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April 1956

The regular monthly meeting of The ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION was held Wednesday night, April 25th. The Commissioners, George Slee, A Gunby Reese and J. Orem Gardner, the line Superintendent, Milton H. Fairbank and the secretary, Clifton L. Hope were all present.

Minutes of the March regular meeting and Special meeting on April 20th read and approved.

Correspondence to Town Commissioners regarding Rio Vista street lights reviewed. ^{received April 21st} and a penciled note read, signed by Melvin Lebowitz ^{and dated March 29th} saying ^{note} "I disapprove of the Utilities Commission doing anything in this matter except sell them electric current whether for street lights or any other use" unquote.

A motion was made and carried that Mr. Fairbank inform Mr. Fletcher that the proposition of street lighting for Rio Vista as presented has been refused by the Town Commissioners, and that if the Beach Club wishes to take up the matter again we suggest they present it in writing.

Mr. Fairbank was instructed for the future should any requests come to him that he ask whoever is concerned to make such request in writing to the Commission.

Letter from Hugh H. Hunter stating they would be glad to assist revising rate schedule and will let us know as soon as they have made enough progress to warrant a

Conference for the purpose of discussing the work.

Mr. Fairbank stated that the St. Michaels Milling Company's load is increasing, and the transformers are over loaded. He suggested that the addition of one 167 KVA transformer would do the work. The cost would probably be between \$1300⁰⁰ and \$1400⁰⁰. Motion made and carried to authorize Mr. Fairbank to purchase the necessary transformer.

The secretary was asked to write the Department of Motor Vehicles to grant Carl L. Truitt a permit to drive a truck during working hours. The reason - his drivers license has been suspended for ninety days.

Mr. Gardner asked to be allowed to buy the ampliphone. The depreciated value being \$3⁰⁰. Mr. Gardner was willing to pay that amount.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge, sec.

May - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, May 23, 1956. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Motor Vehicles stating advising that no type of license could be issued during the three months of licence suspension of Carl L. Truitt. As Truitt has now left the Utilities there is no use to pursue this further.

Mr. Fairbank stated he had not seen Mr. Fletcher to tell him the decision of the commissioners regarding street lights in Rio Vista. The Commissioners asked Mr. Fairbank to make it a point to see him so he would know what to expect.

Letter from the Town Commissioners asking for an advance of \$3000⁰⁰ on or before May 29th. Motion made and carried to give the Commissioners the \$3000⁰⁰ as an advance payment against the year's profits.

Letter from Miles River Yacht Club Program Chairman in regard to Regatta Program ad. Motion made and carried to give them the 1/4 page ad as usual cost \$12.50.

A pledge card had been left in the office for the United Fund of Talbot Co. Inc. Motion made and carried to turn down the request from the United Fund as the Commissioners feel that the Utilities' money is not theirs to give.

The secretary reported Mr Goldstein of Public Service Commission had phoned and asked for several customers' accounts for one year. They are working on our rate schedule and would be ready to discuss it with us in the near future.

Mr. Fairbank presented a letter from C. D. Appleby of ESPSC, stating the Delaware Power & Light Co, the ESPSC and the REA in conjunction with electric appliance distributors are sponsoring a deep freezer sales program during the months of June and July. Any customer purchasing a freezer during these months from a participating dealer would receive 50 to 75 pounds of chicken. The cost to The Utilities would be for a 13 cu. ft or smaller \$10⁰⁰ and 15⁰⁰ for a freezer over 13 cu. ft.

Motion made and carried to write Mr. Appleby saying we would like to cooperate and ask for more information.

It was suggested we ask Mr Hunter and Mr Goldstein to suggest rates for use of water heaters.

Motion made and carried that with the issuance of the new rates off peak rates for water heaters to be included.

Mr. Fairbank asked ~~for~~ if any one knew of one or two men he could get to work for The Utilities. Mr. Reese made a phone call for that purpose but could not contact the man.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge, Sec.

June - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, June 27, 1956. All members present.

Minutes of May meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank had contacted Mr. Theodore Fletcher giving him the decision of the Town Commissioners in regard to Street Lights in Rio Vista. He also suggested to Mr. Fletcher that if in the future he wished to take up the matter again that he make his request in writing.

Mr. Lebowitz thinks The St. Michaels Utilities should be represented at The Municipal League Convention at Ocean City.

The rates proposed by Public Service Commission were discussed. Billings for the month of April had been run off on the proposed schedule and found that there would be a reduction in receipts of about 4% which would be approximately \$5000.00 a year.

Motion made and carried to accept the proposed rate schedule for the purpose of bringing our rates more in line with rates of other companies on the shore.

Motion made and carried that George Lee contact the Town Commissioners informing them of the Utilities action in the matter and asking their approval.

Mr. Fairbank will be on vacation the week of July 15th. Ray Kilmon authorized to be in charge for that time.

It was decided to renew membership in the National Committee for Utilities Radio.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned
Clifton L. Noye, Sec

July 1956

A special meeting of The St. Michaels Utilities Commission and Town Commissioners was held Thursday night, July 12, 1956.

Those present were George Lee, A Gunby Reese, Milton H. Fairbank and the secretary of St. Michaels Utilities and Melvin Lebowitz, D. Hughes DeCompte and Mrs. Helen Plummer, Town Commissioners.

The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the proposed change in rate schedule for the Utilities.

Mr. Lee presided and presented the facts to the town Commissioners. After a lengthy discussion the Town Commissioners unanimously agreed to the proposed change.

The Town Commissioners were then asked when they intended to enlarge the office. This was discussed briefly and Mr. Lebowitz stated he felt the finances of the Town were in such condition that such a project could be undertaken and suggested an architect from Nattle Lumber Co. be consulted at once.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoje, sec.

July - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, July 25, 1956. All members present.

Minutes of June regular meeting and Special meeting of July 12th read and approved.

In answer to a card from the St. Michaels Ambulance Association a motion was made and carried to donate \$500 to the Association.

Motion made and carried to authorize the secretary to purchase another standard ledger, sheet tray.

Letter from Public Service Commission with complaint from James T. Lee about bill for sundry material in building line

Secretary reported the proposed rate schedule had been sent the P.S.C. and a notice received it had been filed.

Secretary instructed to send schedule to the Eastern Star Democrat and to find out from P.S.C. how many times it should be published

The Commissioners proceeded to revise the rules of the Commission.

The secretary was asked to put them in order so they could be reviewed before formal adoption.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olga L. Hoge, sec.

August - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, Aug. 29, 1956. All members present.

Letter from Harry W. Harrison stating his refrigerator was damaged due to low voltage. He felt the Utilities should be responsible for the repair bill. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Harrison with the explanation that the Utilities is not responsible for damages to appliances, that the transformer was adequate to take care of the load at the time it was installed and that customers on the transformer had added equipment from time to time without notifying the Commission until the load was too great for the transformer. A copy of the Rules to be sent with paragraphs marked.

Classifying of certain customers was discussed. It was decided to classify Churches and Fraternity Organization Lodge Rooms as Domestic or Residential and farms having everything on one meter as General.

Mr. Goldstein had returned the copy of Rules sent him to check. He made one suggestion as to Characteristics of Supply Voltage which was adopted.

It was decided to have the new Rates and Rules and Regulations printed including Telephone numbers and a copy sent to each customer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned
Clifford W. Hoge, sec.

September - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, September 26, 1956

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Town Commissioners are considering listing all telephones connected with town operations under one heading Town of St. Michaels. They wish to know if the Utilities would like their numbers listed with them. It was the opinion of all Commissioners it would be better to leave our listing as it is - St. Michaels Utilities in bold face type with all numbers listed under it.

Letter read from Radio Corporation of America stating effective Jan 2, 1957 FCC regulations will require all radio licensees to provide for receiving the Conelrad radio alert. Literature and order blank enclosed. Price \$115.00. The Commissioners felt this is unnecessary and Mr. Fairbank said he would check the literature he receives to see if he can learn any more about it.

* There being no further business the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

Olfeta L. Hoje, sec.

* Rate & Rules have been sent to the Easton Star Democrat for printing
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October - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of The St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday evening, October 24, 1956.

All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter presented from The Hallow E'en Committee asking for donation. Motion made and carried to donate \$10⁰⁰ for the Parade.

Letter read from Hugh H Hunter, chief engineer of P.S.C. stating there would be an inspection of St. M. Util Com, beginning Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 30th

The Woman's Club and Boy Scouts have been allowed current to the amount of \$1²⁵. Motion made and carried to allow them the amount of new minimum charge which is \$2⁰⁰.

Very few complaints have been received concerning new rates.

Mr. Lee asked the question - What can the Utilities do about the many fire hazards now existing due to poor wiring etc.? Discussion followed. No decision

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Clifton L. Hoja, sec.

November - 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, November 28th

All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels asking for an advance payment of \$4,208⁰⁰
Motion made and carried to advance the Commissioners that amount.

Letter from the Talbot County Tuberculosis Association with Christmas seals. Motion made and carried to send \$5⁰⁰

Letter from Ralph Good in regard to the requirements of the FCC which is that all broadcasting radio stations must be equipped to receive the Conelrad Radio Alert. He offered to supply us with the necessary unit for the sum of \$79.50.

Motion made and carried to have Mr. Fairbank look into it

Charles A Smith, Phillip Anderson and Anbray Walker now being on one transformer, a refund for the transformer has been requested. As the transformer was not purchased from the Utilities the secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Anderson and ask for his transformer bill showing date and amount paid for same

The secretary called the Commissioners' attention to the St. Michaels High and Elementary Schools bill. They are billed according to Industrial rates.

In figuring the bill

according to Commercial rates the total amount of the bill would be about \$16⁰⁰ less for the 6400 KWH used.

The Inspection by the Public Service Commission scheduled for October 30th had been made. The Inspectors spent approximately three days checking office procedures and line conditions. No report has been received from them.

The house occupied by Grace Kirby in Church Neck has been wired. A line belonging to R. W. Tennant passes the house. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Tennant asking if he would consider turning ^{over to the utilities} that part of the line from the turn in the road as far as the lane into The Dawson property to be maintained by the Utilities. This would be in preparation to running a line into the Dawson property at some future date. Four spans would be involved.

Motion made and carried to issue Christmas checks to the employees December 10th. The amounts as follows: Fairbank \$100.00 Kilmon + Hope \$75⁰⁰ each, Lednum \$50.00, Fink \$25⁰⁰, Ball and Ames \$10⁰⁰ each.

Mr. Fairbank stated that there is need of repairing a number of lines. Voltage should be stepped up from 2400 to 7200 volts. This would mean ^{higher voltage} larger transformers. The transformers now in use, could be used in the St. Michaels area. The lines most in need of this

change are the Kirkham line and The line into Dobyne's. The cost would be approximately \$4000⁰⁰ and \$2800⁰⁰ respectively.

Motion made and carried to authorize Mr. Fairbank to purchase transformers and materials up to \$6000⁰⁰ for these replacements.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olfeto L. Hoze, sec.

December - 1956

Wednesday, December 26, 1956 was the regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved with one alteration

Mr. Fairbank reported having contacted Ralph Good in regard to unit for radio for Conrad alert. The unit has been ordered.

No reply as yet from R.W. Tennant. Mr. Anderson's bill for transformer had been received - the amount - \$326⁰⁰. Mr. Fairbank had contacted The Central Electrical Supply Co. and been told they had added \$65⁰⁰ to the wholesale price when billing Mr. Anderson for their own protection. The present day whole sale price being a few cents over \$296⁰⁰ it was decided to pay Mr. Anderson that amount - \$296⁰⁰.

A letter from The Commissioners of St. Michaels reappointing A. Gunby Reese a Utilities Commissioner for three years beginning - January 1, 1957

As it would soon be time to send retainer fee to The Commission's attorney, Lee S. Gillis, and as he owes \$78⁶⁰ on an old electric bill, the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Gillis asking permission to deduct that amount from his fee so as to close the account.

In regard to the work men under Mr. Fairbank a motion was made and

Carried to establish a new classification of foreman
the salary to be \$75⁰⁰. Franklin R. Kilmon was
promoted to this position effective December 31st.

There being no further business the meeting
adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoja, sec.

January - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, January 23, 1957. All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

X As there has been no answer from Mr. Tennant the Secretary was instructed to write him again, sending him a copy of the original letter.

Y Notice from St. Michaels Bank of schedule of Commercial Service Charges.

The Conelrad Alarm has been shipped but not yet received.

Letter from Mr. Appleby of the ES PSC with a promotion program as an effort to try to promote adequate wiring and help dealers sell more electric water heaters and ranges, the Commission to pay \$50.00 subsidy to those customers changing to 100 ampere entrance and installing electric ranges and water heaters. The Commissioners were not in favor of the \$50.00 subsidy and asked Mr. Fairbank to tell Mr. Appleby they were not interested in this program but to keep us informed of other programs and to give us the information before the time for program to start.

Mr. Fairbank mentioned having used his power mower last summer to keep grass cut around Utilities Building. The mower has a 21 inch blade, cost \$129.95 and he had used it at home one season

He would be willing to sell it to the Commission for \$45 00.

Motion made and carried to purchase the mower.

Election of officers - Motion made and carried the officers remain the same for the ensuing year. George S. Lee, president.

Clifton L. Hoja, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion made and carried to have a light placed on the pole in back of the Masonic Temple.

As the line truck is in bad condition Mr. Fairbank was instructed to keep a look out for one that could be bought at a bargain.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoja, sec.

February - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, February 27, 1957

All members present

Note from Polio Project Committee thanking the Commission for contribution of lights the night of the polio drive.

Letter from the St. Michaels Little League Committee asking for donation toward the Little League Program.

The Secretary reported Mr. R. W. Tennant had phoned in answer to the letter sent him asking if he would turn over a portion of his line to the Utilities. Mr. Tennant offered the whole line to the Commission for \$100

Letter from Norman Roe asking what it would take to get electricity into the old Walter Chaplin place which he has purchased

Mr. Fairbank stated he had looked into this and found the telephone poles already there are in good shape. Roe's place is 2000 feet from the present electric line. It would cost Roe approximately \$632.00 to run the line in, and if new poles were used it would be an additional \$350.00

It was suggested that Mr. Fairbank talk to Norman Roe and have him contact the owners of the Dawson farm to see if they would be willing to turn the pole line over to the Utilities and give a right of way to the Dawson property gate. This would cut his expense in half.

Motion made and carried that if the

Dawsons would turn the pole line over to the Utilities and would give the right-of-way the Utilities would extend the present line to the Dawson property gate as a public line.

Motion made and carried to accept Mr. Tennant's offer and to buy his line from the public right of way to and including the transformer pole and equipment, paying \$100 for same. It was agreed that Mr Lee handle the transaction, contacting Mr. Tennant and the attorney.

Mr. Fairbank mentioned there were three houses in back of Chester Park and across the railroad track that would want current in the near future. He figured it would be better to run the line from the Church Neck line. If run from Chester Park it would mean crossing the railroad track and the Eastern Shore line.

Letter and memorandum read from Public Service Commission in regard to inspection made Oct 30 to Nov. 1st. Out of 81 possible charges there were 60 in Compliance and 21 Not in Compliance. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of this report and state that steps are being taken to comply with the rules.

The secretary asked permission to purchase a desk chair for the second desk. Permission granted.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge, sec.

March - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, March 27th.

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The request for donation to the Little League which was overlooked was discussed and a motion made and carried to donate \$10⁰⁰

We have received the official papers for the transfer of the Tennant line to the Utilities. The Tennants will sign as soon as Mrs Tennant returns from a trip.

Mr. Fairbank reported that Norman Roe had contacted Miss Mabel Dawson in regard to giving the Utilities a Right of Way thru her property. Miss Dawson had refused and stated that when she was ready to hook up she would contact the Eastern Shore Public Service Co.

It was suggested we ask Lee Gillis to speak to Miss Dawson's attorney, Mr. Ready, concerning the right of way and asking him to talk to her about it showing her the advantage to her if she wanted current and that it would add to the value of her property.

Mr. Samuel Jackson is building another factory close to his Furse plant to be rented to another company. It is presumed the new plant will carry a heavy load but nothing

definite has been said as to what they expect to need. It was discussed as to whether the Utilities would replace Mr. Jackson's transformer so as to take care of the new customer. The Commissioners felt that nothing could be done until some definite information is received. It was decided to write Mr. Jackson asking him what the total load will be and he must be definite about the voltage needed.

Mr. Fairbank said he is working on the Public Service Commissions recommendations. He has purchase record books, checked meters, numbered poles and sent meter tester to be checked at the Bureau of Standards.

Mr. Reese had attended a session of legislature at Annapolis for the hearing of the Highway project. The bill passed that the Federal government would pay 90% and State 10% for taking care of utilities moved or damaged in the process of constructing National Highways.

Mr. Reese had a sample of a wooden letter that he is using for a sign on his building. The letters cost \$2.00 each unpainted. Motion made and carried to order letters for St. Michaels Utilities for the front of the Utilities Building. Mr. Fairbank said his men would paint them and put them up.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Reynolds, sec.

April - 1957

The regular meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday evening, April 24th 1957.

All members present
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Samuel Jackson had written in reply to letter to him stating what would be needed for the new plant he is building adjoining the Fusee Plant. He also stated he had no plans of increasing the load needed in The Fusee Plant.

Letter read from Lee S Gillis to William Reddie in regard to the pole line thru the Dawson property in Church Neck.

The Wooden letters for the name on the Utilities Building have been delivered and are being painted.

The meter Tester has been checked and returned by the Bureau of Standards.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olfstad. Hoja, sec.

May - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, May 22nd. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was reported that Mrs Perry, part owner of the Dawson farm had been sick - the reason for the delay of a reply concerning pole line and right of way.

The grant for the Tennant line has been received and recorded.

Letter read from Edwin G. Peters asking for refund on transformer as there are now three customers on the line. His receipted bill was submitted for \$640⁰⁰ unitemized. He claims \$300⁰⁰ was for the transformer. Motion made and carried to pay Mr. Peters \$296⁰⁰ as was paid Mr. Philip Anderson, that being the present wholesale price.

It was decided to have our attorney write up a release and have printed for any further transactions of that kind.

Letter from the Miles River Yacht Club soliciting an ad for their regatta program. Motion made and carried to give them the same quarter page ad as last year. Price \$15⁰⁰

Letter from Mr. Hugh H. Hunter, Chief Engineer of Public Service Commission acknowledging the receipt of our reply to their memorandum of February 1st

An amended report is to be submitted to us in the near future.

Letter from the Town Commissioners asking for an advance of \$8,205⁰⁰ by May 29th for the purpose of paying off bonds and coupons due June 1st.

Motion made and carried to advance amount asked for.

Motion made and carried to write the Town Commissioners asking what the current amount of the sinking fund is.

Mr. Fairbank reported the new factory, the Advance Foam Molding Co, has been turned on for current.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton Hoge, sec.

June - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, June 26, 1957

All Commissioners and the secretary present. Mr. Fairbank on his vacation

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A letter from the Town Commissioners in answer to the Utilities letter asking for the amount now in the sinking fund. The letter stated quote, "The information you requested will be available when our books are audited. It will be absolutely accurate then. The auditors report will be available to anyone at that time."

The secretary reported the service charge at the bank for the month of May amounted to \$1.98.

Lee Gillis, attorney, had reported that Mr. Reddy is continuing to work with the owners of the Dawson farm hoping they will see the advisability of granting a right of way to the Utilities

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Cliff L. Agee, Sec.

July 24 - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michael's Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, July 24, 1957

Those present were Messrs, Lee, Reese and Fairbank and the secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from The Rio Vista Beach Club asking ^{what} the cost would be to install street lights in Rio Vista. A map was enclosed showing location of lights required, eleven in all. They would also like an estimate of cost of current.

Mr. Fairbank stated that due to the fact that the lights were scattered over such a wide area four separate meters would have to be installed. And to use 100 watt mercury vapor lights the cost of installing would be approximately \$1700⁰⁰ and for current the cost would be about \$200⁰⁰ a year.

Mr. Fairbank was asked to write a letter to The Club giving costs and advising how cost could be cut.

A letter from ESPSC with a promotion proposition for July & August. As the time was about half over before we received the letter it was decided to disregard it. Mr. Fairbank to answer the next time their man is in St. Michael's.

The Secretary submitted a report comparing figures for June 30, 1957 and June

30, 1947. It showed quite an increase in business and fixed assets.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoyle, sec.

August - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday August 28, 1957.

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

There had been no further communication from the Rio Vista Beach Club.

Mr. Fairbank reported that one radio unit is not working and the repair man has not been able to locate the trouble. He suggested purchasing a new radio so as to be sure of having two in working order.

Motion made and carried to authorize Milton to purchase a new radio to replace the one out of repair and to have that one repaired for the Ford. It was suggested to send it to the factory to be over hauled.

As trees were not trimmed last year Mr. Fairbank thinks it advisable to have it done this year. This will include Miles River Neck Roads, Claiborne, Royal Oak and Hopkins Neck.

There was a discussion as to why the Utilities should have to pay to have trees trimmed on personal property and at the same time pay the State to supervise the work. Mr. Gardner was appointed a committee of one to find out what could be done about it and get what information he could as to laws governing the operation. This to be reported at the September meeting.

Mr. Fairbank was instructed to get prices for the tree trimming job and report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

O. L. Hoje, sec.

September - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday, September 25th, 1957

All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported The radio unit for the Dodge Truck had been ordered.

The Secretary had contacted Lee Gillis, attorney, concerning the right of way on the Dawson property. Mr. Gillis stated that Mr. Ready seemed to think the owners of the property would cooperate. Mr. Gillis said he would type up the agreement and give it to Mr. Ready to have signed. In case it fell through there would be no charge.

Mr. Gardner had no report concerning Tree Trimming

Mr. Harold Bowman had submitted prices for trimming the trees on the roads specified by Mr. Fairbank. Motion made and carried to accept the bid on the hourly basis @ \$2.20 per hour. Mr. Fairbank stated that one of the Utilities men would be on hand while the work was being done.

The Fire Department had spoken to Mr. Lee about installing a second siren in St. Michaels at the south end of town and asked if the Utilities would run the wires for same. Mr. Fairbank stated it would

take about 2800 feet of wire and 23 poles would be involved. The estimated cost would be around \$300⁰⁰ for materials plus labor. Motion made and carried to cooperate with the Fire Department in installing the siren with no cost to them.

In the summer there is always numerous requests to set up voltage due to an added amount of air conditioners. Mr. Fairbank suggested the office be authorized to have letters printed stating voltage could not be raised again as the Public Service Commission's regulation require us to keep the voltage within 5% variation. Mr. Reese drafted a letter, same to be signed by Milton H Fairbank, superintendent. 200 copies to be ordered. Copies to be sent to customers who habitually have voltage set up for summer and lowered in fall, and any others Mr. Fairbank thinks advisable.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge, sec.

October - 1957 8th

A special meeting was called October 8th as a joint meeting of The Town Commissioners and Utilities Commission. All Commissioners both secretaries and Mr. Fairbank present.

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing rates to a proposed new industry anticipating locating in or near St. Michaels.

The only information available was that the company would use approximately 100,000 KWH. per month. Neither demand required nor hours of operation were known. So there was nothing definite enough to give an estimate cost per month.

It was pointed out to the Town Commissioners that if their demand was very high it could increase the cost of power hundreds of dollars. It would also cost around \$15,000.00 to build a new line to the plant and furnish Transformers. Without knowing more about the project it would not be advisable to come to a decision about rates at that time. When more information could be obtained it would be time then to discuss rates.

The plans for the new Town and Utilities offices were shown for comments and suggestions. A few changes were suggested and Mrs. Plummer promised to have plans redrawn and show them again at a future date.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clayton L. Hope sec.

October 1957 23rd

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, October 23rd, 1957.

All members present.

Minutes of September regular meeting and Special meeting, October 8th read and approved.

It was reported the new radio for the Dodge truck should be here soon and Ralph Good would install it and at the same time make his semiannual inspection.

The tree trimming had started same day of meeting.

The letters pertaining to high voltage had been ordered from the printer.

Letter read from The Hallow E'en parade committee. It was decided to donate same as former years - \$10⁰⁰

Mr. Earle Robinson, one of our customers, had called the office in regard to special rates for heating a house with electricity. He felt that if the rates could be cut to 1½ cents per KWH he would be willing to put in an electric furnace. Mr. Lee estimated that even at 1½ cents it would cost twice as much as to heat by oil. The Commissioners were willing to experiment for a season both for the benefit of the customer and satisfaction of the Commission. Dr. Fairbank was asked to see Mr. Robinson and explain what it would involve and if he wished to try it out as an experiment the Commission would go along with him.

There was a discussion about lowering

rates in the higher brackets for large consumers
No action taken

The secretary being due another week's vacation asked permission to ask Mary Anne Sewell to help Mrs Fink if she needed help. Permission granted.

Mr. Reese mentioned to Mr Fairbank the high weeds on the north end of the pole lot.

Mr. Lee mentioned that the secretary had asked if her salary could be put on a weekly basis instead of monthly. Motion made and carried that whereas the secretary's salary had here to fore been \$200⁰⁰ per month, beginning December 1st she shall receive \$50⁰⁰ per week.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Agee, sec.

November - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday, November 27th

All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter read from Hallow Eén parade Committee thanking The Commission for donation.

Mr. Fairbank had seen Earle Robinson in regard to the proposed experiment of heating his house with electricity.

Mr. Robinson said he had not gone into it yet and would probably be a year before he would be ready.

Tree trimming along the lines is progressing.

Letters pertaining to changing voltage have been received.

