	6		8.33 ✓
Wm.O.E.Sterling	7		250.00 ✓
Philip H.Dprsey, Jr.	8		250.00 ✓
			-----\$1318.46
Cash Order			\$34.50 ✓
904 Dorothy P.Holmes			27.75 ✓
5 Wm.P.Farr			-----\$62.25
1940 Levy			\$807.05 ✓
426 County Commissioners			
1941 Levy			
434 Ethel Joy			\$33.33 ✓
5 J.Julius Johnson			66.66 ✓
6 Elizabeth Russell			8.33 ✓
			-----\$108.32
1942 Levy			
338 Jas.A.Latham			\$50.00 ✓
9 T.Hooper Lynch			20.00 ✓
340 LOve & Bailey			20.00 ✓
1 J.C.Taylor			68.70 ✓
2 Harry C.Davis			72.10 ✓
3 M.G.Johnson			79.30 ✓
4 Harvey W.Hilton			50.50 ✓
5 Howard Buckler			1.75 ✓
6 Wm.E.Clarke			57.00 ✓
7 Geo.L.Lawrence			100.00 ✓
			-----\$519.35
1943 Levy			\$50.00 ✓
1 G.A.Hebb, Jr			
Liquor & Beer License Fund			\$22.91 ✓
6/9/42			
Oak.R.			\$458. ³³ ✓
124			78
A.D.C.			78.61 ✓
124			
A.D.B.			21.70 ✓
121			
Admin.			175.00 ✓
123			
G.P.A.			\$134.50 ✓
176			8.25 ✓
Eugene C.Peck (for C.D.)	7		-----\$142.75

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By virtue of the authority vested in the County Commissioners of Saint Mary's County, Maryland, the following rules and regulations are hereby made and promulgated:

I. An air-raid warning signal shall consist of a series of short blasts from sirens, whistles or other noise-making devices continuing for approximately two minutes. The all-clear signal shall consist of one long blast continuing for approximately two minutes.

II. In the event of an air-raid warning:

(a) The drivers of all automobiles and other free-wheel vehicles:

(1) Shall immediately pull over to the curb or roadside, turn off the engines or motors and leave such vehicles standing until the all-clear signal is given; provided that emergency vehicles readily identifiable as such, such as fire engines, ambulances, and governmental or public utility-operated trucks, or police cars, physicians' automobiles and other vehicles carrying insignia approved and issued by the Civilian Defense of Saint Mary's County, shall not be required to stop when engaged in emergency operations.

(2) Shall, if the air-raid warning is given between sunset and sunrise, immediately turn off all lights and keep them turned off until the all-clear signal is given; provided that the emergency vehicles as hereinbefore defined shall not be required to turn off their lights if they are dimmed, hooded or masked in a manner approved by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense. In the case of an announced test or trial blackout such emergency vehicles may proceed with lights on without being dimmed, hooded or masked.

(3) Shall not park in front of any fire exit, fire plug, fire engine house, hospital entrance or at a street intersection.

(4) Shall not block the center of any street, or stop opposite to or so close to a bus or any other vehicle as to impede the free flow of traffic engaged in emergency operations.

III. Whenever an air-raid warning is given between sunset and sunrise:

(a) All lights outside or visible from the outside of any building, either through doors, windows, skylights or otherwise, shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given. Lights inside any building may be kept on or turned on only where through the use of shades, blinds, curtains, blankets, screens, paint, paper, cardboard or otherwise no lighting is visible from the outside. This rule shall apply to all buildings of every kind and description, including, but not limited to, dwellings, residences, apartments, apartment houses, hotels, boarding houses, lodging houses, stores, office buildings, warehouses, manufacturing establishments, industrial plants, railroad stations, schools, churches, hospitals and other institutions. The occupant of any portion of a building shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to such portion thereof as he may occupy. If one occupies an entire building, he shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to the whole of such building. In the case of hotels, office buildings, apartment houses, lodging houses, boarding houses and other buildings, the

owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge thereof, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to all portions of the building to which the public is permitted or invited or as to which there is a common use by the occupants thereof. In the case of vacant buildings or vacant portions of buildings, the owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge thereof shall be responsible for the observance of this rule with respect to such vacant buildings or vacant portions thereof, as the case may be, as he shall own, lease or have in his charge.

(b) No door, window or other exit shall be opened if the opening of the same will allow light to be visible from the outside.

(c) All lights on any sign, billboard, pier or other similar structure shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given. The owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge of the operation of such sign, billboard, pier or other similar structure, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule.

(d) All street, traffic and beacon lights and other public lights on and in the streets, lanes, roads, alleys, squares, parks and bridges of Saint Mary's County (except those which are dimmed or hooded in a manner approved by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense) shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given; such extinguishment to be made in accordance with plans adopted by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense.

