

1 pattern and schedule. Many of the meetings have been
2 secretive in nature and some of them have been hastily
3 called and unannounced to the public as was the case in
4 1964 when the state property tax was raised from 15 to
5 17 cents per hundred and until 1959 the executive secretary
6 of the board has been under the control of the comptroller,
7 not under the Chief Executive and when we talk about his
8 ability, let us take a look at the record as has been
9 reflected over the years from 1966 to 1967; the minutes of
10 the Board of Public Works were provided to the public 7
11 months after the meeting of the Board. March 9, 1959
12 the minutes were available five **weeks** and 13 months
13 later.

14 The April 15 meeting, 1959, five months and
15 ten days later. The first meeting of the fiscal year
16 1963 was held in July and the minutes were published
17 December 24, and we can go back through the pages in
18 the annals of our state and find continually documented
19 evidence that indeed the Board of Public Works has been per-
20 **forming** a public service.

21 It has been a hindrance to Maryland moving