Mr. Lee had some figures from an electric bill of The Company which is anticipating locating in St. Michaels. In October they used 118,859 KWH and had a demand of 207 KW. Their total bill amounted to \$2,155.39.

For the same consumption in St. Michaels their bill would have amounted to \$2575.30

Motion made and carried to give the following Christmas bonuses Dec 10th
 Fairbank 100⁰⁰ Kilmon and Hope 75⁰⁰ each
 E Lednum 50⁰⁰ Fink 40⁰⁰ Ball 15⁰⁰
 C. Lednum and Warner 10⁰⁰ each.

As the Commissioners neglected to raise Mrs Fink's bonus last year it was decided to give her an extra check of

\$15⁰⁰ to cover the difference of the \$25⁰⁰ given her and \$40⁰⁰ which she should have received.

The question of a raise for Mrs Fink was discussed but no decision made
Motion made and carried to donate \$5⁰⁰ to Talbot Co. T. B. Ass'n.

Letter from Rudolph Lester returning unsigned note saying he could not make monthly payment on bill at present but would pay in full the first part of 1958. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Lester stating it to be satisfactory for him to pay his bill in one payment the first of the year.

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for an advance of \$4,144⁰⁰
Motion made and carried to comply with their request.

Mr. Fairbank had a drawing of Christmas decorations The Town Commissioners had left in the office for him to assemble and install. Not only would there not be time to make the decorations for this year's display, the men do not have time for such work Mr Lee consented to talk to Hugh LeCompte about it.

As the 4th Wednesday of December falls on Christmas day The December meeting will be held Monday Dec. 30th

Mr. Fairbank stated that his men would like to get in the Maryland State Pension. This would have to come under the Town. and all employees

would have to be included. It was suggested a letter be written the Town Commissioners concerning the matter and suggesting a joint meeting of all employees of both Commissions and have some one present to explain the benefits etc.

Mr Reese stated that Mr. George Carey had thanked him for having weeds cut in lot in back of his property.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Olfeta L. Hoyle,
Sec.

December - 1957

The regular monthly meeting of The St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Monday, December 30th 1957. The change of date due to the fourth Wednesday falling on Christmas Day.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The letter written the Town Commissioners concerning our employees' desire to join the Maryland Retirement system was read. The Town Commissioners' answer was to the affect if we would make the arrangements with a representative they would be glad to meet with us. The secretary was instructed to write the Baltimore office asking for a date a representative could meet with us.

Letter from The Town Commissioners appointing Mr. Alex J. Spencer Utilities Commissioner for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1958.

Bill from Lee S Gillis, Attorney for \$100.00 retainers fee for 1958. Motion made and carried to retain Mr. Gillis as our attorney for another year. As this is 1958 business the check to be made after the first of the year.

Invoice from National Committee for Utilities Radio for \$15.00 for Professional Assistance Fund. Motion made and carried to pay the bill.

An agent from The Paymaster Corp

having previously been in the office as well as contacting some of the Commissioners in regard to purchasing a check writer. The matter was discussed and the decision was it would be a good investment for insurance to use one in the office. With the machine a two year guarantee is given also a \$10,000⁰⁰ Forgery and Check Alteration Insurance Policy for two years. Motion made and carried to purchase the machine.

The secretary showed a picture of a Graphotype machine which she considered would be a very useful piece of machinery to have. This is a machine for making addressograph plates. This would eliminate waiting to accumulate enough names for an order and again waiting to receive plates. A slight change could be made immediately on the old plate instead of buying a new one. The blank plates would cost one half cent each where embossed plates are eight cents and when the company prints the cards it is ^{in addition to that, postage amounts to approx. 1/2 cent per plate} two cent extra. The cost of the machine is \$395⁰⁰. The Commissioners considered such a machine would be more of a luxury than a necessity.

The new rate schedule for the men was discussed. Motion made and carried to raise Milton Fairbank's salary from \$97.50 to \$100⁰⁰ per week. Motion made and carried to change the base pay period from a 44 hours week to a 40 hours week.

A new sign has been erected

at The south entrance to the Town. It has been requested this sign be lighted. Mr. Fairbank was given authority to take care of installing the lights which to his judgment would be to the best advantage.

This being Mr Lee's last meeting with the Commission he designated Mr. Reese to act as president until the next regular meeting, January 22nd which included the signing of weekly checks.

Mr. Lee expressed his pleasure in working with the Commission for the past ten years. He said he hoped the Utilities would continue with the idea of expansion of the lines - that is, adding of the fourth wire. ^{to the lines.} He also urged the Commissioners that if the question ever presented itself to oppose unionizing the Utilities as he feels that unionizing would be a detriment not only to the Utilities but to the whole community. He pointed out that the qualifications of workmen under Union rules were such that it could lead to the Town losing the Utilities as a source of income.

A motion was made by Mr Reese and seconded by Mr. Gardner that thanks be extended to Mr. Lee from the Utilities Commissioners and employees for the fine cooperation and many services he has rendered above his responsibilities. That it has been a pleasure to work with him and that we wish for him much success in the years to follow.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. *Clifton L. Hoze, sec.*

January - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of The St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, January 22, 1958.

Those present were Messrs, A Gunby Reese, J. Erem Gardner, Alex J. Spencer Milton H. Fairbank, Clifton L. Hope.

The meeting was called to order by A Gunby Reese who had been acting as president since the December 30th meeting.

The first item of business was to organize for the year 1958. A. Gunby Reese was elected president, Clifton L. Hope reelected secretary - treasurer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A letter had been received from the Employees' Retirement System director to the effect that a representative of the town would be required to appear in the Baltimore office. The secretary had written the Town Commissioners enclosing a copy of the above mentioned letter and suggesting that one or more of the Town Commissioners and if possible the Town attorney meet with the director at an early date.

Mr. Reese had spoken to Hughes LeCompte, one of the Town Commissioners in regard to the matter. No action has been taken by them as yet.

Mr. Fairbank reported he had received all parts for lighting the sign at the south entrance of the town except two sockets. He would complete the job as soon as he receives them.

Letter read from the Volunteer Fire Department thanking the Commission and Mr. Fairbank and his co-workers for the installing of the fire siren at the south end of the town.

Mr. Fairbank reported the tree trimming had been held up due to bad weather. The ^{trees on} Royal Oak roads, the road from Diamond Corner and Claiborne road are yet to be trimmed.

The secretary had prepared a letter to the St. Michaels Bank authorizing them to honor signatures of the three Commissioners and Secretary. All attached their signatures to the letter.

Mr. Spencer stated that John C. North, Jr. is settling up for Guernsey Stevenson. Secretary to contact Mr. North in regard to two electric bills of Mr. Stevenson's.

Mr. Reese suggested a letter be written the Town Commissioners stating the accomplishments of The Utilities in 1957. Mr. Fairbank and the secretary to compile the letter and present it at the February meeting.

As all business was disposed of at an early hour, Mr. Spencer was briefed on some Utilities matters so he could have a better understanding of the work, methods and procedures.

The meeting adjourned

Delta L. Hoge, sec

February - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday evening February 26th. Those present were Messrs A Gunby Reese, J. Orem Gardner, Alex J. Spencer, Franklin R. Kilmon in the absence of Milton Fairbank and the Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Employee's Retirement was again discussed. Mr. Spencer offered to talk to the Town Commissioners again concerning the matter. It was moved and carried to write another letter to the Commissioners to the effect that due to the death of Hughes LeCompte who had volunteered to go to Baltimore for the information needed, we suggest they empower Lee S. Gillis, attorney to make the trip to Baltimore to investigate the possibility of the employees being entered into the Retirement system.

Mr. Kilmon reported the balance of the materials for lighting the sign at the south end of town had been received but due to extra work caused by the snow storm there had not been time to work on it.

Tree trimming has been at a stand still due to bad weather.

Due to the snow storm February 15th a number of customers were without current for two days or more. This was caused by trucks not being able

to get through snow drifts. Through the cooperation of W. H. Coleman with the use of his bull dozers the trucks finally got through to repair the lines. Motion made and carried to write Mr. Coleman and thank him for cooperating and that in the future should the need occur we would like to secure his services, and ask that he hold himself available, and that Mr. Fairbank has been authorized to contact him if he were needed.

Motion made to send James Lewis a check for \$5⁰⁰ in appreciation of his services of driving the bulldozer

A note from Fairbank stating the St. Michaels Milling Co is planning an increase of electric load of about 160 H.P. This would mean an increase in transformer bank. One 250 KVA transformer, larger wire, larger metering transformers and equipment would be needed. Cost would be about \$3000⁰⁰

Motion made and carried to give Mr. Fairbank permission to buy whatever is needed. At the same time Mr. Fairbank to keep in mind that Mr. Quillin had made application to start a hatchery. Should permission be granted for hatchery he should get enough material to take care of all of it.

Letter read from Margaret Smith expressing appreciation for service rendered after snow storm.

Mrs. Fink having been in the hospital for several days has used up all sick leave due her until November 1, 1958. There is a possibility of her returning to work Friday. The question was asked if she did not return for Friday and Saturday should she be paid for those two days. It was decided to pay her for the full week. If she did not return the following Monday she would not be paid.

It was learned that Ray Kilmon had torn a boot while working in the storm. Motion made and carried that Ray be authorized to purchase a new pair of boots.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoyle, sec.

March 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday evening, March 26, 1958. All members present.

Meeting called to order by the president A Gunby Reese.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The secretary reported that one of the Town Commissioners, Mrs Helen Plummer, was to go to Baltimore the following day to secure information concerning the Employees Retirement.

Weather conditions have not permitted the completion of the sign at the south end of town.

Mr. Fairbank reported having received a letter from Lee Electric Service stating they were in the process of enlarging the electric service at the St. Michaels Milling Co. Work expected to be completed by July 1st and it is their wish that the Utilities be ready for the increased load by that time.

Letter from F.E. Yeoman, Manager of The Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. in regard to demand charge on February bill. Mr. Fairbank had answered the letter saying he felt the figures were correct and showing him figures covering our demand for three February's.

Mr. Reese asked about the radio in the International Truck. Mr. Fairbank said he would call Ralph Good and ask him

if he could come earlier for the semiannual check up. He is due about April 20th

The secretary reported that the snow storm of February 15th cost The Commission about \$800⁰⁰ for extra expenses and overtime.

Letter from Mr. O.P. Alford thanking the "loyal and reliable employees for the splendid service so many received during the recent emergency." Two phone calls had also been received thanking the men for their services.

John T. Wells a customer died several months ago leaving a meter deposit of \$5.00. His wife, Lillian, died recently and the house is now occupied by another family. The question was asked if the meter deposit of John T. Wells could be refunded to the son of Lillian Wells. The decision was to get a statement from the son saying he was the sole heir and refund the deposit to him.

Rudolph Lester ~~who~~ has been owing the Utilities a bill since July 3rd, 1957. We have a letter from him dated Nov. 15, 1957 saying he would pay the bill in full the first part of 1958. Since that time there has been no effort made to pay the bill. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Lester telling him the Commissioners want to know what disposition he is going to make of the bill. Mr. Spencer said he would see him and talk to him.

Letter read from St. Michaels Little League asking for donation. Letter laid on table.

Mr. Reese suggested an auxiliary unit for the office radio to be used in case of power failure. Mr. Fairbank stated he should also have something like that for trucks for flood lights. Mr. Spencer stated that Mr. Nixdorf had had one and Mr. Fairbank was authorized to investigate and buy the one Mr. Nixdorf has if it would meet the requirements or to get a new one.

As it has been necessary for the Commissioners to operate the fixed radio station they all signed applications for license to operate.

Mr. Fairbank mentioned his transportation equipment is getting old and should be replaced. He suggested a heavier truck with extension ladder. He was instructed to get prices on the kind of truck he wanted.

Paragraph read from November 1950 minutes stating "It was agreed to grant one week sick leave for the period of one year. This leave to be accumulative and to take effect November 1st, 1950."

Letter from Commodore Lyman S. Perry reviewing the situation at the time of the February 15th ^{to snow storm}, complaining about the disruption of service and asking several questions which he intimated was necessary information for his Insurance Company. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Commodore stating we were sorry for the disruption of service and that if the

Insurance Company required any information for settling his claim to refer them to us and we would be glad to cooperate. Dr. Fairbank had written answers to his questions which was filed with the letter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoze, sec.

April - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, April 23, 1958. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The secretary reported that Rudolph Lester had paid his bill in full.

It was reported that Mrs Plummer had been to Baltimore to meet with the Director of Employees Retirement. Information as to date of birth, years employment, and salary had been furnished and after actuaries had worked on it we would hear from them.

Mr. Fairbank reported he had taken the radio from the International Truck and is having Ralph Good overhaul it.

The auxiliary for radio and lighting office in case of emergency has been installed.

Mr. Fairbank had received prices on trucks and ladders. A new truck of the type wanted will cost between \$4,000 and \$4500⁰⁰. It was decided to write the Town Commissioners asking permission to order the truck.

For a line truck Mr Fairbank had been advised to contact Telephone Company at Salisbury.

Mr. Gardner said he had heard complaints about the boys speeding on Gloria Avenue and through town. Mr Fairbank stated he had received a

letter from the Town Commissioners in regard to same and had had all his men read it. It was decided to say nothing more to them at present but if it continued they would take up the matter again.

The sign at the south end of town is now lighted.

Note on bill stub ^{from Doris Reed} thanking Utilities for phoning about whether current was on.

Notice of dues from Ambulance Association Motion carried to send same amount as previous years. 5⁰⁰

Letter from Mrs Birmingham telling the Commission she had started a petition to have electric plant remain in St. Michaels. A letter to be written Mrs Birmingham telling her she was within her rights in protesting what she feels detrimental to her and her neighbors.

Letter from C. Edward Hilgenberg giving notice that the Utilities is not to supply any new customers with service over his lines without written permission from him.

An answer to be sent Mr. Hilgenberg stating it is not our policy to connect any new customers on any private line without permission of the owner.

The men are now working on the Bloomfield line and when finished will go to Hopkins Neck - changing transformers etc.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Fairbank showed Mr. Reese and Mr. Gardner ^{Mr. Sperry} how the new auxiliary works.

No further business The meeting adjourned
Eliza L. Rye, Sec.

May - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, May 28th. All present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Town Commissioners giving permission to purchase new truck - cost up to \$4500.00

Mr. Fairbank stated he had contacted the Telephone Co. in regard to a line truck but they had nothing at present that would meet his requirements.

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for advance of \$8144.00 by May 29th. Motion made and carried to grant their request.

Letter from Miles River Yacht Club asking for ad in regatta program. Motion made and carried to use same ad as last year.

Letter from Mrs Margaret Ferree in regard to electric line serving Guinomar. The secretary was instructed to write Mrs Ferree advising her to take up the matter with her attorney and then if necessary we would refer it the Public Service Commission. To also state the present Transformer is adequate to serve another customer.

A letter from the Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System was presented and contents discussed. A letter to be written the Town Commissioners stating the Utilities Commissioners had

Letter from Mrs Lewis C. Chapman thanking for flowers sent for Mrs. B. Rice

reviewed the report and feel ready to meet with the Town Commissioners to discuss the matter and ask when they would like to meet.

Letter from The Public Service Commission in regard to disposing of the St. Michaels Electric Plant by The Eastern Shore Public Service Co and The petition signed by 600 persons in objection.

Letter to be written the P. S. Co stating the Utilities Commissioners had no objection to the plant being discontinued. That approximately half of the signers were customers of the St. Michaels Utilities and the other half customers of ESPSC. And that they feel the benefit of our present rates far exceeded the inconvenience of closing the plant.

Mr. Earl Corkran, president of the St. Michaels Volunteer Fire Dept. had contacted Mr. Reese in regard to supplying current for the Firemen's Carnival in August. Motion made and carried to supply current as usual.

It was decided to set the time for monthly meetings at 8:00 PM during day light saving time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifford L. Hoze, sec

June 1958

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, June 25, 1958

All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

No date has been set for a meeting of the two boards of Commissioners for discussing the Employees' Retirement.

Letter from Public Service Commission with copy of Their order to ESPSC to abandon the electric plant in St. Michaels included in this is a statement that "If at any time it should be determined that service over a single line was inadequate to serve the St. Michaels system as well as the other customers of The Eastern Shore Company in that area, then this Commission (PSC) could require the Eastern Shore Company to strengthen its existing line or to construct a separate line."

In regard to a new truck a motion was made and carried that the specifications be left up to Mr. Reese and Mr. Fairbank. Mr. Claude Ireland had mentioned to Mr. Fairbank that he might secure a truck from the Virginia Telephone Company at Norfolk. This to be looked into.

Mr. Reese had been approached by customers in regard to street lights shining in windows. This is a matter that comes under the jurisdiction of The Town.

Mr. Fairbank suggested getting separate batteries for the radios in the trucks. It would save the life of the car batteries as well as gasoline and could be put on the charger at night.

Mr. Fairbank to take a week's vacation beginning July 6th at Ocean City.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olyta L. Hoja, Sec.

July 1958
 The regular monthly meeting of
 St. Michaels Utilities Commission
 was held Wednesday evening,
 July 23, 1958

All members present
 Minutes of previous meeting
 read and approved.

Mr. Spencer was asked to
 contact Mr. Eglseider, Town Commissioner
 in regard to setting a date for a
 meeting of both Commissions in
 regard to Employees' Retirement.

Mr. Claude Ireland had demon-
 strated a power wagon for ^{one} workmen
 and Mr. Reese. It was thought it would
 be an advantage to buy it. Motion made
 and carried to purchase same for \$1000⁰⁰

Motion made and carried to
 purchase truck chassis and body
 suitable to mounting ladder.

Misses Reese and Fairbank to
 write specifications and have letters
 sent to Bennett Motors, Noble Motor Co
 and Hallowell Chevrolet.

There being no further business
 the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Nye, sec.

August - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, August 27th. All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved,

★ An order for the new truck has been placed with Noble Motor Co. Cost to be \$2223.50 for chassis and body. This was the best price received

Mr. Fairbank was authorized to use his own judgment as to the delivery of the truck: - whether to send one of the men for it or have Noble send for it.

Motion made and carried to place an ad in the Easton Star Democrat to sell The International for \$300⁰⁰

Mr. Fairbank reported he had placed a battery in one of the trucks to take care of the radio. It is working satisfactory. He intends to do the same with the other trucks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Edna L. Hoge, sec.

★ Letter from the Town Commissioners stating it was decided to defer action regarding Employees Retirement. The matter may be reopened next year

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September - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night September 24th

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Tho several people have looked at the International truck it had not yet been sold. It was decided to run an ad in the Star Democrat for three more weeks.

The ~~new~~ Ford truck has arrived and is satisfactory. The truck not being equipped with hub caps Mr Reese offered to get them at 25% off retail price. Motion made and carried to accept Mr Reese's offer.

It was suggested to write a letter to the Town Commissioners stating we had bought the Ford and a power wagon for 3226.00 instead of using the allowed \$4500⁰⁰ for one truck and that we have postponed buying the ladders for the Ford until next year.

There has been some talk about the Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc, when their contract is up with the St. Michaels Utilities Commission, which is September 30, 1960, to connect up with The Eastern Shore Public Service Co. Mr. John T. Love is concerned about this as the line would ^{probably} have to run through his property.

After discussing the probability of losing Choptank as a customer it was suggested the Utilities look in to the possibility of buying the line. Mr. Fairbank was asked to consult Mr Goldstein of The Public Service Commission as to their views on the subject.

It was suggested a pilot light be installed in the office so that at any time the auxiliary unit had to be used for failure of current those in the office would know when the current was restored. The unit was in use the same day of the meeting when power failed for more than an hour, due to failure at the Indian River Plant.

It was decided to call the monthly meetings at 7:30 beginning with October 22nd

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoge Sec.

October 1958

The regular monthly meeting of St Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday evening, October 22nd. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The International Truck has been sold.
Price - \$250⁰⁰.

Mr. Goldstein had been asked the possibility of purchasing The Choptank line. Mr. Goldstein made no comment on the matter.

Mr. Reese said he would contact Mr. William Moore of ESPSC, unofficially, about it. Mr. Fairbank stated that Mr. John T. Love had talked to him again and told him that neither he nor Mr. Bromfield would give the Choptank a right of way through their properties. The Commissioners decided to let the matter drop for the present.

Earl Haddaway has asked that his account be turned over to Robert Simmons as he (Haddaway) is not living in St. Michaels now. Simmons has been asked for a meter deposit of \$10⁰⁰ and for payment of an old bill of \$15.39. Mr. Reese instructed the secretary to write Mr. Haddaway that his meter deposit of \$7⁰⁰ would be held until Mr. Simmons deposited his \$10⁰⁰ with the Commission.

Mr. Fairbank asked that now there is no prospects of retirement for the employees if the Commission would consider giving electricity to employees at cost. This to be discussed at the

next meeting of the Commission

Mr. Fairbank also asked if employees should be asked to make a meter deposit. No discussion.

A farm in Miles River Neck, once the property of the Dobynes, is being subdivided. Electric lines are to be run, Ed Stewart doing the work. Mr. Fairbank had been asked if the Utilities would take over the line after it was completed. Mr. Spencer recommended that if the line was erected according to specifications of the Utilities that they be paid \$100 for line and thereafter maintain it.

A letter from N. H. Coleman + Son enclosing three bills totaling \$247.41 resulting from damages done to pump, caused by low voltage Sept 24th when service was disrupted due to trouble at Indian River plant. It was decided to send Mr. Coleman's letter and bills to Mr. Wm Moore of the ESPSC as the damage was caused through failure of supplier and not that of distributor.

A letter to be written to Mr. Coleman stating his claim had been referred to ESPSC.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge sec.

November - 1958

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, Nov. 26, 1958

Those present were Messrs Reese, Spencer, Fairbank and the Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Spencer recommended that the employees renting in St. Michaels pay a meter deposit the same as any other customer.

It was decided to defer a decision on rates of electricity to employees until the December meeting.

Mr. Fairbank had talked to Mr. Gallagher about taking over the line into the W. Alton Jones property that is being subdivided.

Commadore Perry had informed Mr. Fairbank that he had found a record in the Court House where the Commission owned a portion of the electric line in Miles River Neck. There being no record in the office the Secretary was instructed to write our attorney asking him to check on this and to let us know if we do own it.

The Street light control having gone bad, Mr. Fairbank has ordered a new one.

A letter had been received by Mr. Reese from Wm. C. Pierce of ESPSC in answer to our letter about the damage done to W. H. Coleman's pump at the time of failure of current. Mr. Pierce explained the

situation and returned the bills Mr. Coleman had sent us. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Coleman saying we were sorry we were unable to do anything for him, sending him a copy of Mr. Pierce's letter and returning invoices.

A bill was presented from the National Committee for Utilities Radio for \$15.00 for the Professional Assistance Fund. Motion made to pay the \$15.00

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for \$4080.00 in advance. Motion made and carried to advance that amount.

The monthly statement for October 1958 showed a decrease in the amount of cash on hand to be \$8,604.66 from October 31, 1957 and the estimated profit to be \$5,445.38 less than that of the same period last year.

Christmas seals received from the Talbot Co. TB Assn. Motion made to send \$5.00

Motion made and carried to give Christmas checks to employees. Fairbank - \$100.00, Kilmon and Hope \$75.00, E Lednum 50.00 Fink 40.00 Dall 30.00 C Lednum and Warner \$15.00. To be given Dec 10th. Secretary instructed to write our auditor asking if income tax and social security should be withheld.

Date of December meeting set for Dec. 29th

A set of new rules received from Public Service Commission. Mr. Fairbank stated he does not have the equipment for the required testing and that he had order a ^{sample of} Kardex file for records. He was instructed to write about equipment and find out what he would have to have.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hope, sec.

December - 1958

The regular meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Monday, December 29, 1958.

All members present

Reduced rates for employees was discussed. Motion made and carried that for the coming year regular employees would be billed at distribution cost (which is determined at 2 cents per KWH at this time) plus fuel adjustment.

Mr. Gillis had delivered the deed to the office for that portion of the Mikes River Neck line owned by the Commission

Letter from Rotary Club asking for donation for Christmas party. It was decided to disregard same.

The account of Larry Hill was discussed. Always delinquent and always excuses. Pays less than amount of previous bills. It was decided that Mr Hill's previous bills are to be paid by the tenth of the month or current to be disconnected.

A bill from Lee Gillis for retainers fee was presented. Motion made and carried to retain Mr Gillis for 1959. Bill to be paid after Jan 1, 1959.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olyvia L. Hoge, sec.

January - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Thursday, January 22, 1959. Those present were Messrs. Reese, Spencer, Fairbank and The Secretary and Melvin Lebowitz, president of Town Commissioners.

Motion carried to post pone election of officers until a third Commissioner was appointed.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Public Service Commission stating an annual filing fee has been imposed on all public service companies at the rate of $\frac{1}{20}$ % of the company's annual gross receipts. The first fee due ^{by} April 1, 1959.

Motion made to contact Lee S Gillis, Atty to determine whether this is applicable to St. Michaels Utilities, which is municipally owned.

An inquiry had come from the North Bend estate which is being subdivided whether the Utilities would take over the line. Mr. Fairbank had inspected the line and found at least five poles were either rotten or broken off. The Commissioners felt they would not want to take over a line that was in such bad condition. Mr. Spencer offered to call the Company and tell them Mr. Fairbank will talk over the situation with them.

The Rules & Regulations of the Public Service Commission were reviewed and few objections found. Mr. Fairbank ^{was} asked to mark any objections he found so that he could go to Baltimore to consult with the Public Service Commission.

