

November 23, 1965

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther.

EDC Brochure

Mr. W. Chapman stated that he asked for permission to print this brochure, was given same, and best offer for printing cost was from the Enterprise, under \$4,000. The EDC elected to have the Enterprise print the brochure, and the actual total cost was \$3,734.10. The bill for the printing was submitted, and Mr. Chapman said that some of the money was withheld to pay taxes owed by the Enterprise. It is his feeling that EDC executed a contract to have the work done and the full amount should be paid.

Mr. Donaldson read a letter concerning this from Mr. Briscoe, asking for 20% of the cost at the beginning of the project. This was to be taken from the EDC budget. Mr. Donaldson further explained that after the contract was given to the Enterprise, it was known that this company owed back taxes to the county. This was discussed with Mr. Molitor, and he asked for \$1500 to pay for the paper to print the booklet. Mr. Guyther then stated that Mr. Molitor had said that if he was given \$1500 for the paper, he would let the rest of the money go toward his back taxes, and was aware that this was going to be done. Mr. Chapman said he was not aware of this agreement with Mr. Molitor, but did know about Mr. Molitor agreeing to take the \$1500 on the first payment. He still feels that the EDC is obligated to pay this bill for the printing of the booklet in any case, even after the above explanation was presented. He did admit that a second type paper was ordered as he did not like the first type obtained.

Tax Credit for Leonardtown

Mr. George Sparling inquired about his request several weeks ago concerning a possible tax credit for the town. Mr. Guyther has advised the commissioners that they do not have the authority to abate such taxes. To do so would require legislation. Mr. Sparling said he was aware of this and wants to know if the commissioners would be in favor of this when the legislators are approached about it at the next session. Mr. Guyther asked if the town would not accomplish the same end by reducing taxes for the people as the town could do this legally. Mr. Sparling said if this is done, the town would have less money to operate with. He said he is asking the commissioners to reduce taxes for the people within the corporate limits of Leonardtown, and is actually requesting a 25% credit so that town residents are not subject to the 100% payment of county taxes. He cited other towns receiving such aid, Annapolis, North Beach, and Tacoma Park. He further stated that if the town was assured of full time police protection that they would forget about the tax relief they are asking. He said his proposal is only concerned with real estate, and the abatement would amount to \$12,000 to \$15,000.

General discussion concerning possibility of un-incorporating the town and Mr. Sparling said he will discuss this at the next meeting of the town commissioners. It was his feeling that the town would be better off as they do not receive enough advantages from being incorporated to justify same.

Library Building - Lexington Park

Mr. Guyther reviewed papers and contract with the commissioners. It is his feeling that there are several changes that should be made in the wording and Mrs. Tzonev will be asked to come over to discuss this with Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Guyther.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall reported that the L. Hayden Road will be done in the spring, and the Bushwood City Road will be started February 1st. He said he will look into the matter of ditches needing clearing near Mr. Tennison's house on Old Route 234.

The state police will be asked to make a recommendation concerning the traffic problem on Chancellor's Run Road. So far as the shoulders are concerned, Mr. Hall reported that they are working on this now and there will be a five foot shoulder in most places along the road. A larger shoulder will require obtaining additional right of way.

Reported that additional signs have been posted on Route 235 for 50 mph speed limit as requested. Said he will contact the Chesapeake Corp. again about the turn-around on the Chingville Road, as their permission is needed to construct same. Plats and deeds for Reeves Road are in order and this road will be placed in the county system. Letter will be sent to SRC to this effect, with \$2,000 check for cost of work. Reported that the SRC Laboratory has released Willows Road. The contract for Golden Beach Road has been awarded, but the contractor has not yet received word to proceed.

The commissioners agreed that "no parking" signs should be placed on Tudor Hall Drive between Mary's Beauty Shop driveway and entrance to Latham Lane. Letter will be sent to Dr. Houser re this matter.

Alms House Property

Mr. W. Loker stated that he has determined sufficient information to be in a position to state that the commissioners as successors in office to the Trustees of the Poor, own the land. Legally speaking, the commissioners are the successors to same. The property will have to be surveyed and platted and meets and bounds established. The southern boundary will have to be established, and is against Dr. Greenwell's property, but a surveyor can go ahead and survey all but that boundary. Mr. Loker said that he can certify that what is left of the original property is owned by the commissioners, but cannot certify as to encroachments or overlaps in property. He will give Mr. Pantaleo all the information he has so that the latter can proceed with this project.

Metropolitan Commission

Mr. Ridgell made motion to reappoint Mr. T. McKee to this commission, seconded by Mr. Burch, passed unanimously. This appointment will be for a six year term. The commissioners also agreed to release to the commission the \$2500 remaining in their budget, as requested in a letter from Mr. Merchant, Chairman.

Cape St. Mary's Tax Abatement Request

Mr. V. Cherbonnier stated that the piece of property in question is a recreation area for the residents of the community, and the original owner of the property set this aside to be used for this purpose. The Cape St. Mary's Asscn. has received a bill for taxes for the property, for the first time, this year. After general discussion concerning this matter it was determined that the tax bill was not for the small park in question, but for a piece of property just recently deeded to the association by Hines in the past six or seven months. Since the association was deeded the property, they are now receiving the tax bill, and this is for a five acre tract of land on the waterfront.

Mr. Herbert was called into the meeting and stated that according to his records the property was to be used for recreational purposes and never to be sold, or it would revert back to Hines. The records were checked and it was determined that the property in question is still in Hines name. This is the five acres which was deeded to the association in October of 1964. The small piece of property Mr. Cherbonnier is concerned with is not being taxed at all.

Mosquito Control

Mr. Paul Raley reported that the building at Paul's Market is available for \$65.00 per month, but there is no heat or electricity. The Amoco Station is vacant and he is investigating to see if this can be rented for the mosquito control project. This station is on Route 5.

Dog License Violations

Mr. Paul Raley reported that Judge Briscoe is in favor of issuing these and said he would support same. The commissioners reviewed what the wording would be on the violation form. These will be printed in book form.

Holidays

The commissioners agreed that the courthouse would be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24th, and New Year's Eve, December 31st.

Airconditioning Costs

The commissioners approved payment of statement submitted by Mr. Winters for costs in the amount of \$7,021.93, as recommended by Mr. R. Chandler.

Employment Office Rental

The commissioners agreed that rental for this office will be paid to Mr. Guyther at end of six month period, rather than in advance.

Vouchers #24244 through 24261, and 24294 through 24349, approved for payment, and signed by Mr. Burch.

Bills from American Hospital Supply for the Nursing Home approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
 F. Elliott Burch, President