(e) All other lights, including warning or danger signals, shall be immediately put out and kept out until the all-clear signal is given; provided, however, that warning or danger signals may remain lighted in such manner as may be approved by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense. The owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge of the operation of such lights, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule. In the case of an announced test or trial blackout, warning and danger signals may remain lighted without being dimmed, hooded or otherwise masked.

IV. In order to carry out effectively the provisions of the foregoing rules:

(a) No occupant of any building or of any portion thereof shall permit such building or such portion thereof as he may occupy to be lighted or illuminated (either on the outside, or on the inside in such way that such lighting or illumination is visible from the outside) between sunset and sunrise unless, while so lighted or illuminated, there is stationed in such building or such portion thereof, as the case may be, a person or persons capable of and responsible for putting out the lights or making them invisible from the outside in the event an air-raid warning or signal for a blackout is given. This rule shall apply to every occupant of any building whatsoever, including but not limited to dwellings, residences, apartments, apartment houses, hotels, boarding houses, lodging houses, stores, office buildings, warehouses, manufacturing establishments, industrial plants, railroad stations, schools, churches, hospitals and other institutions.

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	Cash Order		
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Dog Fund	5 Wm.P.Farr		27.75 ✓
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	1940 Levy		
1940 Cont.Fund	426 County Commissioners		\$807.05 ✓
	1941 Levy		
Ext.Ser.	434 Ethel Joy		\$33.33 ✓
"	5 J.Julius Johnson		66.66 ✓
" Sec.	6 Elizabeth Russell		8.33 ✓
			-----\$108.32
	1942 Levy		
Justice Peace	338 Jas.A.Latham		\$50.00 ✓
"	9 T.Hooper Lynch		20.00 ✓
1942 Cont Fund (Atty Accts)	340 Love & Bailey		20.00 ✓
New Assess.	1 J.C.Taylor		68.70 ✓
"	2 Harry C.Davis		72.10 ✓
"	3 M.G.Johnson		79.30 ✓
"	4 Harvey W.Hilton		50.50 ✓
1942 Cont.Fund (Jail Wash)	5 Howard Buckler		1.75 ✓
" (Sheriff Feed)	6 Wm.E.Clarke		57.00 ✓
New Assess	7 Geo.L.Lawrence		100.00 ✓
			-----\$519.35
	1943 Levy		
Insp.Wts.& Meas.	1 G.A.Hebb, Jr		\$50.00 ✓
Mary E.Thompson	Liquor & Beer License Fund		\$22.91 ✓
	6/9/42		
St.Mary's Co.Welfare Board	O.A.R.		\$458. ³³ ✓
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In the case of hotels, office buildings, apartment houses, lodging houses, boarding houses and other buildings to which the public is permitted or invited or as to any portion of which there is a common use by the occupants thereof, the owner, lessee, or the person or persons in charge of the operation thereof, as the case may be, shall be responsible for the observance of this rule as to all portions of the building to which the public is permitted or invited or as to which there is a common use by the occupants thereof. In the case of vacant buildings or vacant portions of buildings, the owner, the lessee or the person or persons in charge thereof shall be responsible for the observance of this rule with respect to such vacant buildings or vacant portions thereof, as the case may be.

(b) No owner, lessee or person or persons in charge of the operation, as the case may be, of any sign, billboard, pier or similar structure, street, traffic or beacon light or other public light on and in the streets, lanes, roads, alleys squares, parks or bridges of Saint Mary's County, or of any other light, including a warning or danger signal, shall permit the same to be illuminated or lighted between sunset and sunrise unless such owner, lessee or person in charge had made adequate arrangements for immediately putting out the same in the event of an air raid or blackout signal or alarm; provided, however, that danger signals may remain lighted during a blackout if they are dimmed, hooded or masked in a manner approved by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense. Until a plan for the extinguishment, dimming or hooding of such street lights, traffic lights, beacon lights and warning or danger signals have been adopted by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense, they may remain lighted between sunset and sunrise.

V. No person shall wear, exhibit, display or use, for any purpose, any arm band, badge, emblem, uniform, insignia or other identification or credential issued, approved or authorized by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense, unless he shall be entitled to wear, exhibit, display or use the same under the rules and regulations of said Committee, nor shall any person falsely personate any member of said Committee or any assistant, aide or helper appointed by said Committee.

No person shall utter, publish, sound or otherwise simulate any warning of an enemy attack, any warning of a test or trial blackout, any signal of the end of an attack or blackout or any other official signal unless authorized to do so by the Saint Mary's County Civilian Defense.

VI. The foregoing rules shall apply to air raids and to blackouts, including test or trial blackouts, and shall become effective on and after 12 o'clock noon on June 12, 1942. Any violation of the foregoing rules is punishable by fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment for not more than three (3) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment as provided, by order of County Commissioners of Saint Mary's County, approved June 12, 1942.

Board adjourned at 4.10 P.M.

J. CLAUDE JOHNSON, President
 County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland

Clerk



Board adjourned at 4.10 P.M.

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