The Industrial rate schedule was discussed as to what changes could be made which would benefit the St. Michaels Milling Co. It was decided that Mr. Fairbank talk the matter over with Mr. Quillen and make any recommendations he thought advisable and see what agreement could be made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge, Secy

February - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, February 25th, 1959. Those present were Messrs Reese, Spencer, Fairbank and the secretary. The third commissioner had not yet been appointed.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Spencer reported having talked with Mr. Bartlett regarding the North Bend line Mr. Fairbank had also contacted him and told him it would cost him about \$250⁰⁰ to put the line in condition. He has started working on the line and one property has been turned on for current.

Letter from Lee S. Gillis stating the filing fee to The Public Service Commission does apply to this Commission and it will be necessary to pay the fee.

Mr. Fairbank stated he would arrange to meet with The Public Service Commission some time in March^{11 April} to discuss their new rules.

In regard to employees special rate for current it was decided that the \$2⁰⁰ minimum charge will be disregarded and employee be charged for kilowatts used

Letter from Town Commissioners stating ^{this year} they would ask for one half the amount of \$8,080.00 needed the last of May for sewer bonds.

Letter from Miller, Wheeler, Thompson & Thompson with copy of letter sent to

land owners who are served current through the line belonging to C. Edward Hilgenberg. It stated Mr. Hilgenberg has no desire to change the present status of service to present customers so long as pro rata contribution is made to maintenance. He will not grant permission for any further installations to be made.

Mr. Fairbank stated he had not been able to find out what would be needed at the new American Store. He would like to use one of the transformers now serving the St. Michaels Milling Co and replace that with a larger one. A letter to be written the American Store telling them what we can give them.

Our Industrial rate schedule was discussed. Motion made and carried to change the schedule to the following
 1st 5000 KWH - \$.02 which is the same as present.
 next 5000 KWH - changed from \$.0175 to \$.015
 over 10000 KWH - changed from \$.014 to \$.012

Fuel clause and Demand to remain the same. Motion made and carried to file this change with the Public Service Commission for approval.

A special rate for residential heating was discussed. It was decided to give special rates for the months October thru April for Town and Rural residences. The first 200 KWH rate to stay as it is. The next 600 KWH to be \$.0175 and all over 1000 - \$.015. Fuel clause and demand to remain the same. This schedule to be sent to Public Service Commission for

Before sending new schedule to P.S.C. Mr. Fairbank was ⁶⁹
to consult Mr. Burton of ESPSC as to their rates for house heating
approval. Both changes to go into effect April 1st.

Mr. Reese presented a bill for a battery
purchased several months ago and overlooked
Motion carried to pay the bill.

Mr. Fairbank stated a shipment of
transformers received at the station several
months ago were damaged and he refused to
accept them. Mr. Thistlewood claims he
wrote several letters concerning them and Mr.
Fairbank had made a bid of \$50⁰⁰ if they
were sold for junk. Mr. Thistlewood also
claims he received a letter from the P.R.R.
instructed him to give Mr. Fairbank the
Transformers. He has stated that he thinks
he should be paid for his trouble. Mr.
Fairbank was instructed to ask Mr.
Thistlewood to see the letter received
from the Railroad Company. With proof
that they did instruct him to give us the
transformers a check for \$25⁰⁰ would
be sent him for his trouble.

There being no further business the
meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoge, sec.

February 26th - Mr. Fairbank after consulting
Mr. Burton of ESPSC met with the Commission-
ers in regard to house heating rates. They
felt it advisable to make some changes so as
to be on a par with ESPSC. The schedule
as sent to P.S.C. reads: first 200 KWH @ 4¢ Net
4½¢ Gross. Next 300 @ 2.5¢ Next 3500 @ 1.5¢
All over 4000 @ 2¢. Occupancy less than 6 mo
1¢ per KWH more. Min. bill over 6 mo occupancy \$8⁰⁰
under 6 mo - \$10⁰⁰. Fuel adjustment same as other
schedules.

Clifton L. Hoge, sec.

March - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday evening, March, 25th. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported having seen the correspondence of P.R.R. with Mr. Thistlewood and check for \$25.00 had been sent him.

Mr. Spencer stated that one of the new property owners in the new development at North Bond is contemplating installing electric heating system.

Letter from the Town Commissioners announcing the appointment of Mr. Jennings B. Quillin as Utilities Commissioner for the term ending Dec. 31, 1961

Mr. A. Gunby Reese was reelected president of the Commission and Clifton L. Hope as Secretary - Treasurer.

Mr. Fairbank had had information from Public Service Commission that a second draft of their Rules would soon be issued and that they expected to hold a meeting in Easton.

As it is necessary to have a volt meter in the shop a motion was made and carried that Mr. Fairbank be authorized to buy one and anything else required by P.S.C.

Letter from American Stores Co in answer to our letter of February 27 stating the Delta service could be used in the new Acme Market and that the market may eventually have a 25-35 HP air conditioning load added.

Letter from Commissioners of St. Michaels saying they could not OK the new rate schedule until it was clarified. A second notice had been published in the Star Democrat with a notation that the All Electric Home Service rate applied only to those houses being heated with electricity.

Letter from P. S. C. suggesting a slight change in the wording of the rate schedule and asking how much decrease in revenue the new rates would cause for 1959. An estimate of \$800.00 to be given as the decrease.

Mr. Fairbank stated he had completed about two thirds of the work in Hopkins Neck - changing the line to 7200 volts.

The rebuilding of the main line was discussed Mr. Fairbank pointing out the dangers it would involve. He stated it would take 400 pounds of wire to go from the substation to Reese's garage.

The secretary stated that Mrs. Fink would like an increase in salary. She then gave figures showing how much her own salary had increased in nearly twelve years.

The meeting adjourned and The Secretary and Mr. Fairbank were asked to leave so the Commissioners could discuss salaries more freely.

Oliver L. Hoje, Secy

April - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michael's Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, April 22nd. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported he had received the volt meter for laboratory use.

The rate schedule had been returned from the Town Commissioners OKed by each.

Mr. Reese reported on the special meeting of the Commissioners held April 6th to determine Employees' Salaries. Mr. Fairbank to receive \$125⁰⁰ for 40 hr. week. The Secretary to receive \$60⁰⁰ for 36 to 38 hour week. Mrs Fink to receive \$1.25 per hour.

Card read asking for Ambulance dues. Motion made and carried to donate \$5⁰⁰ to the Association.

Letter from Miles River Yacht Club program committee. Motion made to pay for 1/8 page ad - \$7.50

Mr. Fairbank stated he understood Mr. Robert Kemp wishes to turn over his line to the utilities.

Motion made and carried when Mr. Kemp is ready to accept his offer. Lawyer to draw up deed.

It was decided not to make any adjustment to Edward Stewart until he has qualified for the new Alt Electric Rates.

Mr. Fairbank stated they need a

new lawn mower to keep grass cut at the shop. He was authorized to buy one.

Carson Carroll now having three customers on his transformer has asked for refund. Motion made and carried to refund the cost of his transformer.

Mr. Reese called Mrs Plummer, pres. of Town Commissioners in regard to air conditioner for new building. She and Mr. Spencer are to look into it. Mr. Spencer stated he had been told to order what furniture the utilities would need.

The plans of the building were studied and Mr. Reese is to talk to the contractor about changing the counter on the utilities side of the building.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoga, sec.

May - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday May 27th, 1959. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Nothing has been heard from Mr. Kemp in regard to turning line over to Utilities

Edward Stewart has not^{yet} installed an electric water heater

Mr. Spencer had contacted Lucas Bros. regarding cost of furniture. They will give a 25% discount if all of Town and Utilities ^{furniture is purchased} from them. This will help the Town Commissioners as a discount would also be given on the vault door

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for \$4000^{to be} advanced to them for paying off sewer bonds. Motion made and carried to advance the \$4000⁰⁰

The John Hunter account was brought to the attention of the Commissioners. The amount due being \$48⁵⁶. As the Knights of Columbus had left word that if Hunter's current was to be cut off for non payment to notify them, the secretary called Mr. T. P. Startt. Mr. Startt said he would contact the office the next day.

Mr. Fairbank stated that during the interruption of service May 10th, altho a notice had been in the Star Democrat on the front page, he received more than thirty calls. It was decided that

should it happen again notices on postal cards should be sent to each customer.

The secretary was instructed to write the Star Democrat and thank them for inserting the notice as a news item.

Mr. Lebowitz had asked if new street lights could be installed on East Chew Ave. to correspond with those on West Chew Ave. Motion made and carried to install new lights

Mr. Fairbank stated he would have to have a set of Kearney Hi-Line tools to work on the new high voltage line they are erecting. Motion made and carried to buy them now so the men could learn to use them before the high power line is operating. As the cost is more than 500⁰⁰ a letter to the ^{Town} Commissioners to be written asking permission to buy them.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton R. Hoje, Sec.

June - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday night, June 25, 1959. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Town Commissioners giving permission to buy the Kearney Hi-Line tools

Letter from Town Commissioners stating the offices would move to the new building about the middle of July

Mr. Kemp had contact Mr. Fairbank about taking over his line. Secretary had asked Lee Gillis to draw up the deed.

Mr. Fairbank to take part of his vacation the first week of August

Motion made and carried to purchase a typewriter for the office. Secretary to get prices.

Mr. Fairbank stated that Mr. Rasmussen is to build a new home in Pea Neck and will install electric heat. He thinks it advisable to take over the line on the Rasmussen property from Pea Neck to the Demarest property. The 25 ft poles would have to be replaced with poles 35 ft high as the telephone wires will be on them. Motion made that Mr. Fairbank arrange to take over line.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Oliver L. Nyce, sec.

July - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, July 22, 1959. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Gillis has drawn up the deed for the Kemp line and is waiting for his signature.

An Underwood typewriter has been purchased for the office.

The filing cabinet, storage cabinet and addressograph cabinet are to be painted to match the new furniture for the new office.

Bill from Lucas for new furniture presented. Mr. Spencer to check with his list and bill to be paid after furniture arrives.

Letter from S^C Trippe to Lee S Gillis stating the Commission is using his property for the support of transmission lines without his permission and he would like an explanation before entering a damage suit. Mr. Gillis's answer was that the Utilities transmission line did not cross his property but is in the State Road right-of-way between the State Road and railway.

Mr. Fairbank reported having an accident with the newest Ford truck. Truck was sideswiped and knocked off the road.

Estimated about \$600.00 damage. Edward Morris, driver of the other truck claims to have insurance to cover it.

Secretary was asked to get cost of collision insurance for trucks.

Mr. Fairbank had prices for ladders for the Ford truck. 23 ft for \$1067⁰⁰ and 26 ft for \$1107⁰⁰

It was suggested we write the company that the Utilities is municipally owned and ask if we could purchase at a discount. Ladders will not be purchased until truck is repaired.

A new motor is needed for the line truck. Motion made to put in a re-pored block.

The transformer bank at the substation at the foot of Grace Street is loaded. Three 250 KVA's have been added this summer and recently one of them burned out. Mr. Fairbank would like to purchase two regulators which would cost approximately \$4500⁰⁰

Motion made and carried that Mr. Fairbank check with ESPSC for information

Several complaints have been received about the Utilities men with their motor cycles. Mr. Reese had written a letter to Mr. Fairbank concerning the complaints which was to be posted where all the men could read it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoge, sec.

August - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, August 26, 1959 in the new Town Office Building on Talbot Street. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Cost of collision insurance for the Ford and Dodge trucks received from Benson and Waies. Motion made and carried to insure the two trucks for collision - \$100.00 deductible, for one year.

Letter from Jack Clendaniel stating he had checked our furniture bill and found we had been given the 25% discount of list price.

Motion made and carried to pay the bill.

Grants had been received for the Robert L. Kemp line and Robert N. Tilley line.

Mr. Fairbank reported a representative from the ladder company had called on him and said they did not allow any discounts on ladders. It was decided not to purchase ladders at this time.

A check for \$707.40 had been received from the Insurance Co. for coverage of damages to Ford truck which was in an accident in July.

The secretary stated she would be on vacation from September 18th to 26th inclusive. The regular meeting night falling in that time it was decided to postpone

the meeting to Tuesday. September 29th
 A meeting had been held August 14th
 which included the Utilities Commissioners, The
 Town Commissioners and representatives of
 the E S P S C to talk over a proposed change
 of voltage from 2400 to 12000 and a new
 contract to cover the change.

Motion made and carried to write the
 Town Commissioners stating this commission
 would recommend a ten year contract
 beginning at the time of the change over
 and the present contract to become null
 and void at that time. That the Town
 Commissioners so advise the E S P S C
 by September 15th so they can arrange
 their budget at the same time. That we
 would also like to advise the Commissioners
 that this change from 2400 to 12000 volts
 would cost the Utilities from \$15,000⁰⁰
 to \$20,000⁰⁰ and that amount would
 have to come from the 1959 and 1960
 earnings.

The secretary stated there should be a
 second cash drawer so that each person
 could have a separate drawer. It was
 decided to table this to a later date.

There being no further business the
 meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoyle, Sec.

September - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Tuesday, September 29th - All members present
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported having been to Cambridge that day to see a demonstration of using hot line tools put on by ESPSC.

The new contract is to be ready in a few days Mr. Reese stated he understood the Utilities would not have to supply the regulators. The contract will be an extension of the old one.

Mr. Fairbank has asked the Trustees of St. Luke's Church to sell a lot of ground 100ft x 100ft. for the purpose of building a sub station. The present sub station is not large enough to take care of increasing load.

Motion made and carried for Mr. Reese and Mr. Fairbank to work on it and try to get it.

The Addressograph-Multigraph Corp had sent an agreement to be signed for service for the addressograph. It was decided not to sign at this time.

It was reported that George Ball intends to leave the Utilities. A discussion followed as to what salary to start a new man. The present starting salary is \$45⁰⁰ ^{for 40 hrs week.} It was suggested to change it to \$50⁰⁰ per week. No definite action taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olga L. Hoge, sec

October - 1959

The regular meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held, Wednesday night, October 28, 1959. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr Fairbank reported the Trustees of St. Luke's Church were willing to sell the plot of ground 100x100 ft. for \$300⁰⁰. No word as to whether Town Commissioners would buy it.

Letter from Hallow Eén Parade Committee asking for donation. Motion made and carried to donate \$10⁰⁰.

Note from William H. Vogel stating that once in 15 years he had neglected paying his bills on time and if we insisted on collecting the \$100 charge then to disconnect the meter in the tenant house. Motion made and carried to credit Mr Vogel's account with \$100. A letter to be written stating same.

Letter from A.R. Eason, Newcomb, stating his Oct 15th bill amounted to \$28.75 caused by a short which he did not know about. Asking if we could do anything about it. Motion to adjust his bill by averaging four past bills and charging regular rates on the average RWH and the balance RWH at cost.

Mr. R. I. Sidell has neglected paying a meter deposit. Secretary instructed to write Mr Sidell enclosing Rules & Regulations and giving him until Nov. 10th to pay

A letter from Harrison + Jarboe in regard to \$25⁰⁰ penalty charged them on Sept. 15th bill. As the firm pays a high rate for current used it was decided to drop the \$25⁰⁰. No letter to be written.

Beginning with November, meetings will be called at 7:30

Bill from National Committee for Militias Radio for Professional Services \$15⁰⁰
Motion made and carried to pay

Mr. Fairbank reported he is trying to get prices on Transformers for the new sub station. Mr. Goldstein had advised 2000 KVA, instead of 1500.

The 4th wire has been installed as far as Kirkham excepting the Oak Creek span.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Cliff L. Hoyer, Sec.

November - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, November 25th. Those present were Messrs Reese, Spencer, Fairbank and the secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported the plot of ground the Town is buying for a substation has been surveyed but a check has not yet been sent to St. Luke's Church.

It was decided that after the title has been received to have W.H. Coleman bulldoze the lot and fill in.

Three transformers and steel racks will cost \$14,450. Motion made and carried to order same and ask for billing as of May 1st

Mr. Fairbank stated that three new transformers would be needed at Miles River Neck bridge. As the under water cable has been in use more than thirty years Mr. Fairbank was instructed to get prices on a new cable. Any other action was deferred until we have more information.

Motion made and carried, to send \$5⁰⁰ to the Talbot Co. T.B. Association.

A man from Paymaster Check writer Co. had been in the office about extending the bond for another two years. Cost would be \$67.50 and they would take the old writer and leave us a new one. The Commissioners decided the bond was not worth the cost.

Next regular meeting to be held Dec 23rd

Christmas checks to be issued to employees as follows. 10% to be added to the ^{basic} amount given last year to Fairbank, Kilmon, Lednum, Hope and Fink making Fairbank \$110⁰⁰ Kilmon 82.50 E. Lednum 55⁰⁰ Hope 82.50 Fink 44⁰⁰. To Ball, C. Lednum and Warner to add \$5⁰⁰ to each plus 10% of total making Ball 27.50 C. Lednum and Warner 22⁰⁰ each. The full amount minus social security to be given. The 10% was added to help take care of withholding taxes.

John Griffin and Charles Wieland ~~were present~~ insurance men presented a plan for retirement insurance for the employees. Figures and information were left with The Commissioners for their consideration. Those present wished to talk it over with Mr. Quillin before making a decision.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton D. Hoyer, Sec.

December - 1959

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday night December 23, 1959. All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank said the fence for the new substation lot would cost about \$1600⁰⁰

Motion made and carried that if the invoice comes for substation racks etc to make a check for an amount that would leave our balance at \$5000⁰⁰ or a trifle under.

The retirement insurance was discussed. It was suggested Mr. Fairbank ask the insurance men to talk to the men and explain it to them. Also suggested they be asked to meet with the commissioners for more information.

Mr. Fairbank reported George Ball had left and he was expecting a new man to start work Jan 4th at 50⁰⁰ per week

A new cable at Miles River Bridge would cost \$8500⁰⁰. To keep the two cables that are there and add three Transformers near the entrance of the bridge would cost \$3500⁰⁰. Mr. Fairbank was asked to test the cable that has not been used and if it was in working condition a motion carried to purchase the three Transformers.

Mr. Reese, Spencer and Fairbank had been to Denton and talked to Mr. Yeoman of The Choptank Electric Corp. in regard to renewing the contract between them and the St. Michaels Utilities. As the

Choptank had been making plans to connect their line elsewhere so as to save money the Commissioners as an inducement to hold them as a customer voted to submit to them a new schedule as follows:

The first 1000 KWH the same - @ .0225 per KWH

All over 1000 KWH changed from .012 to .011 per KWH.

Fuel rate the same as charged us by ESPSC

It is now one tenth more.

Demand reduced from 2.00 to 1.65 per KW.

Mr. Fairbank to write a letter to Mr. Yeoman stating changes suggested and to make an appointment with him so that he and one or more of the Commissioners can talk to him again.

Letter read from Town Commissioners announcing open house at the Town office building Dec. 29th and asking Utilities Commissioners to be present.

Letter from Town Commissioners re appointing A. Gundy Reese Utilities Commissioner for the period of three years beginning Jan 1, 1960.

Bill from St. Michaels Bank for rent for night depository. As we now have a vault in which to keep money a motion made and carried to discontinue night deposit service.

Motion made and carried to retain Lee S Gillis as Utilities attorney for 1960.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Celita L. Hoge, sec.

Jan 13

At a special meeting of St. V. Comm.
 it was resolved to accept new contract
 after having been revised. Resolutions
 introduced by Sproun seconded by Guelm.
 no further business. - we adjourn.

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January 27, 1960

The regular meeting of St Michaels
 Utilities was held Wednesday evening
 January 27, 1960. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting and
 of Special meeting January 13 read and
 approved.

Mr. A Gundy Reese was reelected
 president for 1960.

Letter from Mr. Yeoman, manager
 of the Choptank Electric Cooperative
 stating the new proposed schedule had
 been studied by their board of directors
 and tho the schedule is greatly reduced
 they felt they should go ahead with their
 plans. But we were not to take the
 letter as a flat denial as a lot of work
 is yet to be done and if right-of-way trouble
 should keep them from working out the plan
 they would want to continue with us.

The Graybar bill for substation equipment
 amounted to \$14,188⁰⁰. A check as of Dec 31⁵⁹
 had been sent Graybar - amount \$3600⁰⁰

Mr. Fairbank reported that the lot for the substation had been bulldozed and thirty-eight loads of dirt hauled in. \$8.50 per load. Mr. Grillin said he had several loads of clay and gravel they could have if they would haul it. It was suggested the town having a loader and dump trucks should be asked to haul the dirt.

Due to weather conditions, Mr. Fairbank had not had a chance to test the cable at Miles River Neck bridge.

No reply had been received from the Town Commissioners in regard to retirement insurance.

Letter from Perry Schofield asking that his bill be divided in half and a bill be sent to him and one to Mr. Baylis who is living in his house. Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Schofield that we would like to comply with his wishes. It would cause too many complications to send bill in that way.

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for reimbursement of cost of lot for substation - \$445.15. Motion made and carried to pay same.

The Secretary asked if the new employee whose starting salary was \$50⁰⁰ a week should have a raise after six months' employment. It was decided to wait a few months to decide.

It was decided to leave the interest on deposits at 6%.

It was suggested that before the

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Suggested Resolution

That the Superintendent be authorized to provide such adequate service, as usually approved by the Underwriters and the Public Service Commission, to the property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. West, provided, however, that Mr. and Mrs. West shall furnish this Commission and the Commissioners of St. Michaels an indemnity bond of \$2,500.00 against any liability of this Commission or the Commissioners of St. Michaels as a result of any action that may be brought against them by any person or persons what-so-ever as a result thereof, said bond to also provide for all legal fees necessary to defend such action. Said bond to continue in force until such time as limitations prevent an action being brought.

on deposits at 6 7/8.

It was suggested that before the

next Telephone book is issued to change our listing from Utilities to Electric.

Mr. Reese called Mr. James Saunders about lettering on one of the trucks. Appointment made with Mr. Saunders for him to do the work at the shop the following Friday night.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoga, Sec.

February - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, February 24th. The three Commissioners and Secretary present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Public Service Commission stating there would be a meeting at the office of the Choptank Electric Coop in Denton March 11th to discuss the new rules and regulations. Mr. Spencer was asked to go with Mr. Fairbank.

Edward Stewart installed an electric water heater a few days before meters were read. As he has been paying the higher rate for over a year with everything else electric it was decided to give him All-electric rates on present bill.

Ellis Lednum's wife expects to move to Delaware and has asked that her portion of his pay which is \$35⁰⁰ be sent to her thru the mail. The Commissioners agreed this could be done.

A new development starting in Miles River Neck next to the George H Wilson property. The question arose as to how to get current to the properties. It was decided to have Mr. Fairbank work it out with Mr. Wilson and the electrician.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Cliff L. Noye, Secy

March - 1960

The regular meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, March 23rd. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Reese stated that he understood that Mr. Bartlett had paid George Wilson an amount to hook on to his line for the new development. Mr. Fairbank said the line would be tapped on at Tennis Mills.

Mr. Spencer and Mr. Fairbank reported on the meeting at Dorton, March 11th. There would be another draft of the new rules and regulations of the Public Service Com. when they are accepted copies will be sent to the Commission.

Card asking for donation from The St. Michaels Ambulance Association. Motion made and carried to send \$5⁰⁰.

A letter from Perry Schofield asking that his bills be sent to his Tenant. Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Schofield stating we would keep the account in his name and send bills in care of Mr. Bayliss, tenant.

Mr. Fairbank stated a car load of steel had been received for the substation. A man from the fence company would be here the following day to give an estimate for fencing substation lot. A diagram of the substation was presented which met with the approval of the Commissioners.

The Cable at Miles River Bridge has been tested and is in use.

Mr. Spencer made a suggestion that

the Utilities checking account be divided between the St. Michaels Bank and the County Trust Co. He was to check with the Town Commissioners to see how their funds were handled.

The pension for employees was discussed. It was decided to approach the Town Commissioners once more and for Mr. Fairbank to contact John Griffin, insurance agent. Final decision to be made at the April meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Christa L. Hozer, Sec.

April 18th 1960, Special.

A special meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Monday evening, April 18th, 1960 for the purpose of making a final decision in regard to the retirement plan, proposed several months ago.

Those present were Messrs Reese, Spencer and Quillin. ^{Secretary} Mr. Reese, the president, presided.

A motion was made by Mr. Quillin and seconded by Mr. Spencer - that the pension plan submitted by John Griffin go into effect on equal shares (The St. Michaels Utilities Commission paying 50% of the premium and the employees paying 50%) for the three employees having five or more years' service, consisting of Milton H. Fairbank, Franklin R. Kilmon and Ellis E. Lednum; the Utilities Commission's portion of the premium not to exceed \$1100⁰⁰ per year.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Quillin that the president of the Utilities send to the Town Commissioners a copy of the minutes of this special meeting held April 18th, approving the pension plan for the three Utilities men with five or more years of service and respectfully request the Town Commissioners to accept it promptly as we would like the plan to go into effect before May 15th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoga, Sec.

April 27, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the St Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, April 27, 1960. Those present were Messrs Reese, Spencer, Quillin, Fairbank and the Secretary.

Minutes of the March regular meeting and Special meeting April 18th read and approved.

Letter from Town Commissioners stating they had adopted the plan for employees retirement the employee becoming eligible for participation after three years as an employee. A copy of the Resolution covering same was enclosed.

Motion made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Quillin to pay the Utilities' portion of the premium to the Town Commissioners when called for, for the five employees eligible for retirement. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbank reported the fence for the substation lot is being erected. Mr. Quillin had donated more dirt for fill.

Mr. Spencer stated that after inquiring about the Town's deposits he felt the accounts were equally divided. He would also talk to the Town Clerk about it.

The balance owing to Graybar Electric Co is \$9088⁰⁰. As there was a good balance in the bank it was decided to pay this amount.

Letter from Miles River Yacht Club program committee with rates for ads. Motion made and carried to buy a 1/8 page ad for \$7⁵⁰.

Letter from Mr. William H. Mitchell in regard to high fuel adjustment charges.

Motion made and carried to send the letter to ESPSC and ask them to make us a reasonable and explanatory reply.
A letter to be written to Mr. Mitchell to thank him for his interest

Motion made by Mr. Quillin and seconded by Mr. Spencer that in recognition for services rendered to The St. Michaels Utilities Commission for thirteen years and to equalize salaries for Social Security purposes and in lieu of no pension plan as there is provided for five other employees, the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners feel that Clifton L. Hope should be compensated in the amount of \$200⁰⁰ as a bonus, for each quarter beginning January 1, 1960 and continuing for eight quarters, or until the end of 1961, at which time Miss Hope contemplates retirement.
Motion carried

The first bonus check to be issued at once to cover the 1st quarter. It was suggested the secretary put in what overtime is necessary so as to bring up average salary. Overtime counted after 38 hours each week.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hope, Sec.

May - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday evening, May 25th, 1960

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

In answer to the letter from William H. Mitchell which was sent to ESPSC for a reply, a letter was read from C. Douglas Appleby, Special Representative of ESPSC giving reasons for fuel adjustment rates.

Mr. Fairbank had drafted a letter as an explanation to customers of the fuel adjustment charges on bills. It was decided to have this letter typed in duplicate and keep several on hand to give customers when they asked for explanation.

The new Rules and Regulations of the P.S.C. have been received. Those go into effect July 1, 1960.

Mr. Quinn asked if it would be advisable when voltage on a line goes down to cut off the whole line to save motors from burning out. Mr. Fairbank agreed.

Mr. Reese stated that Mrs Fink had questioned him as to what the Commission is going to do for her, now that most of the other employees had been taken care of with retirement insurance. The matter was discussed and it was decided to table it until the next meeting.

It was decided to give Stephen Greenhalgh the \$2.50 raise after his first six months' of employ.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Elita L. Hoge, Sec.

June - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday evening, June 22nd. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was reported that Mrs Fink had signed for Employees Retirement and papers had gone in to the Company.

The Secretary stated that the auditor had looked over the Utilities insurance policies and found that due to a previous adjustment the office furniture and equipment is not insured. It was decided to take out \$4000⁰⁰ insurance with the 80% clause and have Maynard Stewart write the policy.

In checking the policy on inventory it was agreed that this should be increased from \$12,000⁰⁰ to \$17,000⁰⁰ with the 80% clause. This policy being with W.C. Mills it was suggested he be asked what the premium would be in a mutual company.

Mr. Fairbank had checked the new Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission and had made notes where statements were to be sent to the Commission.

The Commissioners had been asked if the heating system in Mrs Emory D. Stanley's were disconnected would we bill at regular domestic rates. This property to be rented for the summer month. They consented to do this provided the electrician,

Edward Stewart, would report to this office when it was done.

Stephen Greenhalgh, a National Guard, is to go to camp for two weeks, leaving June 25th. Motion made and carried to give him one week's pay

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oletha L. Hoge, Sec.

July - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday night, July 27th. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The secretary reported insurance policies for office equipment and additional \$5000⁰⁰ on inventory have been issued, The former by Maynard Stewart and the latter by W.C. Mills

Bonds renewed with Jas. T. Morris Agency.

Mr. Reese had received letter from John T. Griffin in regard to group insurance.

Letters presented from Helen E. Radcliffe and the Avon-Dixon Agency stating the Avon-Dixon Agency had taken over the Jas. T. Morris Agency.

The Workman's Compensation with Jas. T. Morris Agency expires August 18th. Motion carried to ask John Griffith if he could write the same in Lumbermans Mutual Casualty Company in the Kemper group, Home office in Mutual Insurance Building, Chicago.

As August 19th is the dead line for telephone listings the secretary was instructed to contact the Business Office, and ask that our listing be changed to read Office Electric Light and Power and same for Shop.

Mr. Fairbank stated he expected to be able to connect the new lines the middle of September.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. *Oliver R. Agee, sec.*

August - 1960

The St. Michaels Utilities Commission held their regular monthly meeting, Wednesday night, August 24th. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Altho the Utilities had given an order to the Telephone Company for changing the listing in the new directory the Town Commissioners had sent in a new listing for Town Commissioners and Utilities cancelling all previous listings.

Mr. Fairbank reported the cause of interruption in service the night of August 5th was that one of the transformers at Easton substation went out.

A bill was presented from Miss Sallie Reynolds for \$400 damage done to two shutters several years ago. Mr. Fairbank was asked to see Miss Reynolds and talk to Dr. Mills, insurance agent to see what could be done about it.

The Liability Insurance policy will be due to be renewed Oct. 23. As the present policy does not carry sufficient coverage the secretary was asked to contact Mr. Mill for figures for more coverage.

The case of C. Edward Hilgenberg and Clarence Q. West was reviewed. Mr. Hilgenberg owning the property in Guinomar will not give permission for new customers to hook on to his line. Mr. West having built a \$25,000⁰⁰ house is asking for current and threatening suit if the Utilities will not comply.

A letter was received from Mr. Hilgenberg stating, "I do not issue any authorization on my part for the Utilities to make this cut-in until at such time that the matter is approved by my attorney, Mr. Charles E. Wheeler." Our attorney, Lee S. Gillis, is looking into the matter.

During the last meter reading a dial card was left at the residence of C.H. Waters who is not at home during the day except between 12 noon and 1:00 P.M. The card had been returned without the dials being marked and with the notation "This is your job." The secretary was asked to write a letter to Mr. Waters asking that he either cooperate with the card system or have his meter placed outside. Rules and regulations to be sent with letter.

Mr. Fairbank stated he would need about ten loads of sand and gravel for the substation lot.

About 1600 cards will need to be printed to send to customers notifying them of the interruption of service the Sunday morning that the lines will be changed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olyta L. Joyce, Sec.

September - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night - September 28, 1960.

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank had talked to Miss Reynolds about her damaged shutters and had reported it to Mr. Mills, Insurance agent. Mr. Mills said a check would be sent to her.

It was decided to renew the Liability Policy with Mr. Mills with increased coverage
 Bodily injury - \$100,000/300,000, Property Damage - 25,000/25,000 Medical 500/10,000
 A letter to be written Mr. Mills stating we had been quoted much lower figures for the same coverage from one of the Kemper group and if at the time the policy was again due if he could not give us better rates we would be forced to discontinue with him.

The Hilgenberg - West case was reviewed. A letter had been received from Lee S Gillis stating it is his opinion that the Commission has the right to hook the West property to the existing pole line and recommended that Mrs. Mrs. West be required to give a personal bond to the Commissioners of St. Michaels in order to protect the town from possible liability altho this possibility is very remote.

A letter from Mr. Hilgenberg's attorney, Charles E. Wheeler stating it is his opinion that the owner of the line definitely has a right to object to the extension of the

service already existing, and that Mr. Hilgenberg will take legal action in case service is extended. In March 1958 repairs were made to this line and bills sent to the four parties using the line at that time - each paying one fourth of the cost. Mr. Reese talked to Mr. Oliver Mullikin, Mr. West's attorney and Lee Gillis giving them what information he had.

The contract with The Choptank Electric Corporation expires Sept. 30th, 1960. It was decided not to draw up a new contract at this time.

Letter from Parker S. Ford, Secretary of the Fire Department thanking the Commission for their cooperation and assistance during their recent carnival.

Mrs. Foster Tate had written a letter thanking the "repair men for their prompt and courteous attention" at the time of the hurricane.

Mr. Robert Kemp wishes the Commission to take over his line of about ten poles on the property this side of Miles River Bridge where there is soon to be a development. Mr. Fairbank was authorized to contact Mr. Kemp and Lee Gillis to draw up a proper contract.

The question was raised as to whether there would be any money for the Town Commissioners this year. The August 31st report did not look very favorable.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoge, Sec

At a special meeting of the St. Michaels
Utilities Comm. held Dec. 8, 1960 at 7:30 P.M.
it was decided to give the present full
time employees a \$5.00 per week increase
in pay and the present part time employee
a \$3.00 per week increase in pay beginning
January 1, 1961

W. H. Fairbanks
Asst. Sec.

October - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night - October 26, 1960

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Lee S Gillis, attorney, was present to advise the Commission in regard to the Hilgenberg-West case. Mr Gillis's opinion is that Mr. Hilgenberg would have no grounds for suit should the Utilities connect Mr. West's new house, Mr. West being an old customer and now receiving current ^{thru a temporary hook up} with a garage on the same property. Other facts in the case are: ⁽¹⁾ A letter written to Mr. Hilgenberg in April 1958 stated "It is not the policy of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission to connect a new customer on any private line without the permission of the owner." ⁽²⁾ Mr. Hilgenberg is now travelling in Europe. ⁽³⁾ The cut-in card has not been received.

It was decided to wait until Mr. Quillin had talked to Mr. Oliver Mullikin, Mr West's lawyer before taking any further action.

Letter from the Hallowe'en parade chairman asking for donation. Motion made and carried to donate \$10⁰⁰

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for an advance of \$3952⁰⁰ by November 28th. Motion made and carried to advance that amount. Check to be issued the last part of November.

It is realized that the auxiliary is not large enough to take care of the furnace at the office. Mr. Fairbank was asked to get information cost etc on one large enough to do the work.

Mr. Fairbank stated that the officials of The Choptank Electric want to meet with the Utilities Commissioners within a week or ten days.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Clifton L. Hozer, Sec.

November - 1960

The regular monthly meeting of St Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, November 23rd 1960. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank stated that the Choptank Electric still wanted to send a representative to talk to the Commissioners.

Mr. Fairbank had gotten a price on a new auxiliary for the office - 2500 watt, 5 1/2 horse power - \$300⁰⁰. Was waiting to hear from another company. Motion made and carried to authorize him to purchase one after receiving prices.

Mr. Pullin had talked to Mr. Oliver Mullikin telling him the Utilities would do nothing more in regard to the Hilgenberg West case until Mr. Hilgenberg returns from his trip abroad.

Letter with TB Stamps presented. Motion made and carried to send \$500 to the Talbot Co. Tuberculosis Association.

Letter from State Roads Commission inviting a representative to attend a meeting Nov. 22nd for presenting a highway program. Mr. Fairbank attended this meeting and reported there was nothing of importance to this part of Talbot Co for the near future. It was mentioned that they wanted to establish gradings for the Easton by pass.

Letter from Easton, Talbot Co. Chamber of Commerce asking for \$20⁰⁰ contribution toward publishing a brochure for Talbot County.

Motion made and carried to send the \$20⁰⁰.

Mr. B. Hayden Pentz had been in the

office soliciting customers for typewriter service for the Callaway Typewriter Co. - \$12.50 per year. The Commissioners decided not to take the service.

It was brought before The Commission that a Maryland Sales Tax exemption form had been filed, several years back, by St. Michaels Cleaners and Dyers. As that meter now serves a store operated by Martin M Hubbard along with McLeod's Laundry office, it was decided it would be advisable to write Mr Hubbard and send him an exemption form to fill out and send to the Tax Board.

An invoice presented from the National Committee for Utilities Radio for Professional Assistance Fund. - Cost. \$12.00 Motion made and carried to pay this amount.

A letter from Ralph Good stating that our radio equipment would have to be replaced by mid 1963, giving prices for equipment as of this year. He suggested we purchase one piece of equipment each year so as to build up a modern system by the above date, as the radios now in use would be costing more to service all the time. The Commissioners decided against the proposition and to wait until near the time of the compulsory change.

Letter from the Rotary Club thanking the Commission for their donation for the Hallow Elen Parade.

As The ESPSC is giving a reduction in rates Mr. Fairbank presented a proposed change in rate schedule for our customers.

This would affect The General Light and Power, The Industrial and Institutional and The All Electric customers. This to be considered at a later date.

The workmen have asked for a \$5⁰⁰ raise all around. A special meeting to be held Thursday December 8th to discuss this.

The following Christmas checks to be issued to employees:- Fairbank \$115.00, Kilman + Hope - \$87.50 each. - E. Lednum - \$60⁰⁰, Fink - \$49⁰⁰, C. Lednum + Warner - \$27.50 each and Greenhalgh - \$15⁰⁰

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olaf L. Hoje, Sec.

December 1960.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night Dec. 28th 1960. All members except the secretary were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.
Letter read from Commissioners of St. Michaels reappointing Alex J. Spencer for a period of three years beginning Jan 1, 1961.

Regularly moved and seconded to write letter authorizing the St. Michaels Bank to honor checks signed jointly by Milton H. Fairbank, Gen Mgrs and any other member of the Commission; and Clifton L. Hope and any other member of the Comm.

Letter to be sent to the Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc, notifying them that at the present time that we could not give them a release of contract.

Letter from Insurance Company requesting Utilities to sign release, for payment of \$957.41 damages to pole and equipment by Randolph Stamford.
Moved & seconded to sign release so Insurance Co could pay the bill.

Regularly moved and seconded to purchase 3500 watt standby generating unit for the office. The present 1200 watt unit to be used in the Utilities shop.

Moved by Mr. Spencer & seconded by Mr. Reese to furnish all material and labor for the extension of lines necessary to furnish power to the new proposed Hatchery in the Pea Neck area.

Letter read showing that a Certificate of Insurance to F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co. Stamford, Conn. showing liability for tree

surgery, pruning, trimming and removal in the State of Maryland. To be placed on file.

A letter was authorized to be written Mr. Goldstein who has given freely of his advice in many matters electrically, thanking him for his many helpful comments and assistance.

A lengthy discussion on proposed rate changes was held. No immediate decision was made in order to give more study to the revision.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Dauter

Acting Sec

Jan 13, 1961

A special meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Comm. was held Jan 13th 1961. All Commissioners being present.

Letters reviewed from Mr. Hilgenberg and Mr. West in regards to electric service to Mr. C. Q. West. After some deliberation a motion was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Gullin to pass the following resolution

Resolution: "That the Gen. Mgr. of the St. M. U. Comm. be authorized to provide such a change in service now being rendered to the property of Mr. C. Q. West as may be necessary to furnish the property with normal service, provided that: (1) It be not necessary to enter upon the property of any other person; and (2) That normal service may be given without interference in the use of the pole line by any other person."

As a condition, however, it will be necessary for Mr. West to furnish bond in the amount of \$2500.00, to protect the Utilities Comm. and the Comm. of St. Michaels from any liability or damages which Mr. Hilgenberg may recover. Moved/seconded to pay \$100.00 retainer fee to Lee S. Gillis

M.H.D.
Sec

January 1961.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night Jan 25, 1961. All members present except Mrs. Hope who is ill.

Minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting read and approved.

Moved and seconded to elect A. G. Reese, as President of the board and to keep Mrs. Hope as Sec. Treas.

Regularly moved and seconded to purchase a chain saw to be used in tree trimming & clearance work.

Regularly moved & seconded to purchase one new communications radio, should one of the older units require extensive and expensive repairs.

It was moved and seconded to close the office at 12:00 noon on Saturdays, beginning Jan 28, 1961. Notice to be posted and counters

The Latham Co., having purchased several lots along the Ylote Road has requested electric service. The Gen. Mgr. was instructed to contact Mr. Latham advising him that no charge would be made to build the line, provided he cuts a right of way with sufficient clearance of trees, and gives us a right of way along the entire section.

In the matter of the Helgentery; West; case a letter written by our Attorney Lee S. Gillis to be sent to Mr. Oliver S. Mullikin, showing a resolution passed by the Commission, and upon due receipt of a \$2500.00 bond to be given by Mr. West; to proceed to connect Mr. West's residence in the proper manner so as to give him sufficient electricity for his home use. Copies of letter to be sent Mr. Wheeler,

A letter was written to the P.S. Comm. asking their cooperation in proposed rate reductions in the Gen. Light & Power and Industrial class.

Mr. Goldstein of the P.S. Comm. had talked to Z.H. Stafford in regards to a letter he wrote the P.S.C. about the current outage during the Dec. 11, 1960 snow storm. Mr. Goldstein also talked to Mr. Dainton and he suggested that a meeting be arranged to go over the line with Mr. Stafford and arrange to trim and cut trees which caused this outage. This was done and Mr. Stafford readily agreed to the cutting of the trees on his property. He also suggested the U. Comm. should purchase a weasel to make for better travel over snow to troubled areas.

Some discussion was held on the purchase of a weasel but was tabled for further information which was not available at this time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Arthur H. Dainton
Acting Sec.

February 1961

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Comm. was held Wednesday night February 22, 1961. All members present except Miss Hoese who is still confined to home.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Letters read from Mr. Z. H. Stafford to the Public Service Comm. and replies made by the St. M. Utilities Comm. to the Public Service Comm. It was decided to write a letter answering Mr. Albert L. Deen executive secretary of the Public Service Comm. in regards to the two suggestions made by Mr. Z. H. Stafford that the St. M. Utilities purchase a vehicle known as a weasel and ask help from the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. should the need arise from an emergency. The Commission felt that the cost of the weasel was too great for the limited use for which it might be needed. In its stead an extra effort would be made this year with the cooperation of the property owners who at this time realize the importance of tree clearances; to cut and trim trees to the utmost.

It was unanimously ordered and passed to purchase an aerial ladder for one of our trucks to aid in tree trimming and other uses.

A court order signed by Judge Carter ordering support payments by Ellis C. Lednum reduced to \$28.00 per week beginning Feb. 7, 1961

A letter to the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. thanking them for their assistance during the storm of Dec 11th & 12th ordered written to be sent to the Oxford office, attention of Mr. Sidney Burtman

It was regularly moved and seconded and unanimously passed to inform Mr. Yeoman of the Choptank Coop, that we would not voluntarily release any of our customers that we can lawfully keep.

A lengthy discussion was held on the matter of hiring someone for office work. No immediate decision was made until further information could be obtained on some matters.

A proposal for group insurance was presented. It was decided to take no action on this matter as the Comm. felt that it had enough coverage at this time.

A letter from Wm H. Mitchell asking data on fuel charges etc, by the E. S. P. Service Co. read. It was decided to forward letter to the E. S. P. Service Co, requesting them to send him the information asked for.

March - 1961.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held, Thursday, March 25th, 1961. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The aerial ladder for the truck has been ordered and will be delivered at St. Michaels to be installed by utilities men. Cost of ladder - \$1341⁰⁰

Mr. Mullet from Public Service Commission was present and presented a suggested change of rate schedules for General Light and Power and Industrial, the latter to be designated as Large Light and Power. Schedules as follows:-

General Light and Power -

1st 30 KWH same -	.07 net	.08 gross
next 70 " same -	.05 net	.06 gross
next 700 " -	.024 net	
over 800 " -	.017	

Large Light and Power -

1st 5000 KWH - same -	.102
next 5000 " -	.013
over 10000 " -	.011

Mr. Fairbank had written Mr Deen, Executive Secretary of Public Service Commission stating that the cost of a Weasel far outweighs the use of such a vehicle and that hiring a bulldozer when needed would be just as effective as a weasel. Also stated that the Commission had written the ESPSC suggesting to them reciprocal use of man power in cases of emergency.

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for \$8,952⁰⁰ by May 28th. Motion made and carried to inform the Commissioners we would have \$6000⁰⁰ available at that

KWH	Town Dom.	Rural Dom.	General
50	2.70	3.20	3.10
100	4.20	4.70	5.60
150	5.70	6.20	6.50
200	7.20	7.70	8.00
300	9.20	9.70	10.40
400	11.20	11.70	12.80
500	13.20	13.70	15.20
1000	23.20	23.70	25.80
1500	33.20	33.70	34.30
1868	40.56	41.06	40.56
1900	41.20	41.70	41.10
2300	49.20	49.70	47.90
3500	73.20	73.70	68.50

time.

Letter from Mrs Edward Morris applying for job with The Utilities. Letter to be written to Mrs Morris stating there would be no decision made until after July 1st

Also a letter to be written to Jacquilan Tarr who had previously spoken to Mr. Fairbank about a job. Mr. Fairbank stated that Mrs Fink had said that she would be interested in the ^{secretary job.}

The Town Commissioner had proposed buying a double filing cabinet for the use of Town and Utilities - each paying half - same to be placed in the vault. As the Utilities are not in need of filing space it was decided to reject the idea.

Motion made and carried to purchase another desk ^{and chair} for the office so that Mr. Fairbank would have a place to work.

Motion made to inform The Acme that there would be a change in their rate schedule. Change from General Light and Power to Industrial. This will be a benefit to them.

Mr. Reese stated a publicity agent had talked with him with the idea of writing an article for the paper after changing our rates. Mr. Quillin pointed out that as we are changing the rates for about 260 customers and not changing for over 1200 customers it might not be the wisest thing to publicize it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned

Oliver L. Hoja, Sec.

April - 1961

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, April 26th, 1961. Those present Messrs Spencer, Grillin, Fairbank and the Secretary. - Mr. Spencer presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported the aerial ladder had come but they hadn't had time to mount it.

The new rate schedules after being sent to Public Service Commission for approval was approved by The Town Commissioners and put into effect as of The May 1st billing. Mr. Mullett had contacted the secretary by phone saying the case would come before the Commission April 26th and would then be approved.

Letter from Miles River Yacht Club with prices of ads for Regatta program. It was decided to give them 1/10 page at 7.50

Letter from ESPSC stating their men would be here Thursday April 27th to show their slides and give information on home heating.

Applications for job received by letters from Esther Sinclair and Mary Blumoehr. Verble from Catherine Cremers. Letters to be written these applicants saying no decision will be made until after July 1st

New figures had been received from Insurance Company for Employees Retirement - \$2748.12 to be paid for the year beginning May 1st. One half to be deducted from employee's pay.

A letter from Prof Corey T. Oliver complaining about damage done to his home

during blizzard in December.

Mr Fairbank had drafted a reply which was approved by the Commissioners.

John Griffin had left some data on employees insurance. It was moved and carried to table it.

The Commissioners instructed the Secretary to start Mrs Fink on the secretary's work with the idea that after a few month Mrs Fink would know herself if she could carry on the work. After retirement of present secretary Mr. Fairbank will be in charge of the office regardless of who is employed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver A. Hoge, Sec.

May - 1961

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities was held Wednesday night, May 24th 1961. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The areal ladder has been mounted on the truck and is very satisfactory.

Mrs. Fink has been working on the Utilities books and seems very anxious to learn the work.

Discussion on applicants for position in office. Mr. Spencer stated that three of the applicants had been to see him and he suggested a decision be made as soon as possible so those applying and not accepted would not be held in suspense and could look further for a job.

Motion made and carried not to consider insurance for employees at this time. Letter to be written John Griffin to that effect.

A comparison of present rate schedules was submitted by the secretary. It showed that for 50 KWH the General was lower than Rural Domestic. In the higher brackets beginning with 1870 KWH General rates are lower than both Town and Rural Domestic.

Motion made and carried to have 500 new schedules with rules and regulations pointed.

Motion to renew bonds for Secretary and Mrs. Fink renewed by New Amsterdam Casualty Co. by Aron Dixon.

Mr. Fairbank said Mr. Yeoman from Choptank Electric had called saying they were going ahead with their line and wanted The St Michaels Utilities to release them so they would not have to go to Public Service Commission. And he would like to talk to the Commissioners about it.

Commissioners are not willing to release Choptank unless they have to. Mr. Fairbank to talk to Eastern Shore Public Service Company for advice.

Mr. Fairbank was to also call Lee Gillis, attorney to ask if there had been any purchases of title by the Choptank.

Letter from Town Commissioners asking for an advance payment of \$6,829.54. Request granted.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Olyta L. Hoge, Sec.

June 1961

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, June 28, 1961
All members present

Minutes of May meeting read and approved.

Mr. Reese reported Mr. Weller had contacted him and stated that the Employment Security Board would give a test to applicants for the office position.

Motion made and carried that the Secretary arrange for test and notify applicants that the Employment Security would give the test for anyone interested in the office position that will soon be available in the St. Michaels Utilities. This position to consist of a 35 hour week and would pay \$50⁰⁰ per week to start plus other benefits. Call office for any other information. Position to be filled October 25th.

Mrs. Fink on vacation and it was agreed to pay her the same amount as has been paid regularly - that is for 28 1/2 hours instead of 24 hours.

Application for position received from Frances Shockley.

Mr. Fairbank had called Mr. Yeoman of Choptank and told him the Utilities would not release The Choptank Electric Coop.

Letter read from George M. Nelson, pres of ESPSC stating they intended to continue honoring their contract with us.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. *Clyde L. Hoya, Sec*

July - 1961

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday evening, July 26th. All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and corrected to read - Mr. Fairbank had called Mr. Yeoman of Choptank advising him that the Utilities Commission declined their request for changing their contract with ESPSC.

Attorney Lee Gillis had talked to Mr. Reese saying the Choptank lawyer had contact him. Mr. Reese told Gillis no conditions had changed since the contract was made and we do not feel that we should release them.

Mr. Quillin suggested in case we need a lawyer to contact Miles + Stockbridge.

Mrs. Fink had been asked to attend the meeting to discuss conditions under which she would assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer January 1, 1962. The weekly salary to be based on a 35 hour week. Employees to alternate working Saturday mornings which would make one week 35 1/2 hours and one 32 1/2 hrs. an average of 34 hours per week. In case of working extra hours - 35 to 40 hours regular salary. Over 40 hours - overtime - time and a half.

Motion made by Mr. Quillin and seconded by Mr. Spencer to start the 35 hour week at present and increase Mrs. Fink's salary to \$60.00 per week with every other Saturday off. If Mrs. Fink preferred to work shorter hours she would be paid by the hour.
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Spencer and seconded

by Mr. Quillin to appoint Mrs Fink Secretary-Treasurer beginning January 1st, 1962 at a weekly salary of \$5⁰⁰ based on 35 hour week. Motion carried.

Mrs Fink accepted the offer.

The Commissioners instructed Mrs Fink that after she assumes the duties of Secretary-Treasurer she is to see that the new clerk learns the work of the entire office so that she can carry on anytime Mrs Fink would be absent.

Applications had been received, from ^{Mary Ellen} Marshall Mrs Roy M. Cummings, Sue C. Shores, Shirley Wilson and one verble from Evelyn ~~W~~ Stanfield. All have taken the test at The Employment Security Board. Applications and results of tests were reviewed but no decision made as to who would be appointed.

Notice of annual dues for St. Michael's Ambulance Association. Motion made and carried to donate \$5⁰⁰

Letter from Charles B. Greene asking for refund on Transformer bot April, 1955. Altho no other customer has connected with this transformer it was decided to refund the amount paid for the transformer deducting 3% per year for depreciation.

Mr. Fairbank stated he would be on vacation the week of August 6th

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Oletha L. Hoje, Sec.

August - 1961

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, August 23rd, 1961

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Verbal application for office position received from Madeline Farmer. Motion made and carried to appoint Miss Farmer to the position. Secretary to notify her of the appointment which will take effect October 16th.

Renewal of Workman's Compensation policy due September 1st, premium \$523.80.

Motion made and carried to renew policy.

Secretary reported The bands due to be renewed by Avon-Dixon had not been received. Mr. Guillin suggested Mr. Barclay Trippe of the Avon-Dixon Co. be contacted.

It was agreed to change the time of meetings to 7:30 P. M. beginning with the September meeting

Mr. Fairbank stated a new truck is needed to replace the old Ford truck. Mr. Spencer moved that Mr. Fairbank and Mr. Reese write up specifications and send to two Ford dealers and two Chevrolet dealers for bids - no trade in. Motion carried.

Secretary to write Town Commissioners stating our need for purchasing a new truck, the cost to be approximately \$2000⁰⁰ and that we wish to buy this out of this year's profits

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P. M. - Clifton L. Hope, Sec.

September - 1961

The regular meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held, Wednesday, September 27th 1961.

All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Secretary reported the bond for Mr. Fairbank, Miss Hope and Mrs Fink had been received.

Letter from Town Commissioners giving permission to buy new truck to replace the 1951 Ford. They asked for an advance of \$3,872.00 before Nov. 28. A letter to be written to Town Commissioners saying we will plan to advance them that amount.

Letters from three car companies with bids on new truck read. The prices given were from Preston Motor Co. - ¹⁹⁶² Ford \$2,275.94 for 6 cylinder and \$2375.94 for 8 cylinder. Hallowell Chevrolet Sales Co - ¹⁹⁶² Chevrolet - 6 Cylinder 2256.30 8 cylinder \$2348.30. Noble Motor Co - ^{Ford} quoted \$1902.76 ^{6 cylinder} but did not give the year. 8 cylinder - \$2002.76

Motion made and carried that Mr. Fairbank talk to Noble. about which year's model he quoted price on, and to authorize him to purchase whichever truck he sees fit.

Letter from Wilbert L. Merriken, Council for Choptank Electric Coop, Inc. (written to Public Service Commission asking that they arrange a meeting

with St. Michaels Utilities and Choptank Electric Cooperative to discuss the matter of the Choptank desiring to leave the services of this Commission and connecting with ES. PSC.

The Secretary was instructed to assemble all correspondence and contracts that would have any bearing on the case so as to have it handy when needed.

Letter read from Little League and Pony League Base Ball asking for donation. Letter tabled.

Motion made and carried to order a new mobile unit for the new truck cost to be \$419.00

Ray Rilmon, an employee, is building a house and expects to have it wired for All Electric Service. He asked if he would still be privileged to be covered by the Employees' special rate. Permission granted.

Madeline Farmer who is to be employed as of October 16th will be granted Employees' rates beginning with Nov 1st billing

The Secretary asked permission to keep her name on the Utilities' Blue Cross list paying her premium monthly to the Utilities. Permission granted.

An agent for Elliott addresser machine had left some literature for the Commissioners to consider. The matter was tabled.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Hoyle, Sec.

Special - October 12, 1961

A special meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Friday night, October 12, 1961. All members present.

A letter had been received inviting representatives of the Commission to meet with Public Service Commission Friday, October 20th to discuss the Choptank matter. Attorney Lee S Gillis was present. He offered to contact a Baltimore law firm and find out what lawyer was accustomed to going before Public Service. He would secure him to represent the Utilities and have him make an appointment with Mr. Fairbank to talk over the case. Also have him ask for a postponement of the case. Mr. Gillis took all correspondence to look over so as to familiarize himself with the facts.

Our Liability Insurance being due October 23rd bids had been ask for from Benson & Wales and John T Griffin. Mr. Griffin was present and explained his figures. Mr. Wales had suggested insurance being taken out in connection with Town Commissioners. Mr. Quillin to contact Mr. Wales for further information.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Clifton L. Nye Sec.

October - 1961

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday night, October 25, 1961. All members present.

Letter read from James Wales agent for Celina Mutual Insurance Co. concerning Liability Insurance - premium quoted - \$443.57 which included insurance for Town Commissioners as well as Utilities. As there was evidently a misunderstanding, Mr. Reese called Mr. Wales for an explanation. Mr. Wales was instructed to have the policy changed, insuring the Utilities only but insuring in the name of St. Michaels Utilities Commission and/or The Commissioners of St. Michaels. Premium to be \$271.74.

A bid had come from Mr. Mills - \$293.87

The auditor for Workmen's Compensation Insurance had been here and stated that with the additional charge added the discount will cause a refund of about \$20.00

Mr. Fairbank reported the Ford truck had been ordered from Noble Motor Co.

Mobile radio unit also ordered

Secretary was instructed to inquire of Avon-Dixon as to their rate on bonds for employees. Bond to be secured for new Clerk - Madeline Farmer.

Letter from Town Commissioners ^{signed by the president} asking that the Utilities advise them when customers move so they might check for water or sewer rent. The secretary had called the

president of The Board telling her that the information is available to any one at any time should they wish to see it.

Letter from Commissioners signed by all three Commissioners stating customers had complained of not receiving courteous treatment in the office.

The old Ford truck is for sale with out boxes and ladder rack.

Motion made and carried to pay \$12.00 to National Committee for Utilities Radio.

Mr. Reese stated that Ray Kilmon had changed his plans about installing electric heat in his new house. He felt that bills for winter months would be too high for him to pay. The question was raised about billing All-Electric on a 12-month average basis. No decision made.

A letter had been received by Mr Reese from E.S. P.S.C. concerning the meeting with Choptank. Mr. Reese had answered thanking them for information.

Letter from P.S.C. changing date of meeting to Monday, Nov. 6th at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Fairbank had been to Baltimore and talked with ^{Mr. Rafferty,} the attorney Lee Gillis had secured for us. He had told Mr. Fairbank that when dealing with P.S.C. that Commission generally acted for the benefit of the public. All Commissioners expect to go to meeting.

Secretary instructed to call Choptank and ask for rate of area around Denton and area around Royal Oak.

Motion made and carried to pay

Special Meeting

At a special meeting held Wednesday evening Dec 6, 1961, it was unanimously agreed by the three attending commissioners that a new rate be submitted to the Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc., Denton, Md as shown below.

This new rate to be proposed to the Coop through our attorneys Mr. William P. Rapperty of the law offices of Miles and Stockbridge.

A letter also to be sent to the Public Service Commission, attention of Mr. Hugh Hunter stating our proposal and enclosing rate schedule.

Wm. P. Rapperty
C.E.S.

ARTCRAFT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. OF MD.
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS
CALVERT & BAPTIST STS., SALISBURY, MD.
PHONE PIONEER 9-6151

Mr. Fairbank his expenses for the day he went to Baltimore.

There being no further business The meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hoge, Sec.

November - 1961

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday, November 22nd, 1961. Those present - Messrs Spencer, Quillin, Fairbank Mrs. Fink and the Secretary. Mr Reese's absence due to being confined to hospital.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

In stead of a refund on Workmen's compensation policy there was an additional amount of \$ 3.19 to be paid.

Avon-Dixon had adjusted the premium for Bonds for employees. Bond for Madeline Farmer Secured.

The new Ford has been delivered and is in use. New Radio installed.

Mr. Fairbank suggested keeping the old Ford for meter reading and hauling down as we would not be able to get very much for it if it were sold. He suggested building a body on it as the cabinets had been transferred to the new truck.

The Commissioners decided to keep the truck until at such time as it would need major repairs.

A ^{copy of a} letter had been received written by Attorney William B. Rafferty to Choptank Electric offering to buy their line serving the Royal Oak - Bellevue section. He also pointed out the advantages to the customers for St. Michaels Utilities to serve them.

Mr. Fairbank is working on a new rate schedule to be offered to

Choptank should they prefer not to sell. The Commissioners feel his proposed schedule should go through Mr. Rafferty's hands.

Coulbourne & Jewett - owner Elwood Jewett has been continuously delinquent in paying his bills. A letter to be written to Jewett stating he must comply with the terms of the Commission and that if at least the arrears are not paid by the 10th of the month that the bills are issued, service would be discontinued.

Motion made and carried to send \$5⁰⁰ to the Talbot County Tuberculosis Association for Christmas seals received.

Letter from Town Commissioners asking that if possible the Utilities discontinue the charge made to the Fire Department over the amount they are allowed free.

It was decided that rather than give them free range with an unlimited amount it would be advisable to increase their free kilowatts from 200 to 300.

The following Christmas checks to be issued employees December 9th Fairbank - \$120⁰⁰ Kilmon & Hope \$92⁵⁰ each, E Lednum - \$65⁰⁰ Fink - \$54⁰⁰ C Lednum and Warner \$32⁵⁰ Greenhalgh - \$25⁰⁰ and Farmer - \$15⁰⁰. Social Security to be paid by the Commission.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Oliver L. Hozer, Sec.

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It wasn't just the temperature, but the way the air felt against my skin. I had heard that the weather in the mountains was unpredictable, but this was something else entirely. The wind whistled through the trees, carrying with it a sense of isolation that I had never experienced before.

As I walked towards the lodge, I noticed the way the light filtered through the evergreens, creating a dappled pattern on the ground. The silence was profound, broken only by the occasional rustle of leaves or the distant call of a bird. It felt like I had entered a different world, one where time seemed to stand still.

The lodge was nestled in a clearing, its rustic charm evident in the wooden beams and stone walls. The interior was warm and inviting, with a large fireplace and comfortable seating. I found myself relaxing in a chair, watching the fire crackle and the snow fall softly outside. It was a perfect moment of solitude, a chance to breathe and reflect.

The night was clear and starry, the stars appearing sharper and brighter than I had ever seen them. The moon cast a soft glow over the landscape, highlighting the textures of the snow and the silhouettes of the trees. It was a magical sight, one that I would never forget.

In the morning, I woke up to a fresh blanket of snow. The world was transformed, everything covered in a soft, white layer. The air was crisp and clean, a welcome change from the city. I went for a short walk, enjoying the quiet beauty of the winter landscape. The snow was deep and soft, making it a pleasure to walk through it.

The day was peaceful and serene, a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I had found what I needed, a place where I could be alone and recharge. The mountains had given me exactly what I needed, a sense of peace and tranquility that I had been craving.

December 1961

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Wednesday December 24th 1961.

Those present: A. Gunby Reese, Jennings B. Quillen, Milton Fairbank and Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Minutes of special meeting held Wednesday December 6, 1961 pertaining to a new rate to be submitted to the Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc. was read and approved.

Letter read from William B. Rafferty concerning the rejection of our offer to buy the facilities of Choptank Electric Cooperative in Royal Oak.

A letter read from Public Service Commission acknowledging the receipt of our letter concerning the proposed rate schedule for Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc.

Mr Fairbank was instructed to contact Mr. William B. Rafferty pertaining to the retainer fee for legal service in 1961.

Mr. Quillen made a motion to pay Lee Gillis his retainer fee ^{\$100.00} for 1962. Mr. Reese approved.

St. Michaels Town Commissioners re-appointed Mr. Jennings B. Quillen as Utilities Commissioner for a period of three years, beginning January 1, 1962.

Miss Hope could not be present on account of illness, but she expressed her appreciation by a letter for all kindnesses while she was acting Secretary.

Secretary instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Miss Hope and inclose a check for one hundred dollars for a retirement gift.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Link Secy.

January - 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Thursday January 25, 1962. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Miss Hope thanked the commissioners for her retirement gift and letter which accompanied it.

A reply was received from William B. Rafferty stating that he will keep us advised of developments concerning the Choptank Electric Cooperative at Royal Oak just as soon as he hears from Wilbert L. Merriken.

Mr. A. Gunby Reese was reappointed president, Milton H. Fairbank as General Manager and Carrie M. Fink as Secretary and Treasurer of St. Michaels Utilities Commission for 1962.

Mr. J. Alfred Kay stated in his letter that he did not think the commission should charge him for the transformer, due to the large consumption of electricity. Mr. Fairbank was instructed to write to Mr. Kay and Mr. Jenkins in regards to the transformers owned jointly. Expressing our opinion that under the circumstances some change in our rules is justified.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that Lee S. Gillis be retained for the year 1962.

A letter from the Economic Development Committee read. Mr. Quillen made a motion that we contribute \$50.00.

Secretary reported that Mr. William J. Steneman auditor of Division of Social Security was taking a Social Security audit covering a period from April 1, 1952 through December 31, 1961.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Carrie M. Fink Sec.

February 1962

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Comm. was held Wednesday, Feb 28th 1962.

All members present except the secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Since no word had been received from Choptank Coop regarding the rate reduction we offered them it was decided to call Mr. Rafferty of Miles + Stockbridge to see if he had heard anything from Choptank. If he has heard nothing from them on the matter, to ask him to write and find out if they had made any decision.

Moved and seconded to purchase add in Miles River Yacht Club year book, same as last year at \$7.50.

A change in the rules and regulations was passed to become effective Jan 1, 1962, under rule 10 and rule 13. C regarding transformers. This change to read 2 year around customers instead of the present 3 year around customers.

It was decided to purchase group insurance for all employees with John T. Griffin insurance agent provided the cost be not over \$25.00 per month.

Moved & seconded to pay to the Comm. of St. Michaels the surplus money over \$5000.⁰⁰ as of Dec. 31, 1961 which amounted to \$2682.⁹³.

Wilton H. Dambak
Acting Sec.

March 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michael's Utilities Commission was held Wednesday March 28th 1962. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A. Copy of Mr. William B. Rafferty's letter to Wilbert L. Merriken was read concerning the Choptank Electric Cooperative, Incorporated. To date no answer has been received.

The purchase of group insurance from John T. Griffin for the employees was approved by the Commission.

A letter from the commissioners of St. Michael's was read, requesting an advance of \$8,872.00 on or before May 28. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter stating that we would make an effort to pay by May 28th.

It was unanimously agreed to contribute \$10.00 to the Little League - Baseball for Boys.

Mr. Fairbank reported that fill dirt is needed around the sub station. He was authorized to purchase the dirt when available.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie D. Fairbank, Secy.

April 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michael's Utilities Commission was held Wednesday April 25th 1962. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

We received the right-of-way agreement from Mr. George Jenkins and decided to wait until we receive the right-of-way from Mr. J. Alfred Kay before we make the settlement on the transformer.

Mr. Quillin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spencer that we accept the new monthly report as proposed by the auditor O. W. Corkran. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Corkran in which we express our appreciation for his efforts in our behalf, also ask him to examine all of our insurance policies for proper coverage and make recommendations if he feels we are not amply covered.

The St. Michael's Commissioners would like to purchase a mimeo-graph machine and ask if the Utilities Comm. would pay half of the cost. Mr. Spencer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Quillin that we will consider contributing half toward the machine after being advised of the cost.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie D. Frank Secy.

May 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held May 23rd 1962. All members present Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Right-of-Way-Agreements were received from Mr George Jenkins and Mr J. Alford Kay. Mr Quillin made a motion that \$182.00 plus tax of \$5.46, the amount paid on the cost of the transformers be refunded to each one. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

Motion made and seconded that we give St. Michaels Commissioners an advance payment of \$8,872.00.

The secretary was instructed to contact Avon-Dixon Agency and John T Griffin and get extended coverage on policies Nos. 1929 and 461125, also ask the St. Michaels Commissioners if they have fire insurance on the Utilities Building on Gloria Ave.

A claim from Mr Charles Royer was presented. A motion was made and carried that our insurance does not cover the claim submitted, therefore it was returned with a letter and a copy of our Rules and Regulations, calling attention to the outlined section 6 item c.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie S. Fink Secy.

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June 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held June 27th 1962. All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. A motion was made and unanimously passed that we send a letter to Mr. Gus Vanlennop Sec. and Pres. of Trice Field Corporation as Mr. Fairbank drafted.

Mr. Anthony presented blueprints of Arcadia Shores Development. and inquiring as to the cost of building a service line in the new development and give an estimated cost of the Anchorage development in Miles River Neck.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Appleby of the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. asking him what procedure they use in furnishing electricity over an area not yet inhabited such as a new building development.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk Secy.

July 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held July 25th 1962.

All members present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

We received letters from Eastern Shore Public Service Company and Mr. J. Howard Anthony. The letters were read and placed in the files for future reference.

A Motion was made by Mr. Quillin that we contribute \$5.00 to the St. Michaels Ambulance Association. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Fairbank was authorized to purchase a new truck and ladder and trade in the 1956 Dodge truck.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie S. Fink Secy.

1961			Proposed	Yrs
			1962	
Jarvank	-120.00	<u>17.20</u>	50.00 260.00	40
Kilmon	- 92.50	—	112.00	14
E. Lohm	- 65.00	—	75.00	10
Fink	- 54.00	—	78.00	12
C. Lohm	- 32.50	—	35.00	5
Werner	- 32.50	—	35.00	5
Greenhalgh	- 25.00	—	30.00	2
Darner	- 15.00	—	25.00	1

No. of years service x weekly salary
divided by 10 to arrive at
Lump Sum

Except Greenhalgh & Darner. Same
amount yearly until their yearly
service comes up far enough to
make above schedule applicable.

August - 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Aug. 22nd 1962. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels in which they would like to know if we would have \$3,792.00 Available for the sewer coupons on Oct. 15, 1962, and they will need \$8,792.00 for coupons and bonds on May 15, 1963.

A letter was written stating that we felt the \$3,792.00 could be met by October 15, 1962. As to the request for May 15, 1963 we are not in a position to make this commitment at this time. At the end of 1962 any amount over \$5,000.00 will of course be paid to the Commission, though we are sure that any money turned over to them from 1962 operations would have to apply on the amount they requested for May 15, 1963.

A letter from the Town Commissioners requesting that the purchases of gasoline and incidental requirements for the vehicles of the Utilities Commission be divided among the filling stations on a monthly basis. Secretary was instructed to write a letter in reply to their August 1st letter.

A motion made and passed to combine the K.W.H. used on the St. Lukes Church and St. Lukes Parish house meters for the purpose of making one bill for the total current used. *

No further business the meeting adjourned.
Carrie M. Funk Secy.

* Mr. Fairbank stated that the meter on the R.E.A. at Royal Oak had not registered properly for several months. He had calculated what he thought the correct billing should have been and had talked to the Choptank manager about it. A corrected bill in amount of \$2,985.10 was sent to them for payment.

September - 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michael's Utilities Commission was held September 26th 1962. Those present were Mr. Alex J. Spencer, J. B. Quillini, Milton Fairbank and Secretary. Mr. Alex J. Spencer presided over the meeting in the absence of the president A. Gunby Reese.

The new truck was reported as having been delivered and an estimate for installing a new ladder had not been received.

It was agreed that the letter of August 1st to the Town Commissioners be held until we can discuss the matter with all the Commissioners personally.

A note of appreciation was received from Mrs. Charles Bridges thanking the men for the fine service which was given her for the past year and a half.

Mr. John Griffin presented a proposition in regards to a blanket Insurance policy in conjunction with the Town Commissioners of St. Michael's for fire protection on contents in the building on Glory Avenue and furnishings in the main office, which was accepted.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Maynard Stewart asking him to cancel policy No. 20-62430 and request a rebate, also to Avon-Dixon to cancel policy No 461125.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink, Secy.

October - 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held October 24th 1962. Those present were Mr. A. Gunby Reese, Mr. Alex J. Spencer, Milton Fairbank and Secretary.

Minutes read and approved as read.

The secretary reported that the fire insurance policy No. 461125 with Avon-Dixon was cancelled and a rebate of \$115.28 was received.

It was unanimously agreed that we send the letter in reply to the Town Commissioners request for dividing the services of the filling station business.

Mr. Fairbank reported that progress is being made on the truck ladder.

A letter from Mr. J. Howard Anthony telling us that we may proceed to build the electric line at Arcadia Shores.

A letter sent to Hugh Hunter chief engineer of the Public Service Commission explaining the calculated billing which was submitted to the Choptank Cooperative Inc. for the purpose of any adjustment which might be necessary in our annual reports for 1961 and or 1962.

Mr. Guy Bollinger inquired about the possibility of us furnishing electricity if they placed a Christmas tree on the triangle in Rio Vista. It was agreed that we would furnish the electricity free of charge provided they erected the tree and installed the electric lights on same.

All agreed that we pay our membership dues of \$9.60 to the National Committee for Utilities Radio.

No further business The meeting adjourned

Carrie McIntosh Secy.

November - 1962

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michael's Utilities Commission was held Nov. 28th 1962.

All members present. Minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the ladder for the New truck was installed and is in operation

A refund of \$12.53 was received from the State Farm Casualty Insurance Co. on Policy No 2062430.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the Arcadia Shores line was started and progressing.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we send \$50.00 to the Economic Development Co.

Mr. Robert Roberts contacted Mr. Reese about the possibility of us furnishing a Three Phase line to the Miles River Yacht Club. The commission agreed to furnish Three Phase power for the Miles River Yacht Club when and if they need same, for the purpose of air conditioning and swimming pool use. The secretary was instructed to write to the Yacht Club asking them to get in touch with Mr. Fairbank before purchasing their equipment.

Christmas Bonuses were discussed and decided to give a bonus according to the number of years of service for this year. Milton Fairbank \$260.00, Ray Kilmon \$112.00, Carrie Fink \$78.00, Ellis Lednum \$75.00, Charles Lednum \$35.00, Milford Warner \$35.00 Stephen Greenhalgh \$30.00 and Madeline Farmer \$25.00. The company will pay all taxes. The checks to be given Dec. 14th

It was decided to purchase 500 Christmas seals. No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

December - 1962

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held December 26th, 1962. All members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Economic Development Committee thanked the Commission for supporting the Community organization.

Miss Farmer expressed her thanks for the Christmas Bonus check and extended best wishes for the New Year. The secretary also thanked the Commissioners for her check.

Mr. Fairbank was to contact the Maryland State Police for particulars on the damages caused by Mr. Lee Gillis. After information is received the secretary is to write the owner of the car concerning the insurance covering the expenses.

The Fiscal Research Bureau requested the St. Michaels Utilities to file a separate report of their 1962 transactions on the uniform financial reporting forms provided by the bureau by April 30, 1963.

It was unanimously agreed that the weekly salaries of the employees be raised according to the following schedule: Milton Fairbank \$155.00, Ray Kilmon - \$97.00, Ellis Lednum \$90.00, Milford Warner \$85.00, Charles Lednum \$85.00, Stephen Greenhalgh \$85.00, Carrie Fink \$70.00. and Madeline Farmer \$55.00. Overtime pay to be paid for all hours worked in excess of 44 hours.

No further business the meeting adjourned
Carrie M. Fink Secy.

January - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held January 23, 1963. All members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A. Letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels notifying us that A. Gunby Reese has been re-appointed Utilities Commissioner for a period of three years beginning January 1st 1963.

A. motion made and seconded to elect Mr. A. Gunby Reese president of the Commission for the year 1963.

The Rio Vista Beach Club Inc. thanked the Commissioners for furnishing the electricity for their community Christmas tree, also asked to convey their thanks to Mr. Fairbank and his crew for placing and removing the wiring for them.

It was unanimously decided to contribute \$5.00 to the March of Dimes.

No further business, the meeting adjourned.

Carrie S. Fink Secy.

February - 1963

Regular meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held February 27th with all members except the Secretary present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There being no old business, new business as follows was acted on.

It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Lee S. Gillis the \$100.00 retainer fee for the year 1963.

Regularly moved seconded and passed to include Miss Madeline Farmer and Stephen Greenhalgh in the Commissions Pension plan. Details to be worked out by the agent and submitted to the commission by the next meeting night.

The secretary was instructed to write or contact several office supply companies for prices and details on a new addressograph and billing machine.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Lankau Secy.

March - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of St Michaels Utilities Commission was held March 27th 1963. All members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. John T. Griffin submitted the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. pension plan rates for Miss Farmer and Mr. Greenhalgh. The proposed plan was approved.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we make a bid on The Addressograph-Multigraph machine of \$1250.00 and the old machine. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

A motion made and seconded that Mr. Fairbank purchase a fence for the shop property. It was unanimously approved that we buy a 1/10 page add for \$7.50 in The Miles River Yacht Club year book.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Town Commissioners inviting them to meet with us on our next meeting.

No further business the meeting adjourned

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

April - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held April 23rd 1963.

All member present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A joint meeting with the Commissioners of St. Michaels to discuss the new electric rates and a possibility of forming a Emergency Fund.

The Commissioners of St. Michaels requested \$8,792.00 for sewer bonds and coupons to be retired June 1st. A motion was made by Mr. Spencer that we give the amount requested. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase the addressograph-Multigraph machine "Class 1800" after the Town Commissioners grant permission.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we donate \$10.00 to the "Baseball for Boys" league. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

The secretary was granted permission to get the Telephone Co. to extend the telephone cable to her desk.

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer that we accept the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. contract to move and temporarily relocate the lines running over Oak Creek bridge during construction of the highway bridge, and reinstall the line on our towers after completion of the bridge, for the price stated in the terms of the contract. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Lusk Secy.

May - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held May 22, 1963

All members present

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we reduce our bills to all customers by dropping the fuel adjustment as soon as we receive the new rate from the E.S.P.S.co. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

— Special Meeting June 13, 1963 —

At a special meeting held on June 13th with all commissioners present a discussion was held with our attorney Mr. Reeder regarding the new contract submitted to us by the E.S.P.S.C.

It was unanimously agreed that we would not sign the contract until certain wording was changed in its contents. It was also agreed that Mr. Reeder was to continue with our complaint to the Federal Power Commission on the basis that the old contract should remain binding and the reduction should have been automatically applied retroactively from May 1st 1963.

It was also agreed to discontinue the fuel adjustment charge on the June 15th billing and succeeding billings to our customers.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Dantank.

Acting Secy.

JUNE 1963

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held June 26, 1963.

All members present.

Minutes approved as read.

A letter from the Public Service Commission acknowledging receipt of our June 17th letter concerning Supplement No 3. Notification of the change in rates was placed in the Easton Star Democrat. The rate schedule to become effective with successive billings, beginning June 1, 1963

A survey of the Employees Pension Plan was made by Mr. Herbert L. Janison & Co. The analysis of the plan to be filed with the policy as a permanent record.

In order to make the change in service on our line at Royal Oak Bridge June 30th all customers effected had to be notified. 192 telephone calls and 163 cards were sent.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we move our checking account with St. Michaels Bank to Maryland National Bank, St. Michaels Branch July 1ST 1963. Seconded by Mr. Quillin and was unanimously approved.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

Special Meeting July 10, 1963

At a special meeting held July 10, 1963, it was unanimously agreed by the three members of the Utilities Commission to approve and adopt the following resolution.

— Resolution —

Whereas, Spencer W. Reeder, Esq., Spencer Building, St. Michaels, Maryland, is an attorney duly admitted to the practice of law in Maryland, the United States, Ohio, New York, and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, said Spencer W. Reeder, Esq. has had extensive experience, among other things, in the practice of law before the Federal Power Commission, having represented, at various times, and for many years, the City of Cleveland, Ohio, and numerous corporate clients, in important matters before said Commission; and

Whereas, St. Michaels has grievances, for the redress of which the Federal Power Commission has exclusive jurisdiction, against the Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland for alleged illegal overcharges and unlawful discrimination amounting to over \$50,000 annually; and

Whereas, said Spencer W. Reeder, Esq., has at the request of St. Michaels Utilities Commission prepared a formal complaint to the Federal Power Commission setting forth the pertinent facts and praying redress of said grievances;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1 - That Spencer W. Reeder, Esq., be and he is hereby retained as Special Counsel;

2 - That Spencer W. Reeder, Esq., is hereby employed to subscribe, execute and file said formal complaint with the Federal Power Commission at Washington, D.C., and to prosecute the same to final decision;

3 - That the formal complaint heretofore prepared and submitted by Spencer W. Reeder, Esq. pursuant to the authorization aforesaid be and the same

is hereby approved and the filing thereof authorized in substantially the form submitted; and

4 - That the arrangement, hitherto agreed upon, for compensation for the professional services aforesaid, payable solely by St. Michael's Utilities Commission to wit, (1) a retainer fee of \$300 in lieu of payment for services rendered and expenses incurred at client's request through June 10, 1963, which has been paid; (2) fees of \$35 per diem for services rendered after June 10, 1963, to be billed and paid monthly; and (3) reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket traveling, hotel and long-distance telephone expenses incurred after June 10, 1963, to be billed and paid monthly - be and the same is hereby approved, authorized, ratified and confirmed.

July - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held July 24, 1963

All present except Mr. Alex J. Spencer.

The minutes of the June 26th meeting were read, and the portion pertaining to the checking account was amended to read as follows:

As of July 1st 1963 the checking accounts shall be equally divided between the Maryland National Bank and The St. Michaels Bank.

The minutes of the June 26th meeting were then approved as amended and the minutes of the special meeting held July 10th 1963 were read and approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie S. Smith Secy.

August- 1963

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held August 28th 1963 with all members present with the exception of the secretary Mrs Firk who is on vacation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and seconded to pay the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. bill for the work they did for us at Oak Creek in two installments of \$1104.10 each. One to be paid Aug. 31, 1963 and the balance on Sept. 10, 1963. A letter to accompany the first payment stating that the balance would be paid on September 10th.

A letter of appreciation from the Bartlett Tree Experts Co. was read thanking us for our assistance in removing a large tree overhanging our wires in Tunis Mills.

The service agreement from the Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. was discussed and it was decided to table same for the time being.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Milton H. Fairbank
acting secretary.

September - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held September 25th 1963 with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels requesting \$3,712.00 on or before October 28, 1963 for sewer coupons to be retired November 1st. Mr. Quillin made a motion that we pay the Commissioners of St. Michaels \$3,712.00 on Oct. 28th. Mr. Alex Spencer seconded the motion.

A bill from Mr. Spencer W. Reeder was presented for professional services and disbursements in connection with the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. of Md. case. A motion was made and carried that we pay the bill.

A descriptive folder and explanatory letter was received from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Committee suggesting a generous starting gift for a very worthwhile project of the Historical Society of Talbot County. Mr. Quillin made a motion that we contribute \$500.00 to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Seconded by Mr. Alex Spencer and was unanimously approved.

A complaint from Mr. Philip Anderson was brought before the Commissioners concerning the incorrect billing of K. lowatts used. After all facts were discussed it was unanimously agreed that no monetary adjustment could be made. He failed to report to the commission in writing about the additional equipment added, therefore the billing was correct and a letter to that effect was sent to Mr. Anderson.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Carrie M. Fuik Secy.

October - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Oct. 23rd 1963 with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The commissioners instructed Mr. Fairbank to get in touch with the State Roads Commission and ask for a light or sign to be placed on the steel tower at Royal Oak bridge.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk Secy.

November - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Nov. 27, 1963 with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A motion made, seconded and unanimously passed that we purchase \$5.00 worth of Xmas Seals.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we pay Spencer W. Reader's bill of \$203.60 for professional services and disbursements, seconded by Mr. Spencer.

A copy of a petition was presented from eight Real Estate owners of Miles River Neck Easton District, Talbot County Md. who receive electric service from us. The petition cites that these customers are frequently without current and that the electric lines are not properly maintained. A letter dated December 4, 1963 in reply to letter November 12, 1963 was sent to Mr. Albert L. Dean, Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, regarding service on electric lines serving them.

A letter from the Public Service Commission with copy of a letter received from Mr. Thomas Murphy concerning a charge made for installing a new utility pole. December 4th replied to the Public Service Commission letter of Nov. 15 1963 with a copy of letter sent to Mr. Murphy which we feel is self explanatory. Reference to these letters can be seen in our file under Public Service Commission.

December 4th a letter was sent to Mr. Albert Warehime to inform him of a situation concerning the power line to his property.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we purchase Mr. Axel Rasmussen's transformer, seconded by Mr. Quillin.

It was unanimously agreed that the December meeting be held on December 26, 1963.

A motion was made by Mr. Quillin, seconded by Mr. Spencer and unanimously passed that we pay the same Christmas bonuses as in 1962. Mr. Milton Fairbank \$260.00, Carrie M. Fink \$78.00, Madeline Farmer \$25.00, Ray Kilmer \$112.00, Charles Lednum \$35.00, Milford Warner \$35.00, Stephen Greenhalgh \$30.00 and Ellis Lednum \$75.00.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

December - 1963

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Dec. 30, 1963 instead of stated meeting Dec. 26th. All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A letter of appreciation was received, acknowledging our contribution to Maritime Museum Project.

A card of thanks for Xmas bonus from Miss Farmer and Mrs Fink.

The Commissioners of St. Michaels reappointed Mr. Alex J. Spencer Utilities Commissioner for a period of three years beginning Jan. 1st 1964

A motion was made and seconded that Miss Farmer receive an increase in wages of \$5.00 beginning Jan. 1st Salaries for the other employees will be discussed at our Jan. 22nd Meeting.

The commissioners were to ask Mr. Spencer Reeder if he would serve as our attorney for the year 1964, at the same retainer fee as paid to our previous attorney.

No further business the meeting adjourned.
Carrie M. Fink Secy.

January 3, 1964

- Special Meeting -

At a special meeting held Jan. 3, 1964 at the office of Mr. Spencer Reeder, it was agreed by the Utilities Commissioners to retain Mr. Spencer Reeder as counsel for the year of 1964 and to pay him a retainer fee of \$100.00 for the year.

In the matter of our case before the Federal Power Commission no word has been received to date and no action could be taken at this time.

It was brought out that Chap tank Electric Coop. had obtained rights of way or options for a future connection to their Royal Oak area to the transmission line of the Eastern Shore Public Service near Kirkham. It was the thought at this time that they would take no action until a decision had been rendered on our case before the Federal Power Commission.

Mr. Spencer Reeder was told of our previous informal hearing before the staff of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, including Mr. Albert L. Deen, Executive Secretary, Mr. Hugh Hunter, chief engineer and others in which Mr. William Rafferty of Miles & Stockbridge was our attorney. The commissioners also asked Mr. Reeder that if we are requested to go before the Public Service Commission of Maryland, would he as our attorney contact Mr. William Rafferty and request him to act again in our behalf.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Fairbank
Acting Secretary

January - 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Jan. 22, 1964.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A special meeting held January 3, 1964 at the office of Mr. Spencer Reeder, read and approved as corrected.

The secretary was instructed to write to attorney Lee Gillis informing him that he has not been retained for 1964 as our attorney. No Lack of satisfaction of his service. We have become deeply involved in the Federal Power Case in which we are employing Attorney Spencer Reeder. We feel that it would be an advantage to us to employ him to handle our other legal matters, and thank him for all his past considerations and good relationships.

It was unanimously agreed that we adopt a six year salary schedule. Schedule filed under "S"

A letter of thanks from the Rio Vista Beach Club for service rendered regarding the Xmas lights.

No further business the meeting adjourned

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

February 3, 1964
Special Meeting

At a special meeting held Feb. 3, 1964 in the office of Mr. Spencer Reeder, the Commissioner present.

Mr. Quillin and Mr. Alex Spencer agreed after some discussion that Mr. Reeder was to answer the petition of the Choptank Cooperative, filed against us with the Public Service Comm. of Maryland. This petition was for an order authorizing the Choptank Cooperative to purchase electric power from the Eastern Shore Public Service Co at a point near Kirkham, Talbot County, Md.

The answer is to be in the form of a request for dismissal of the petition on the grounds that the Public Service Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Correspondence relating to the Choptank Coop. is to be given to Mr. Reeder, for the purpose of his reviewing same and to familiarize himself with any action taken place in previous years.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Fairbank
Acting Secretary

February 26, 1964

The regular Monthly Meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held February 26, 1964. All members present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting were approved as read.

The Public Service Commission's letter of January 2nd concerning the complaint from eight customers was read. Mr. Fairbank to reply to the commission that the service was changed to by pass the wooded area on a temporary basis which we hope to later make permanent, thus complying with the Public Service Commission's recommendation.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we pay Spencer W. Reeder's bill of \$188.50 for professional services and disbursements January 1st to February 15th inclusive. Seconded by Mr. Alex Spencer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

March - 25, 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held March 25, 1964. All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Eugene S. Owenshine purchased lot No. 13 in Ingleton Subdivision and requested information as to the requirements for electric service to his property. Mr. Fairbank to take care of this matter.

Mr. Fairbank reported the need of a circuit breaker and the commissioners left the purchase of same to his discretion. Repairs to the present circuit breaker would be made if possible by the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. and if it was found to be in good condition no new one would be purchased.

It was unanimously agreed that we purchase an add in the Miles River Yacht Club year book, 1/10 of a page for \$7.50

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

March 31, 1964

At a special meeting held March 31, 1964 with all members of the commission present. Mr. Reeder our attorney presented some facts regarding our case before the F.P.C. and recommended that we join or form a cooperative with the Stockton Light and Power Co. to be known as the Mar-Va-Del Electric Coop. INC.

The purpose of this is to enable the Municipal Coops to become eligible to receive the benefits of Cooperative purchasing of electric power from the E.S.P.S. Co.

This action is believed necessary to help expediate a decision in our favor in our case before the F.P.C.

A resolution to be adopted by the Utilities Commission and the Commissioners of St. Michaels was passed by vote of the Utilities Commissioners and was to be presented to the Commissioners of St. Michaels for the approval and signature

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Fairbank
Acting Secy.

April 22, 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held April 22, 1964. All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting of March 31st, were approved as read.

We did not receive a reply from Mr. Overshine in regards to the requirements for electric service to his property in the Ingleton-on-the-Miles Development.

Mr. Fairbank reported that progress is being made on the circuit breaker which is to be repaired.

It was unanimously agreed that we pay Spencer W. Reeder's bills for professional Services and disbursements pertaining to the petition of Choptank Electric Cooperative inc. for \$335.00 and Eastern Shore Public Service Co. of Md. for \$615.57.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we accept the Blue Cross and Blue Shield special 70-day plan. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels requesting \$8,712.00 for sewer bonds and interest; Mr. Quillin made a motion that we pay \$6,000.00 on May 21. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Harry Bayer inquired about a 3 phase power line to his place. It was suggested that Mr. Fairbank get all the facts and figures for Mr. Bayer's line and present them at the next meeting.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie W. Fuik. Secy.

May 27, 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St Michaels Utilities Commission was held May 27th 1964. All members present.

Mr. Spencer W. Reeder was present to report on what transpired at the last meeting of the conference with the Federal Power Commission, Eastern Shore Public Service Co. and others. After a discussion it was resolved that Mr. Reeder counsel for St. Michaels Utilities Comm. is authorized to reject or except or counter offer to the company's offer in his discretion.

Mr. Fairbank gave facts and figures concerning Mr. Harry Bayer's 3 phase power line to his property. Mr. Spencer made a motion that we furnish all materials at cost and make no charge for labor. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

Mr. Fairbank's reported that he was going to fix the circuit breaker himself.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie S. Fink, Secy.

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June 3, 1964

A special meeting was called June 3rd by Mr. Spencer Reeder to be held in his office, for the purpose of reviewing the offer made by the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. in our case against them before the F. P. C.

All members of the commission were present.

An offer of an additional \$12,000.00 per year reduction over that offered on May 1st 1963 was made by the Eastern Shore Public Service Co., but this does not amount to as much as the F. P. C. staff has calculated it should be. Mr. Reeder had drafted a counter proposal which he read and which was carefully reviewed and discussed by all members present. It was decided to table this proposal and instead the commission authorized Mr. Reeder to use his own good resources and judgement to get a greater reduction which would be more in line to what the F. P. C. said it should be.

Mr. Reeder also stated that the proposal and release which the E. S. P. S. Co. insisted we sign before the refund check would be delivered was not in accord with the decision of the F. P. C. and that he was going to draft a letter and release which would be in accord to the F. P. C. and submit same to all parties concerned.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

M. H. Fairbank
Acting Secy.

JUNE 24, 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held June 24th 1964.

Those present were, A. Gunby Reese, Alex J. Spencer, J. B. Quillin and Secretary. Mr. Fairbank in the hospital.

The minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting were approved as read.

The three phase line to Mr. Harry Bayer's place is about 75 percent completed.

The matter of complaint against Eastern Shore Public Service Co. was discussed.

Mr. William Lane has a subdivision located at Solitude and wants to know if we will run a line as far as the circle shown on a map.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we extend a line at Solitude as requested by Mr. Lane and outlined by Mr. Fairbank. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

No further business the meeting adjourned

Carrie M. Frink Secy.

July 22, 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held July 22, 1964. All members present except Mr. Quillin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

It was unanimously agreed that we contribute \$5.00 to the St. Michaels Ambulance Association Inc.

A card of thanks was received from the Reese family.

Mr. Spencer Reeder delivered a check from the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. of Md. in settlement of claim of illegal overcharge on delivery of electricity including interest in the amount of \$17,979.29.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink, Secy.

August - 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held August 26, 1964. All Members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we accept Mr. Fairbank's recommendation to refund to Mr. Porter \$300.00 to buy all of the line and equipment not located on his property at Solitude. Seconded by Mr. Quillin. A letter and check for \$300.00 was sent to Mr. Porter, also an agreement to be signed, notarized and returned to us.

A letter received from William E. Handy complimenting Ray Kilmon for his efficiency and prompt service.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we contribute \$10.00 to the American Cancer Society, seconded by Mr. Spencer.

A letter from the Public Service Commission of June 16th requesting all electric utilities operating in Maryland to submit to the Commission a map describing the area served. A letter to be sent to the Public Service Comm. acknowledging their request including the map which has been brought up to date.

The secretary to write a letter to the Town Commissioners asking permission to purchase a new truck to replace the 1958 truck which was damaged by fire.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

September - 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held September 23, 1964. All members present except Mr. Spencer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The agreement from Ralph A. Porter was received.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels stating before granting permission to purchase a new truck, they would like to know how much the truck will cost, also would like to talk to Mr. Fairbank about it. Mr. Fairbank talked with the Commissioners and presented the bid and they were agreeable for us to purchase the new truck. Mr. Quillin made a motion that we purchase a 1965 Ford truck, it was unanimously agreeable.

Letters of September 9th and 16th from the Commissioners of St. Michaels asking us when we will be able to turn the funds received from the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. over to them, also requesting \$23,637.00 before Nov. 1st.

The \$20,000.00 to help defray the cost of the new well, pump, pumphouse and etc. \$3,637.00 for sewer coupons. It was unanimously agreed that we turn \$12,578.37 of the \$17,979.29 illegal overcharge money from the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. over to the town and the balance of \$5,400.92 to be included in this years business. These amounts have been prorated and credited to the proper years business. On October 28th to pay the Commissioners of St. Michaels \$3,637.00 from Earned Surplus for sewer coupons due Nov. 1st.

The secretary pointed out the fact that the billing machine was ten years old and requires considerable maintenance. Mr. Hickman

the Burroughs Corporation, Sales representative gave us a price on a new and very much improved machine for \$5,700.00 less an 8% government discount of \$456.00 and an allowance on our machine of \$600.00. Net \$4,644.00. It was agreed that we could not consider purchasing a new Machine at this time.

It was UNANIMOUSLY agreed to pay Mr Fairbank and Mr. Greenhalgh's expenses for two trips to Washington in connection with the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. case.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

October - 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held October 28th 1964. All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A bill for professional services and disbursements from Mr. Spencer W. Reeder for \$885.50 was presented. Mr. Quillini made a motion that we pay Mr. Reeder's bill. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

It was unanimously agreed that we furnished all transformers as of October 28th 1964.

Mr. Fairbank stated that they are in dire need of additional space for the equipment and stock. He suggested that an extension of 20' x 50' be added to the present building.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

November 9, 1964

A special meeting was held on Nov. 9, 1964 with all Commissioners present. A lengthy discussion regarding a proposed reduction of rate charge to all customers was held.

It was decided that Mr. Fairbank was to review the present rates and make up a schedule whereby a reduction could be made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Melton H. Fairbank
Acting Secy.

November - 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Nov. 30, 1964.

All members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting of Nov. 9, were approved as read.

It was unanimously agreed that we pay our dues of \$12.00 to the Radio Communication, National Committee for Utilities, also agreed to purchase \$5.00 worth of Christmas seals.

It was unanimously agreed that we pay Christmas Bonuses as follows: Milton Fairbank \$275.00, Carrie M. Fink \$90.00, Madeline Farmer \$35.00, Ray Kilmon \$125.00, Charles Lednum \$45.00, Stephen Greenhalgh \$40.00, Ellis Lednum \$85.00 and George Ball \$15.00.

The office to be closed Saturday morning December 26th

A. Letter from Public Service Commission announcing a meeting scheduled for 10 A.M. on December 9th, 1964 at the Choptank Headquarters office in Denton to discuss any questions, comments or suggestions. Mr. Fairbank to represent our commission.

A motion made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Quillin to reduce the 3 classifications of rates as follows:

Large Light & Power Service rate.

Energy Charge to remain the same

Demand charge, First 15 KW no charge

All over 15 KW at \$1.50 per KW of billing demand.

All Electric Home Service Rate.

Change the rate from all over 500 KWH at 1.5¢ to 1.4¢

Rate for Resale to Other Utilities

Energy charge to remain the same.

Demand charge:

First 15 KW no charge

All over 15 KW @ \$1.75 per KW of
billing demand.

This motion was adopted by a 2 to 1 vote.
No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk Secy.

December - 1964

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Dec. 23, 1964. All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved with one alternation.

Mr. Mullet from the Public Service Commission called Mr. Fairbank on December 8, concerning the few changes in our rules and regulations. They will be retyped and sent to us for approval.

Mr. Fairbank reported on the Denton meeting. The main discussion was on the new rules and regulations and changes in operating procedure as suggested by the Public Service Comm. of Md. in their proposed regulations governing service supplied by Electric Companies.

A. motion made and carried that we close the office at 11:00 A.M. December 24.

A. letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels reappointing Mr. Jennings B. Quillin St. Michaels Utilities Commissioner for three years beginning January 1, 1965.

Thank you notes from Miss Farmer and Mrs Fink expressing their thanks for the bonus checks and extending greetings for the season.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

January - 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Jan. 27, 1964. All members present.

Mr. Fairbank called the Public Service Commission Jan. 25th. He learned that Mr. Mullett resigned and Mr. Stringer is serving in his place. Mr. Stringer stated that we could put our new rates into effect on our next billing which will be February 15th, and send a letter to the Public Service Commission stating that we had put the new rates into effect on Feb. 15, 1965.

A bid from Mr. Elwood Harrison for the addition of 20x50 feet to the present warehouse. Labor, materials, block walls, concrete floor, built up roof. Building complete excluding painting for \$4,546.48. Mr. Harrison's bid was approved, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Commissioners of St. Michaels requesting immediate action in building the addition to the warehouse, and if they desire more bids we would be glad to get them from other contractors.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that Mr. A. Gunby Reese be reappointed president of the Utilities Commission Board. Seconded by Mr. Quillin. Mr. Quillin made a motion that Mr. Fairbank be reappointed General Manager and Mrs. Finik as Secretary - Treasurer for the year 1965. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

A letter from the Rio Vista Beach Club inc. expressing their appreciation for placing and removing the wiring for their community Christmas tree.

Mr. Fairbank reported that we need a new line truck. Mr. Quillin made a motion that Mr. Fairbank get bids on a new truck. Seconded by Mr. Spencer and unanimously approved.

George Ball entered the hospital Jan. 6, for an operation on his spine and is unable to work for several weeks. The board decided to pay him \$30.00 a week to compensate the Workman's Compensation benefits.

Mr. Charles Lednum left the Utilities on January 21st. Mr. Fairbank to secure another man in his place.

No further business the meeting adjourns

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

February - 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held February 24, 1965. All members present.

A letter sent to the Public Service Commission to inform them that we put our new rates into effect February 15th 1965.

We had two bids for the addition of 20x50ft. to the Warehouse. William Newnam and Elwood Harrison. The Commissioners of St. Michaels requested that we accept the bid of William Newnam for \$3,480.00 due to the fact that it was \$1,066.48 lower than Elwood Harrison's bid.

Mr. Fairbank received bids from the Ford automobile dealer, G.M.C. and International Elliott Equipment Co. The Commissioners decided to purchase the International truck which was the lowest bid.

Samuel Townsend was employed February 8th to replace Charles Hedrum.

Since a change was made in our rules and regulations, Mr. Spencer made a motion that we get 200 new schedules printed, Mr. Quillin seconded the motion.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we pay Mr. Spencer W. Reeder's retainer fee for 1965 on the bill for professional services and disbursements for period November 28, 1964 - February 10, 1965 both inclusive. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

The Commission accepted the grant made by J. Howard Anthony, Herbert T. Austin and Robert F. Austin, Co-partners trading as Arcadia Development Co. and Robert F. Austin and Willie-Belle Austin, his wife, and Herbert T. Austin and Nancy R. Austin, his wife, to sell transfer and assign to The Commissioners of St. Michaels all that electric transmission

and distribution line situated in Miles River Neck,
Talbot County, Md. entitled "PLAT OF INGLETON ON MILES
SUBDIVISION IN 1ST ELECTION DISTRICT, TALBOT COUNTY,
MD. SEPTEMBER 1958"

No further business the meeting adjourned.

March 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels
Utilities Commission was held March 24, 1965

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
approved as read.

The addition to the shop is complete with
exception of the door which had to be ordered.

The International truck is not quite ready.

The secretary was instructed to get 200 or
more new rates, rules and regulations printed.

The grant from The Arcadia Development Co.
was signed by the owners and left for our
approval, then sent to the court house to be
recorded.

A request from the Commissioners of St. Michaels
for \$8,632.00 for sewer bonds and coupons to be
paid on or before May 28th.

Mr. Quillini made a motion that we purchase
1/3 page add. for \$20.00 in the Miles River Yacht
Club Historical year book. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Quillini made a motion to join the American
Public Power Assoc. using the optional plan, minimum of
\$50.00

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we purchase Pick-
Up Compartments for one of the trucks. Seconded
by Mr. Quillini.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk, Secy.

April 28, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held April 28, 1965

All members present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we turn \$8,632.00 of our appropriated earned surplus over to the Commissioners of St. Michaels for sewer bonds and coupons, to be paid May 20th. Seconded by Mr. Quillini.

Mr. Quillini made a motion that we give a donation of \$10.00 to the "Baseball for Boys" organization. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Fairbank met with Mr. William Karsunsky. He is willing to sell his line for \$500.00. A letter to Mrs. James Clifford informing her that we will be able to furnish her and her sisters with electricity for the sum of \$250.00 for the privilege of connecting to the line now owned by Mr. Karsunsky. The only charge that will be made to her and all others who may in the future desire future service from the existing line. We will own and maintain the line at no cost to her or future customers.

It was unanimously agreed that we change the meeting time to 8:00 P.M. for the months of May, June, July and August.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

May. 26. 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held May 26, 1965. All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we buy the electric line from Mr. William Karsunky. Seconded by Mr. Spencer. Mr. Fairbank to contact Mr. Spencer W. Reeder and have him draw up legal papers for the electric line to be purchased.

It was unanimously agreed that we donate \$25.00 to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we adopt the resolution of the incorporators of Marvadel Electric Cooperative Inc. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

- RESOLUTION -

Whereas, the incorporators of Marvadel Electric Cooperative, Inc. have replied to the Resolutions passed by the Council of the City of Dover, Delaware, St. Michaels Utilities Commission, and the Boards of Directors of Stockton Light and Power Co. of Maryland and Virginia, respectively, which asked for an investigation and report upon what terms and conditions Marvadel would undertake the feasibility study outlined therein; and

Whereas, the ultimate purpose of said inquiry was and is to obtain power supply for Dover, St. Michaels and Stockton, whether by regulation, negotiation or self-help, at a cost equivalent to that of Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc., Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Accomac-Northampton Electric Cooperative, Inc. Who are likewise purchasers at Wholesale for resale from the Delaware Power

and Light holding company systems,

We resolve to obligate St. Michaels Utilities Commission to the extent of \$140.00, our share of Mar-Va-Del Electric Cooperative Inc. Feasibility study.

Mr. Quinn made a motion that we adopt the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Spencer.

- RESOLUTION -

Resolved, that it is the policy of St. Michaels Utilities Commission to pass on to its 1500 ultimate consumers of electricity and to its one wholesale customer, the Royal Oak Division of Choptank Electric Co-operative, Inc., any further rate reduction which it may receive in St. Michaels v. Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland et als FPC Docket Nos. E-7114 et als, as soon after operative effective date thereof as (1) St. Michaels has recovered the expenses incident to said litigation and related matters (2) St. Michaels has worked out, subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, a just and reasonable allocation of such reduction and a rate design appropriate for passing on said reduction to its said 1500 ultimate consumers and its said single wholesale customer.

No further business the meeting adjourned
 Carrie M. Funk Secy.

JUNE 23, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held June 23, 1965.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Spencer W. Reeder drew up legal papers for the purchase of the Karsunky electric line. The Grant was signed and notarized by Mr. William K. and Mrs. Frances A. Karsunky.

Mr. Spencer made a motion that we except the Grant. Seconded by Mr. Quillin. Mr. Reeder to get the Grant recorded.

A check received from Mrs. James Clifford for \$250.00 to pay for connecting to our line. Reference of transaction in April 28th minutes

A letter from The Historical Society of Talbot County expressing their thanks for assistance in the Perry Bension dedication at Newcomb and electric current for their amplifying equipment.

A letter of thanks from the Miles River Yacht Club for our support in the new 1965 year book.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

July 28, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held July 28, 1965.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The secretary was instructed to close all accounts as of June 30th so the auditor can work with the New balances July 1st for the "Fiscal Research Bureau Report" which must be reported from July 1st 1965 to June 30, 1966.

Mr. Fairbank reported, the load from St. Michaels to Claiborne had increased to the point where the line should be rebuilt. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Fairbank proceed with the necessary work and rebuild the line to Claiborne in order to increase the capacity of the line so that an adequate supply of electricity will be available to all customers.

Mr. William Murdoks inquired about the possibility of a 3 phase service to his hot house in Doncaster. As no information as to the size of the equipment he had was known, no definite decision was made regarding this extension. However Mr. Fairbank was instructed to contact Mr. Murdoks and tell him what the commission would furnish towards a 3 phase line to his property after the size of equipment he had was furnished to the Commission.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

August 25, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held August 25, 1965.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Mr. Fairbank contacted Mr. William Murdock concerning the possibility of a 3 phase service to his hot houses. Mr. Murdock had not decided what equipment he was going to install, and as soon as he decided he would let the Commission know.

Due to the increase in the load at Bayshore Foods Hatchery it may become necessary to replace the present transformers with larger ones. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Fairbank order larger transformers.

Mr. Fairbank reported that we need a new chassis for the Dodge Power Wagon. He was instructed to inquire as to cost of a new one.

Discussion about our electric line over the Oak Creek Bridge. Mr. Fairbank to look it over and see what could be done to protect the public.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

September - 21, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held September 21st, 1965.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

No report on the new chassis for the Dodge Power Wagon at this time.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the construction work on the Oak Creek Bridge was not completed. It will be quite a long time before we can change over our line.

The Grant made June 18th, 1965 by William Karl Karsunky and Frances Alfretta Karsunky his wife, was recorded in the Talbot County court house, State of Maryland in Liber No. 403 folio 631 on July 8th 1965 and filed in the "Grants" envelope in the St. Michaels Town office safe.

A bill for professional services and disbursements for July 7, 1965 - September 2, 1965 both inclusive from Mr. Spencer W. Reeder for \$720.38 was presented. A motion made and carried that we pay Mr. Reeder's bill of September 2nd.

A letter from the St. Michaels Fire Department Inc., September 21 stating that they have purchased a new siren to be placed on Railroad Avenue. Inquiring if the Utilities Commission would consider installing the new siren, which would consist of running a line from the Fire House to the location of the siren, and mounting same on a pole on or near Railroad Ave. The Fire Co. to furnish the necessary wire. A motion made and unanimously agreed that we would furnish a pole, labor and install the siren free of charge.

Mr Reeder attended the meeting and briefed us on behalf of St. Michaels and the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. of Maryland, pending the F.P.C.

The Resolution of May 26th minutes was ammended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that it is the policy of St. Michaels Utilities Commission to pass on to its 1500 ultimate consumers of electricity and to its one whole sale customer, the Royal Oak Division of Choptank Electric Co-operative, Inc. any further rate reduction which it may receive in St. Michaels v. Eastern Shore Public Service Company of Maryland et als FPC Docket Nos. E-7114 et als, by a just and reasonable allocation of such reduction and a rate design appropriate for passing on said reduction to its said 1500 Ultimate consumers and its said single wholesale customer.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the present heating system in the Utility Building was not adequate for the size of the building. Mr. Quillin made a motion that Mr. Fairbank get all the details on a larger heater and to use his discretion as to what size and kind to use.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

October 27, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michael's Utilities Commissioners was held October 27th 1965. Those present were, Reese, Quillin, Fairbank and the secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr Fairbank reported no progress on the Dodge Power Wagon.

The heating system will be taken care of just as soon as Mr. Fairbank hears from Mr. Spencer's agent.

It was unanimously agreed that we pay \$7.70 the flat rate on Stephen Greenhalgh's telephone bill.

Mr. Fairbank reported that Samuel Townsend is a very good worker and asked if it was possible to increase his wages. It was agreed to give him \$2.50^{more} per week, beginning Nov. 1st.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michael's requesting \$3,552.00 before October 29th for the purpose of paying the interest on the sewer bonds. It was agreed that we advance the amount ask for.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk Secy.

November 24, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Nov. 24th 1965.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

No progress was made on the Dodge Power Wagon.

Mr. Spencer's agent quoted a price on the heating system for the Utility shop of \$1,400.00 to heat the shop adequately. Mr. Taylor quoted a price of \$600.00. It was unanimously agreed to get Mr. Taylor to install the heating system, also furnish oil supplies and fittings.

A motion made and carried that we send \$10.00 to the Talbot County Tuberculosis Assoc. for Christmas Seals received.

The following Christmas checks to be issued on December 10th to the employees after all taxes are deducted: Milton Fairbank \$300.00, Ray Kilmon \$145.00, Carrie Fink \$105.00, Ellis Lednum \$100.00, Stephen Greenhalgh \$55.00, Madeline Farmer \$45.00, George Ball \$25.00, and Samuel Townsend \$25.00.

No further business the meeting adjourned

Carrie S. Fink Secy.

December 22, 1965

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michael's Utilities Commissioners was held December 22, 1965.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Fairbank received two bids for the replacement of the Dodge Power Wagon. The International Co. made a bid of \$4,450.00 and Fred Roser & Son, of Queenstown, Md. a Dodge for \$3,480.60. It was unanimously agreed that the Dodge would be a satisfactory replacement for our power wagon. The secretary to write a letter to the Town Commissioners asking permission to purchase same.

The heating system was installed and is working satisfactorily.

All employees expressed their thanks for the Christmas bonus checks and wished each one of the Commissioners a pleasant Holiday Season.

The salary schedule was reviewed. It was decided to continue the schedule as set up for the year 1966.

A letter was received from the Commissioners of St. Michael's in which they informed us of the appointment of Mr. Walter A. Eglseider to serve a three year term on the board of the Utilities Commission beginning January 1, 1966. Mr. Eglseider will serve in place of Mr. A. Gunby Reese whose term expires December 31, 1965. Mr. Spencer and Mr. Quillin, the remaining members of the Commission, expressed to Mr. Reese their pleasure in having served with him on the board and were sorry to see him leave. The Utilities Commission would like it to be recorded in the minutes that they deeply appreciate the very fine service that Mr. Reese has rendered the Commission during the past 12 years. Since this

Was Mr. Reese's last meeting he returned his office key to the secretary.

Since the old shop heater was depreciated and not worth much, Mr. Fairbank asked permission to dispose of it.

Residents of Claiborne inquired about street lights for their community. The Commission will furnish fixtures, supply power and maintain same. The cost to be \$3.90 per month for each light and the bill to be paid one year in advance.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk. Secy.

January 28, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Friday January 28, 1966.

Those present were Alex J. Spencer, J. B. Quillin, Walter A. Eglseder, Milton Fairbank and Carrie M. Fink.

The meeting was called to order by Alex J. Spencer who had been acting as president since Dec. 31st 1965. The first item of business was to organize for the year 1966. Mr. Quillin made a motion that Mr. Alex J. Spencer be appointed president of the Utilities Commission Board for 1966. Seconded by Mr. Walter Eglseder. Mr. Quillin made a motion that Mrs. Fink be reappointed as Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Fairbank as general manager. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A letter from the Town Commissioners granting permission to purchase a truck. Mr. Fairbank placed an order with Fred Roser & Son for a Dodge truck to cost \$3,480.60

Since the death of Mr. Orville W. Corkran our auditor, other arrangements will have to be made to audit our 1965 books. Mr. Quillin to get in touch with the office in Hurlock and see what arrangements could be made for an auditor.

It was unanimously agreed that we contribute \$10.00 to the March of Dimes.

The Commissioners plan to attend the meeting in Washington, scheduled for Feb. 1, 1966 in connection with the "Order Denying Petitions for leave to participate in oral argument as Amicus Curiae" Issued January 21, 1966.

Due to the expansion and increase in the demand at Barretts Cove Hatchery, Mr. Eglseder

made a motion that Mr. Fairbank purchase three 75 KVA Transformers. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that Mr. Fairbank get Mr. John W. Tider to check the wiring on Mr. Hoffman's property in Claiborne. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Junk Secy.

February 23, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Wednesday February 23rd.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Fairbank had no report on the trucks.

Mr. Quillin reported that Robert Corkran, son of Orville Corkran deceased, William Corkran a brother and Glen R. Eikenberry are incorporated. It was unanimously agreed to continue with their service.

Mr. Spencer, Quillin and Fairbank from the Utilities Commission and Mrs Plummer representing the Town Commissioners attended the meeting held in Washington, February 8th on the oral argument case.

Mr. Fairbank reported the 3 transformers ordered for Bayshore Foods inc. for the hatchery came in today.

No report on the wiring of Mr. Hoffman's property, to be carried over to the next meeting.

It was agreed to renew our membership with the National Committee for Utilities Radio. One Base station \$12.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966.

Mr. Fairbank reported that he had to repair the circuit breaker for the sub station during the last snow storm. Mr. Quillin made a motion that he order a new one. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels stating that they bought a "Dry Photo Copier" at a cost of \$413.90 and they would be grateful if we could pay for half of the cost of the machine. Mr. Quillin made a motion that we give

the Town Commissioners \$206.95 toward the purchase price of the machine. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

No further business the meeting adjourned
Carrie M. Juit - Secy.

March 23, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Wednesday March 23, 1966.

All members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A special meeting was held March 1, 1966 with all members of the Commission present. A Resolution proposed by Mr. Spencer W. Reeder was presented and unanimously passed.

Resolution adopted at this meeting was placed in the files, folder (Federal Power Commission). Milton H. Fairbank, Acct. Secy.

The regular meeting March 23

Mr. Fairbank reported that the new trucks will be shipped sometime in April.

Mr. John W. Tieder surveyed the wiring on the Hoffman property, his letter of March 22nd stated that he found connecting load approximately 155 Amperes, not including household appliances and lights. It is Mr. Tieder's opinion, service to this job should not be less than 200 Amperes to insure satisfactory performance to the customer. The Commissioners instructed the secretary to write a letter to Mr. Hoffman and send a copy of Mr. Tieder's letter.

Mr. Donald Howell has neglected to pay a Sundry bill of \$366.96. The secretary to give bill and details to Mr. Spencer and he would see what he could do with it.

A letter from Mr. Gilbert A. Eidman expressing his appreciation for installing the new light on his farm and thanking the foreman and crew for a job well done.

The APPA letter was read and Mr. Spencer to consult our attorney Mr. Spencer Reeder. letter given to Mr. Reeder for his decision
~~It he wished to join the organization.~~

We received from Mr. Spencer Reeder a copy of letter sent to chairman Lee White, Federal Power Commission, Washington, D.C. which was delivered March 2 by hand.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the Claiborne line would be ready to change over to the higher voltage line on March 27th. 423 cards were sent to customers that would be effected by the current being cut off between 8 and 10 A.M.

Mr. Fairbank stated that Samuel Townsend is a very good worker and with his 30 years experience he thinks in order to hold him he should be paid more money. Mr. Eglseder made a motion that we give Samuel Townsend a \$10.00 a week raise beginning April 1st pay. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

No further business the meeting adjourned
 Carrie M. Fink Secy.

April 27, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held April 27, 1966.

All members present.

The minutes of the special meeting held March 1, and regular meeting held March 23rd were approved as read.

The truck is being assembled and maybe delivered in a few weeks.

The Claiborne line was changed over to the higher voltage.

A letter from the Board of Governors of the Rio Vista Beach Club extended their thanks and appreciation for connecting the lights for their annual Christmas tree.

The Miles River Yacht Club is in the process of forming their 1966 year book hoping that the Utilities would participate by advertising in their book.

Mr. Eglseder made a motion that we purchase 1/3 page for \$20.00. Seconded by Mr. Oullin.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels requesting \$8,552.00 for Sewer Bonds and Coupons. on or before May 28th.

Mr. Oullin made a motion that we give the amount to the Town. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the preparation of a Complaint against the Delmarva Power and Light System and the four cooperatives on the Delmarva Peninsula which entered into covenants in restraint of trade with said Delmarva Power and Light System effective February 1, 1963 is hereby authorized.

2. That the employment of the law firm of Tally, Tally & Henley, of Fayetteville, North Carolina for the purpose aforesaid is hereby authorized.

3. That attendance at meetings, travel, and legal services in connection with said purpose retroactive to May 1, 1966 by J. O. Tally, Jr., Esq. or any other member or associate of said firm, be and the same is hereby authorized and ratified, total not to exceed \$600.00.

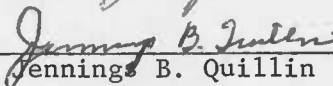
4. That payment of Tally, Tally & Henley's bills for said services at the rate of \$150.00 per diem, plus hotel, travel, printing, long distance telephone, and other out-of-pocket costs is hereby authorized.

5. That the secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send two copies of this Resolution to Tally, Tally & Henley in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and a request that they initial and return one of said copies, as evidence of their approval of this contract.

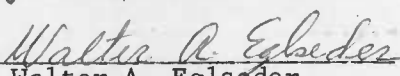
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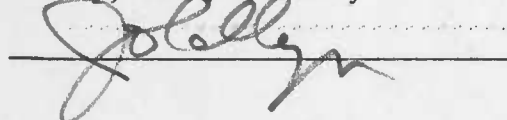
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Walter A. Eglseder

Approved:

Tally, Tally & Henley



August 6, 1966

C.M.F. Secy.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, a reversal of the Federal Power Commission's order in the wholesale rate case decided in favor of the Delmarva Power System and the REA Power System and against St. Michaels is necessary in the public interest, and

Whereas, such a reversal is also necessary in order to protect the valid and subsisting claim of St. Michaels against said parties to the Delmarva Power Trust agreement for treble damages for violation of the Anti-trust laws which presently amounts to nearly \$300,000, and

Whereas, counsel for St. Michaels has prepared a Petition to Review said FPC order for filing with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that:

Spencer W. Reeder, Esq., be and he is hereby authorized to file said Petition for Review with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on or before the 12th day of August 1966.

Alfred Spencer

J. B. Truitt

Walter A. Egbert

May 25, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michael's Utilities Commissioners was held May 25, 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with Mr. Spencer, Eglseider, Fairbank and Fink present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

No report on the new truck.

A letter from Mr. Spencer W. Reeder stating that on May 16th he filed for a rehearing on our case before the Federal Power Commission for a lower rate and enclosed a copy of the application for our permanent file.

Motion made by Mr. Eglseider and carried that we pay Mr. Reeder his retainer fee of \$100.00 from Jan. 1st 1966 to December 31, 1966.

A motion made and carried that we donate \$25.00 to the Talbot Agricultural Center Inc.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

June 22, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held June 22 at 7:30 P.M. with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the Power Takeoff shaft was to be fixed, then the trucks would be ready to be delivered.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we give Howard Harper an All Electric rate after his house is finished. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

It was unanimously agreed to give H. T. Austin credit for labor on his line built in May. If he should decide to turn over the line in its entirety we would accept same. Any maintenance to the line would then be paid for by the company.

A meeting to be held at Delmarva Light and Power Co. office in Harrington Delaware, Monday June 27th at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Fairbank asked about the possibility of closing the office on Saturdays and for the board to think it over.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fairbank
Secy.

July 27, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held July 27, 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with all members present and Mr. Spencer W. Reeder our attorney.

The new truck was delivered July 25th

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we pay H. T. Austiri \$83.45 as per agreement, Seconded by Mr. Eglseider.

A motion was made by Mr. Eglseider and seconded by Mr. Quillin that we authorize Mr. Reeder to prepare a petition for review of the Federal Power Comm. in the case of St. Michaels and Eastern Shore Public Service* Commission dated July 1st, addressed to Mr. A. Gunby Reese was turned over to Alex J. Spencer our new president, since Mr. Reese is no longer with the Commission. Mr. Spencer called the Public Service Comm. and acknowledged the letter and he was asked to reply thereto as soon as convenient. The July 20th, 1966 date in the original letter of July 1st countermanded.

A motion made by Mr. Quillin that we authorize Mr. Spencer and Mr. Fairbank our General Manager to answer the Public Service Commission's letter of July 1st, 1966. Seconded by Mr. Eglseider.

Moved by Mr. Eglseider and seconded by Mr. Quillin and carried that the Public Service Comm. be requested to send a representative to suggest appropriate rate reduction under present circumstances and conditions.

A motion made by Mr. Quillin seconded by Mr. Eglseider that Mr. Fairbank be requested to prepare a list of Capital Improvements and extra ordinary maintenance for submission to the Public Service Commission in part answer to Mr. Stringer's letter of July 1st, 1966.

A meeting was held in Oxford, Maryland on

* Co.

A letter from the Public Service

July 1966

JUNE 14, 1966, at this time a resolution was adopted. Resolution attached.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink, Secy.

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Special Meeting

On August 6, 1966 a special meeting was held in the office of Mr. Reeder for the purpose of discussing a resolution proposed by Mr. Reeder to authorize him to file a brief, for presentation to the Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit against the Federal Power Commission's ruling in our case against the Delmarva Power & Light Co.

This resolution was approved and adopted by all members of the Utilities Commission.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Daulak Secy.

Special Meeting

On Aug. 19, 1966 a special meeting was called to discuss the action which we were to take with regards to the appeal which Mr. Reeder had filed in the Court of Appeals in Richmond Va. against the ruling of the Federal Power Comm. in our case against the Delmarva Power & Light Co.

After some discussion it was decided to call Mr. Mortimer, the President of Delmarva Power & Light Co., and ask for a tentative date during the first week in September to discuss any proposal they had to offer regarding a settlement of our dispute with them in the matter of a reduction in wholesale rates to us.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Milton H. Daulak Secy.

August 24, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Aug. 24, 1966 at 7:30 PM with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting and special meetings were approved as corrected.

Mr. Fairbank was requested to write to the Public Service Commission for the rate schedules of the following companies: Chestertown, Delmarva Centerville, Easton and Choptank to be used for a study which may lead to a reduction in our rates.

Mr. Quillin made a motion authorizing Mr. Fairbank to spend between \$4,500.00 and \$6,000.00 for tree trimming. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

Mr. Eglseder made a motion that we authorize Mr. Fairbank to purchase 1 Chace Trailer for housing hot Line Tools, W/Elec. Brakes, Ball and socket hitch for \$1,525.00 plus freight. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Commissioners of St. Michaels asking permission to purchase the Chace Trailer.

Mr. Fairbank presented a proposal for a new Burroughs Accounting machine for the office. Mr. Eglseder made a motion that we table the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fuik Secy.

September 28, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held September 28th 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

No report on the Hot Line Tool Trailer.

Rate schedules of all surrounding suppliers of electricity have been received, reviewed and comparisons made. Mr. Fairbank proposed a new rate schedule for domestic customers for study only.

A thank you note was received from the Eglseider family expressing their thanks and appreciation.

A request was received from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum for a contribution toward the purchasing of the J. T. Leonard and maintenance fund. Mr. Eglseider made a motion that we contribute \$200.00 toward the fund. Seconded by Mr. Guillin.

The commissioners authorized the secretary to pay Mrs. Roy Porter for her share of the transformer which supplies 3 customers, less 3% depreciation per year.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Garris M. Fink, Secy.

October 26, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held October 26, 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with all members.

After receiving prices on freight charges, Mr. Fairbank was authorized to purchase the Chace Trailer for housing "Hot Line Tools."

The rate schedule was tabled for some time in the future.

Mr. Fairbank called the Delmarva Power & Light Co. regarding the joint use of their poles between St. Michaels and the old Bloomfield Road, for the purpose of constructing a new and heavier 12 KW. line under their existing 23 KW line. Two of their engineers came over and discussed the proposed line with Mr. Fairbank. Then they went over the line to determine the possibility of joint use of this line. They are to send us information as to whether we can or cannot use their poles for this change. No reply has been received to date.

A thank you note was received from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum committee expressing their thanks for our generous donation of \$200.00.

No further business, the meeting adjourned.

Carrie W. Jack Secy.

November 23, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Nov. 23rd 1966 at 7:30 P.M. with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

No report on the Chace Trailer.

To date we have not received a reply from the Delmarva Power & Light Co. engineers pertaining to the proposed line on their poles.

A request was received from the Commissioners of St. Michaels for \$3,472.00 to pay the interest on the sewer bonds. The secretary paid the amount requested from the Earned Surplus.

Mr. Eglseider made a motion to increase the tree trimming allowance to \$8,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase the 500 Xmas seals.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we give each employee a Xmas bonus of \$25.00 more than last year. Seconded by Mr. Eglseider, Milton Fairbank \$325.00, Ray Kilman \$170.00, Mrs. Fink \$130.00, Madeline Farmer \$70.00, Ellis Lednum \$125.00, Stephen Greenhalgh \$80.00 and George Ball \$50.00.

The office will be closed December 24th, 26th and January 2nd.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink

Secy.

December 28, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held December 28th at 2:00 P.M. with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Chance Trailer has arrived and application for license tags was made.

No report from the Delmarva Power & Light Co. in reference to our line on their poles.

The tree trimming project is finished and the Asplundh Tree Expert Co. did a very satisfactory job.

All employees expressed their thanks to the Commissioners for their Xmas bonuses.

Mr Eglseder made a motion that we pay the annual dues of \$12.00 to the National Committee for Utilities Radio. Seconded by Mr Quillin.

A letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels notifying the Utilities Commission that Alex J. Spencer was reappointed to the board for a period of three years, beginning Jan. 1, 1967.

I informed the Commissioners that as I would reach retirement age in November, I was planning to retire at the end of the year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

January 24, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held January 24th at 7:30 P.M. with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Quillig made a motion that Mr. Alex J. Spencer serve as president for 1967, Mrs. Fink secretary-treasurer and Mr. Fairbank as general manager. The motion carried.

Mr. Quillig made a motion that we pay Burroughs Corporation bill of \$311.81 for maintenance on the billing machine and adding machine. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

A letter from the Rio Vista Beach Club Inc. thanking the commissioners and the men for furnishing electric and labor for their community Christmas tree.

A letter from Delmarva Power and Light Co. concerning joint use of their pole line, was read and discussed. It was decided to table same until more information could be obtained from the Delmarva Power & Light Co.

Mr. Fairbank prepared proposed rates for the General Light and Power customers.

A representative of the Public Service Comm. asked for information showing monthly bills for all classes of rates we now have. He is to propose rates for these classes and submit same to us for our approval before they go into effect.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink secy.

March 2, 1967

The regular February meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was postponed until March 2, 1967

All members present

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. James E. Sewell was to receive a refund on his transformer less 3% depreciation which he purchased on January 10, 1964.

Mr. Quillin made a motion to authorize the Delmarva Power & Light Co. to construct the extra facilities over Oak Creek for our future use at a cost of \$612.81 to be paid on receipt of bill. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder. March 1, 1967

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Smith, Secy.

March 22, 1967

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Motions by Mr. Quillin and seconded by Mr. Eglseider to pay the \$350.00 as our share of the cost of the application of the 1965 Delmarva Power & Light operating experience to F.P.C. findings for the year ending June 30, 1963.

Regularly moved & seconded to take one third page at \$20.00 in the Miles River Yacht Club year book.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Walter H. Jantank Secy.

April 26, 1967

The regular monthly meeting was held Wednesday April 26, 1967, with all members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A letter was received from the Commissioners of St. Michaels requesting \$8,472.00 for sewer bonds and coupons to be retired June 1st. Mr. Quillin made a motion that we give the amount requested. Seconded by Mr. Eglseider.

A bill from Mr. Spencer W. Reeder for \$2,918.31, Feb. 1 to 28 inclusive for professional services and disbursements. A motion made by Mr. Eglseider that we pay the bill, seconded by Mr. Quillin.

A motion was made by Mr. Eglseider and carried to file a new rate schedule with the Public Service Comm. for approval, to be effective July 1st 1967.

A motion by Mr. Eglseider and carried that we contribute \$100.00 to the Cancer Fund.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Funk Secy.

May 24, 1967

The regular monthly meeting was held Wednesday May 24th 1967 with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The new rates to go into effect as follows:
Rural billing date August 15th and Town billing date August 1st.

A check for \$601.05 to be sent to the Choptank Electric Coop. Inc. covering the refund on our bills to them for the months of February, March and April. This is in accordance to the reduction promised under our new tariff, retroactive to February 1st 1967.

No further business the meeting adjourned
Carrie M. Fink Secy.

JUNE 28, 1967

The regular monthly meeting was held Wednesday June 28th with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

May 31st a letter was received from the Choptank acknowledging receipt of our check for \$601.05. A letter dated June 5 was received from F. E. Yeoman, Manager, stating that the Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc. was not content with the new wholesale rates because they could do better with the Delmarva Power & Light Co.

Mr. Spencer W. Reeder filed before the Public Service Commission of Md. June 14, Case No. 5885. An answer of St. Michaels Utilities

Commission to show cause in the Choptank case against St. Michaels.

Stanley H. Jones, year book chairman thanked the Commissioners for participating in their 1967 year book adds.

No further business the meeting adjourned.
Carrie M. Fink Secy.

July 31, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Monday July 31, 1967. Those present were Messrs. Spencer, Quillin, Fairbank and the Secretary.

The secretary was asked to get the total cost to date of the case with the Delmarva Power and Light Co. and the Choptank Cooperative Inc.

Mr. Spencer and Fairbank talked with Mr. Hunter about the possibility of another substation located about six miles from St. Michaels.

Mr. Fairbank wrote for information on prices on the insulated bucket boom truck.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the Acme Market ask for a 208/120 volts service for all of their needs.

Mr. Spencer reported that the County Board of Education was adding four new class rooms to the St. Michaels High School and they will be electrically heated.

No further business the meeting adjourned.
Carrie M. Fink Secy.

August 23, 1967.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday August 23, 1967. Those present were Mr. Spencer, Eglseider, Fairbank and the secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The secretary reported the total expenses to date on the Delmarva Power & Light Co. and Choptank Cooperative Inc. cases from 1961 to August 23, 1967 were \$22,808.89.

Mr. Spencer and Fairbank talked with Mr. Goldstein about the feasibility of putting a sub-station at Kirkham. We decided that it would not be profitable at this time.

Mr. Fairbank is to write for more information on the aerial tower truck.

The Acme Market was connected on August 20th.

Applications for the secretary's job were received from Mrs. Marion Marshall, Jr. and Mrs. Roy Cummings.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink, Secy.

September 27, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commission was held Wednesday September 27, 1967 with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we get permission from the Commissioners of St. Michaels to purchase one truck equipped with an insulated boom and bucket with accessories to cost approximately \$16,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase the 8 30 foot Class 5 creosoted pine poles and equipment from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. of Md. located along the North side of Neds Point Road.

Part of the line serving Kenneth Sappington, Dr. Hester Dyke, Dickson J. Preston, Dieter G. Zerrer, Barclay Trippe Sr., Barclay Trippe Jr. and J. McKenny Willis.

The new rates proposed by the Delmarva Power & Light Co. of Md. to become effective November 1, 1967 were discussed, but no change made in our rates.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Link Secy.

October 25, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Wednesday October 25, 1967. With all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Mr. Fairbank placed the order for the truck and equipment, also asked to have it delivered this year. It will cost approximately \$16,200.00.

Mr. Eglseider made a motion that Mr. Reeder change the "Informal Complaint" that is now before the Federal Power Commission to a "Formal Complaint." Seconded by Mr. Quillin.

A request from the commissioners of St. Michaels for \$3,392.00 to pay the interest on the sewer bonds due on November 1st. Mr. Quillin made a motion that we give the amount requested and seconded by Mr. Eglseider.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

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Roberta H. Marshall

November 22, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Wednesday Nov. 22, 1967

Those present were, ^{messrs} J. B. Quillin, Eglseider, Fairbank and Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Eglseider.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we meet the 3rd Wednesday in December on account of the regular meeting coming between the Christmas holidays. The office to be closed on the 23rd and Christmas Day. Seconded by Mr. Eglseider.

It was unanimously agreed to contribute \$10.00 to the Christmas Seal Campaign.

The secretary was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Reeder and ask him to present his bill for services to date before the end of the year.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we give each employee a Xmas bonus. Milton Fairbank \$325.00, Ray Kilmer \$170.00, Mrs. Fink \$130.00, Ellis Lednum \$125.00, Stephen Greenhalgh \$95.00 Madeline Farmer \$85.00 and George Ball \$65.00. Seconded by Mr. Eglseider.

A Letter from the Commissioners of St. Michaels announcing that Mr. J. B. Quillin was reappointed as Utilities Commissioner for the term beginning January 1, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1970.

No further business the meeting adjourned

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

December 20, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michaels Utilities Commissioners was held Wednesday December 20, 1967.

Those present were Messrs Quillin, Eglseder Fairbank and secretary.

Mr. Eglseder presided in the absence of the president.

Mr. Fairbank reported that the ^{New} truck was in Richmond and delivery could be expected in a few weeks. Mr. Quillin made a motion that checks be drawn for \$ to pay for approximate cost of the truck and accessory equipment out of the 1967 Revenue. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

During the snow storm the 1965 - 3/4 ton Ford truck and ladder were damaged by an accident. This was reported to our Insurance Co. Benson & Wales agents informed us that the ladder was not covered by the insurance. Mr. Robert Conkran is to be consulted and check our Insurance Policy as to damages and liability.

Mr. Quillin made a motion that we accept the deed from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. of Md. for all of the line from Lee Smith's place to Earl Robinson's. Seconded by Mr. Eglseder.

Notes from Miss Farmer and Mrs. Fink expressing their thanks for the Xmas bonus checks. Mr. Fairbank expressed for the men and himself, thanks for their Xmas bonus checks.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Carrie M. Fink Secy.

JANUARY 25, 1968

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1968, DUE TO A SNOW STORM ON THE REGULAR MEETING NIGHT OF JANUARY 24.

THOSE PRESENT WERE MESSRS. SPENCER, QUILLIN, EGLSEDER, FAIRBANK, MRS. FINK, AND MRS. MARSHALL.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE APPROVED AS READ.

MR. FAIRBANK REPORTED THAT THE NEW TRUCK IS IN EASTON, AND WILL BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE.

THE 1965 3/4 TON FORD PICKUP HAS BEEN REPAIRED, AND THE CHECK RECEIVED FROM BENSON AND WALES TO PAY THE DAMAGES. WE ALSO RECEIVED \$100 TOWARD THE DAMAGES ON THE LADDER, AFTER A \$50 DEDUCTION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO MEET WITH MR. WALES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND REVIEW THE POLICIES WITH HIM.

MR. QUILLIN MADE A MOTION THAT WE PAY THE BILL FOR THE NEW WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION POLICY WITH AMERICAN EMPLOYERS. SECONDED BY MR. EGLSEDER.

THE CONTRACT WITH BURROUGHS CORPORATION FOR SERVICE TO OUR ADDING AND BILLING MACHINES WILL BE RENEWED FOR ANOTHER YEAR, AT A COST OF \$302.

A LETTER WAS READ FROM THE RIO VISTA BEACH CLUB, THANKING THE COMMISSIONERS AND MEN FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. ALSO A LETTER FROM DR. J. A. HAWKINSON, THANKING US FOR OUR FINE SERVICE.

A LETTER FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WAS READ, IN REGARDS TO THEIR PROPOSED RULES ON UNDERGROUND SERVICE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION AT A MEETING ON

JANUARY 31. MR. QUILLIN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. EGLSEDER, THAT MR. FAIRBANK REPRESENT THE COMMISSION AT THE MEETING, AND EXPRESS HIS VIEWS AS HE SEES FIT. THE COMMISSION FEELS FAVORABLE TOWARD THE RULING.

MR. FAIRBANK REPORTED THAT THE NEW TRUCK WILL NOT FIT IN THE PRESENT GARAGE. SINCE IT IS FULL NOW, AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING WAS DISCUSSED. MR. FAIRBANK WAS INSTRUCTED TO GET DRAWINGS, PRICES, ETC., FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

MR. QUILLIN MADE A MOTION THAT MR. ALEX J. SPENCER SERVE AS PRESIDENT FOR 1968, MR. MILTON FAIRBANK AS GENERAL MANAGER, AND MRS. ROBERTA H. MARSHALL AS SECRETARY-TREASURER. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. EGLSEDER.

THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO MRS. FINK FOR NEARLY EIGHTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Roberta H. Marshall, Secretary

FEBRUARY 28, 1968

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION WAS HELD AT 7:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 28, 1968, WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS READ.

A THANK YOU NOTE WAS RECEIVED FROM MRS. FINK, EXPRESSING HER APPRECIATION FOR COURTESIES EXTENDED DURING HER SERVICE TO THE COMMISSION.

NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, STATING THAT MRS. FINK'S FIRST RETIREMENT CHECK WOULD BE SENT TO US FOR PRESENTATION. SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO MRS. FINK.

BENSON + WALES HAS BEEN CONTACTED, AND IT WAS FELT THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN \$50 AND \$100 DEDUCTIBLE INSURANCE WAS NOT WORTH MAKING A CHANGE IN OUR POLICIES AT THIS TIME.

MR. FAIRBANK REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE MEETING AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, AND THE PROPOSED RULES ON UNDERGROUND SERVICE ARE TO BE REWRITTEN AND DISTRIBUTED AT A LATER DATE.

THE NEW TRUCK HAS BEEN IN USE SEVERAL TIMES, AND IS WORKING ALL RIGHT.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS HAVE AGREED TO BUILD AN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT WAREHOUSE AND GARAGE, AT A COST OF \$7,271⁰⁰, WITH WIRING AND PLUMBING TO BE DONE BY THE UTILITIES. THE BUILDING SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN APPROXIMATELY SIXTY DAYS.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION, REQUESTING THAT WE ALLOW THEM 30 DAYS BEFORE APPLYING GROSS RATES TO THEIR BILLS FOR CURRENT AT OAK CREEK AND MILES RIVER

BRIDGES. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS A TOTAL OF \$66.08 IN ARREARS ON THE TWO ACCOUNTS, MOST OF WHICH IS GROSS CHARGES APPLIED TO THE ACCOUNTS SINCE JULY OF 1966. IT WAS AGREED THAT SINCE IT TAKES THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE A GOOD BIT OF TIME TO PROCESS THE BILLS, WE WILL ALLOW THE EXTRA 15 DAYS, PROVIDED THEY PAY THE ACCOUNT UP TO DATE SO WE CAN CLEAR OUR BOOKS.

A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON FUTURE PLANS FOR ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES. MR. FAIRBANK WAS INSTRUCTED TO WORK UP HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Roberta H. Marshall, Sec.

MARCH 27, 1968

THE ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION HELD THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1968, WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS READ.

MR. FAIRBANK REPORTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADDITION TO THE TOWN GARAGE AND WAREHOUSE IS PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE.

A CARD WAS RECEIVED FROM MRS. GORDON JACKSON, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FLOWERS SENT FOR THE FUNERAL OF GORDON JACKSON, TOWN POLICEMAN.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM MR. JOHN E. SLOANE, IN REGARDS TO SOME TREE TRIMMING THAT WAS DONE ON OR NEAR HIS PROPERTY LINE IN CHURCH NECK. MR. SPENCER WILL CONTACT MR. SLOANE CONCERNING THIS.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON TRIMMING TREES IN THE PEA NECK AREA.

AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE MILES RIVER AT TUNIS MILLS, THE PRESENT CABLE SERVING THE AREA BEYOND THE BRIDGE WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MR. SPENCER CONTACT MR. RASH OF THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION, TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY HAVE MADE ANY ALLOWANCE FOR REPLACING THE CABLE.

MR. FAIRBANK PRESENTED A LIST OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REBUILDING AND MAINTENANCE. IT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

IN TOWN

DODSON AVENUE	\$125.00
NORTH STREET	100.00
THOMPSON ALLEY	165.00
HARRISON ALLEY	275.00

MAPLE STREET	150.00
HIGGINS + SPENCER AREA (TRANSFORMER, POLES, SERVICE)	850.00
MILL STREET	1,170.00
CARPENTER STREET	100.00
ST. MARY'S SQUARE	235.00
HARBOR ROAD + EAST CHEW AVENUE	435.00
3 PHASE CHURCH NECK LINE	350.00
	<u>\$ 3,955.00</u>

OUT OF TOWN

KIRKHAM LINE - 6,000 FT., 44 POLES	\$ 1,500.00
MILES RIVER NECK LINE MAINTENANCE (LABOR \$1500., M+S \$800)	2,300.00
GROUND WIRE FROM MILES RIVER BRIDGE TO TUNIS MILLS	750.00
NEW RE-CLOSERS, MILES RIVER NECK	3,000.00
3 PHASE, DOBYNE LINE, 1/2 MILE	200.00
3 PHASE, PART OF HOPKINS NECK LINE	200.00
	<u>\$ 7,950.00</u>

THIS TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$11,905.00 FOR REBUILDING AND MAINTENANCE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED IF THE PROPOSED NEW HIGH SCHOOL IS BUILT THIS YEAR. ALSO, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$15,000 FOR NEW CABLE ACROSS THE MILES RIVER, IF THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION HAS NOT MADE AN ALLOWANCE FOR IT.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Roberta H. Marshall, Sec.

MAPLE STREET	150.00
HIGGINS & SPENCER AREA	
TRANSFORMER, PULL BOXES	750.00
MILL STREET	1,170.00
CARPENTER STREET	100.00
ST. MARY'S SOURCE	230.00
HARRIS ROAD & EAST CHURCH AVENUE	435.00
3 PHASE CIRCUT NEAR LINE	350.00
	\$3,955.00

OUT OF TOWN

KIRKMAN LINE - 6,000 FT. 44 AWG #	1,200.00
MINE RIVER NEAR LINE MAINTENANCE	
(LOOK UP FOR M + 3 2100)	2,300.00
GROUND WIRE FROM MINE RIVER	
BRIDGE TO TOWN MILL	90.00
NEW RAILROADS, MINE RIVER NEAR	3,000.00
3 PHASE, DEWING LINE, 1/2 MILE	200.00
3 PHASE, PART OF HICKMAN NEAR LINE	200.00
	\$7,950.00

THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF ALLYAS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED IF THE PROPOSED NEW HIGH SCHOOL IS BUILT THIS YEAR. ALSO THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,000 FOR NEW ROAD BRIDGE, THE MINE RIVER, IF THE STATE ROAD COMMISSION HAS NOT MADE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR IT.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Robert W. Marshall, Secy

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Suggestion -

Why not a "payment box"
outside door, so Customers
may deposit payment by Check
etc. - - like Telephone Co. in

Easton has outside their door - -
would be appreciated by working people!

Florence Ⓟ Neill

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ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

NOVEMBER 30, 1967

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>To Date</u>
Residential Sales.....	\$ 13,277.27	\$151,971.36
Commercial & Industrial Sales.....	7,776.68	88,746.67
Public Street Lighting.....	154.85	1,410.32
Sales for Resale.....	1,546.36	17,773.87
Other Sales.....	180.49	1,800.06
Forfeited Discounts.....	153.30	1,973.92
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Total Revenue.....	\$ 23,088.95	\$263,676.20

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Taxes Other Than Income.....	\$ 105.49	\$ 1,673.19
Interest on Deposits.....	3.00	18.84
Purchased Power.....	13,673.24	134,914.60
Line & Station Supplies.....	-----	135.45
Misc. Distribution.....	60.66	930.73
Rents - Shop & Office.....	300.00	3,315.00
Maint. of Structures & Equipment.....	-----	2.95
" " Distribution.....	1,815.27	19,385.08
" " Street Lighting.....	250.61	589.64
" " Meters.....	16.32	225.14
" " Misc. Distribution.....	105.60	260.06
Meter Reading.....	305.51	3,382.63
Accounting & Collecting.....	472.72	6,083.09
Supplies - Customers.....	315.58	2,884.35
Uncollectable Accounts.....	(6.24)	45.89
Administrative & General Salaries.....	315.00	4,160.95
Office Supplies.....	42.47	651.73
Outside Services.....	-----	100.00
Property Insurance.....	-----	157.85
Injuries & Damages.....	18.59	665.27
Pensions & Benefits.....	137.18	3,985.51
Regulatory Commissions.....	12.50	6,405.62
Misc. General.....	-----	185.00
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Total.....	\$ 17,943.50	\$190,158.57
Estimated Interest (unpaid).....	22.98	254.35
" Depreciation.....	1,195.78	13,116.82
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Total Estimated Expenses.....	\$ 19,162.26	\$203,529.74

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROFIT.....	\$ 3,926.69	\$ 60,146.46
Estimated Profit for same period 1966.....	\$ 1,486.18	\$ 51,440.95

ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

NOVEMBER 30, 1967

ASSETS

<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>1-1-67</u>	<u>11-30-67</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease*</u>
Cash & Working Funds.....\$	5,210.00	\$ 34,990.44	\$ 29,780.44
Accts. Rec. - Customers...	15,125.68	15,267.03	141.35
" " - Sundry.....	764.54	491.45	273.09*
Materials & Supplies.....	36,369.29	38,267.89	1,898.60
Accts. Rec. - Employees...	795.60	1,061.28	265.68
" " - Town.....	-----	3,210.38	3,210.38
Total.....	\$ 58,265.11	\$ 93,288.47	\$ 35,023.36
 <u>PROPERTY ACCOUNTS</u>			
Land & Land Right of Ways.\$	229.00	\$ 229.00	\$ 000000
Substation Equipment.....	33,134.49	33,265.07	130.58
Poles, Towers & Fixtures..	95,511.60	99,126.16	3,614.56
Overhead Conductors.....	125,138.96	130,490.24	5,351.28
Underground Conduits.....	4,831.71	4,831.71	-----
Line Transformers.....	94,981.37	106,077.87	11,096.50
Services.....	30,117.44	33,414.13	3,296.69
Meters.....	41,306.91	43,741.26	2,434.35
Municipal St. Lighting.....	18,491.04	20,180.87	1,689.83
Structures & Improvements.	1,450.74	1,450.74	-----
Office Furniture & Equip..	6,898.73	6,898.73	-----
Transportation.....	21,241.18	21,336.63	95.45
Tools & Working Equipment.	3,385.35	3,737.12	351.77
Laboratory "	1,491.18	1,491.18	-----
Communication "	5,856.25	5,856.25	-----
Total.....	\$484,065.95	\$512,126.96	\$ 28,061.01
 <u>OTHER ASSETS</u>			
Organization.....\$	2,550.22	\$ 2,550.22	\$ -----
Franchises.....	105.50	105.50	-----
Total.....	\$ 2,655.72	\$ 2,655.72	\$ -----
 TOTAL ASSETS.....	 \$544,986.78	 \$608,071.15	 \$ 63,084.37

ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

NOVEMBER 30, 1967

LIABILITIES

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1-1-67</u>	<u>11-30-67</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease*</u>
<u>Accounts Payable</u>			
Customers Deposits.....\$	4,793.00	\$ 5,290.00	\$ 497.00
Interest Accrued.....	217.02	254.35	37.33
Md. Withholding Tax.....	-----	228.00	228.00
Total.....\$	<u>5,010.02</u>	<u>\$ 5,772.35</u>	<u>\$ 762.33</u>
 <u>RESERVES</u>			
Accumulated Depreciation..\$	194,476.25	\$209,727.96	\$ 15,251.71
 <u>INVESTMENTS</u>			
Unappropriated Surplus....\$	345,500.51	\$345,500.51	\$ -----
Appropriated Surplus.....	-----	(13,076.13)	13,076.13*
Profit to Date.....	-----	60,146.46	60,146.46
Total.....\$	<u>345,500.51</u>	<u>\$392,570.84</u>	<u>\$ 47,070.33</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & INVESTMENTS-\$	544,986.78	\$608,071.15	\$ 63,084.37

Ambulance Assoc.	5.00
Halloween Parade	10.00
T. B. Seals	5.00
Little League	10.00
Miles River Yacht Club	
1/4 Page	
1/8 "	
1/10 "	
Economic Development Co.	50.00
March of Dimes	10.00
Cancer Society	10.00

ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION
ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND

ELECTRIC SERVICE	ST. MICHAELS RATES	Power - \$1.00 per K. W. up to 5 K. W. Over 5 K. W, 50c per K. W.
First 40 K. W. H.	7c Gross, 6c Net.	
Next 40 K. W. H.	5c Gross, 4c Net.	
Next 120 K. W. H.	3c Gross, 3c Net.	
Next 300 K. W. H.	2½c Gross, 2¼c Net.	Fuel Adjustment rate fluctuates.
All over 500 K. W. H.	2c Gross, 2c Net.	
Minimum Bill: \$1.25	With Range \$2.50	
Plus \$1.00 per H. P. of Motor Load for each Motor of more than 1 H. P.		

PRESENT METER READING DATE	METER READINGS		KWH. USED	AMOUNT & CODE
	PREVIOUS	PRESENT		

Date of Bill

CODE:
 EL - ELECTRIC
 FA - FUEL ADJUSTMENT
 TX - SALES TAX
 AR - ARREARS

NET RATE applies to all bills paid on or before 15th of the month. **GROSS RATES** apply to all bills paid after the 15th of the month.

NAME	COMMISSIONER	Term Began	Term Expir
J. B. Quillin		Jan. 1, 1965	Dec. 31, 1967
Alex J. Spencer		Jan. 1, 1967	Dec. 31, 1969
Walter A. Eglsteder		Jan. 1, 1966	Dec. 31, 1968
J. B. Quillin		Jan. 1, 1968	Dec. 31, 1970

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Your account shows you are two months in arrears. We would appreciate you taking care of this at once. According to our rules _____ is the dead line. If payment is not received by that time, service may be discontinued.

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If you have sent a payment in the last two days, disregard this notice.

ST. MICHAELS UTILITIES COMMISSION

ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND

(Sept 30, 1964)
 E.S.P.S. Co. of Md.
 17,979.29

Spencer W. Reeder	Milton H. Fairbank	Publishing Easton & Columbia	Strawbridge Tally	Robert Morris Inn Marvadel	C. & P. Tel. Co	Total
<u>1961</u>			S- 350.00			350.00
<u>1963</u>						
300.00						
345.00						
432.70						
203.60						
901.23						2182.53
<u>1964</u>						
188.50	35.95					
950.57						
570.85						
559.16						
885.50						
595.41						3785.94
<u>1965</u>						
303.75	4.00					
404.02	10.00					
667.75						
796.87						
720.38						
368.72						
<u>1966</u>						
274.73	8.00	E.- 33.25	T.- 600.00	R.- 164.87		
973.18		C.- 15.55				
872.93						
1271.97						
2802.23						7016.71
<u>1967</u>						
1162.25	7.50			M.- 350.00	7.45	
2918.31	5.50					
^{6/30} 1747.21						6198.22
21,216.82	70.95 12.50	48.80	950.00	514.87	7.45	22,808.89

(1967)
 Feb. 1,000.00
 Mar 1,000.00
 April 1,000.00
 May 1,000.00
 June 1,000.00
 July 1,000.00

~~17,979.29~~
 17,979.29
 6,000.00
 23,979.29 credit

Lost
 28,000 - Oct 1, 1964
 to
 Feb-1 1967

(1963) 600.00 Retainer Fees
 ↓ 1610.00 Auditor
 369.82 P.S. Comm. Fee
 2579.82