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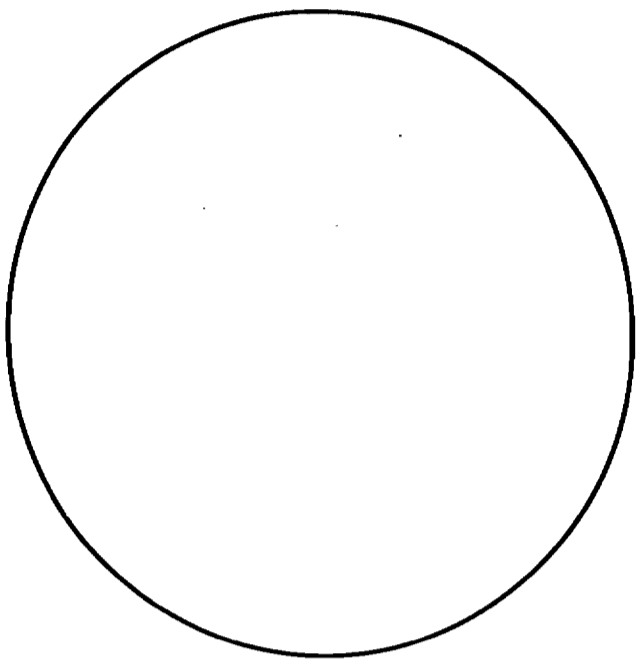
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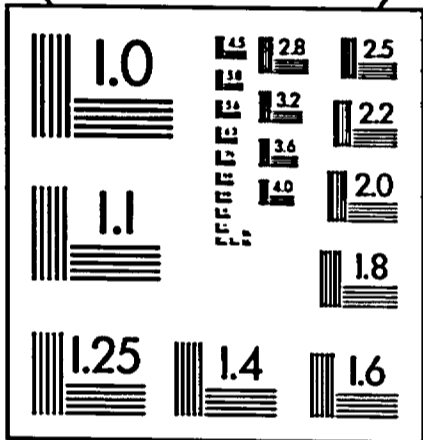
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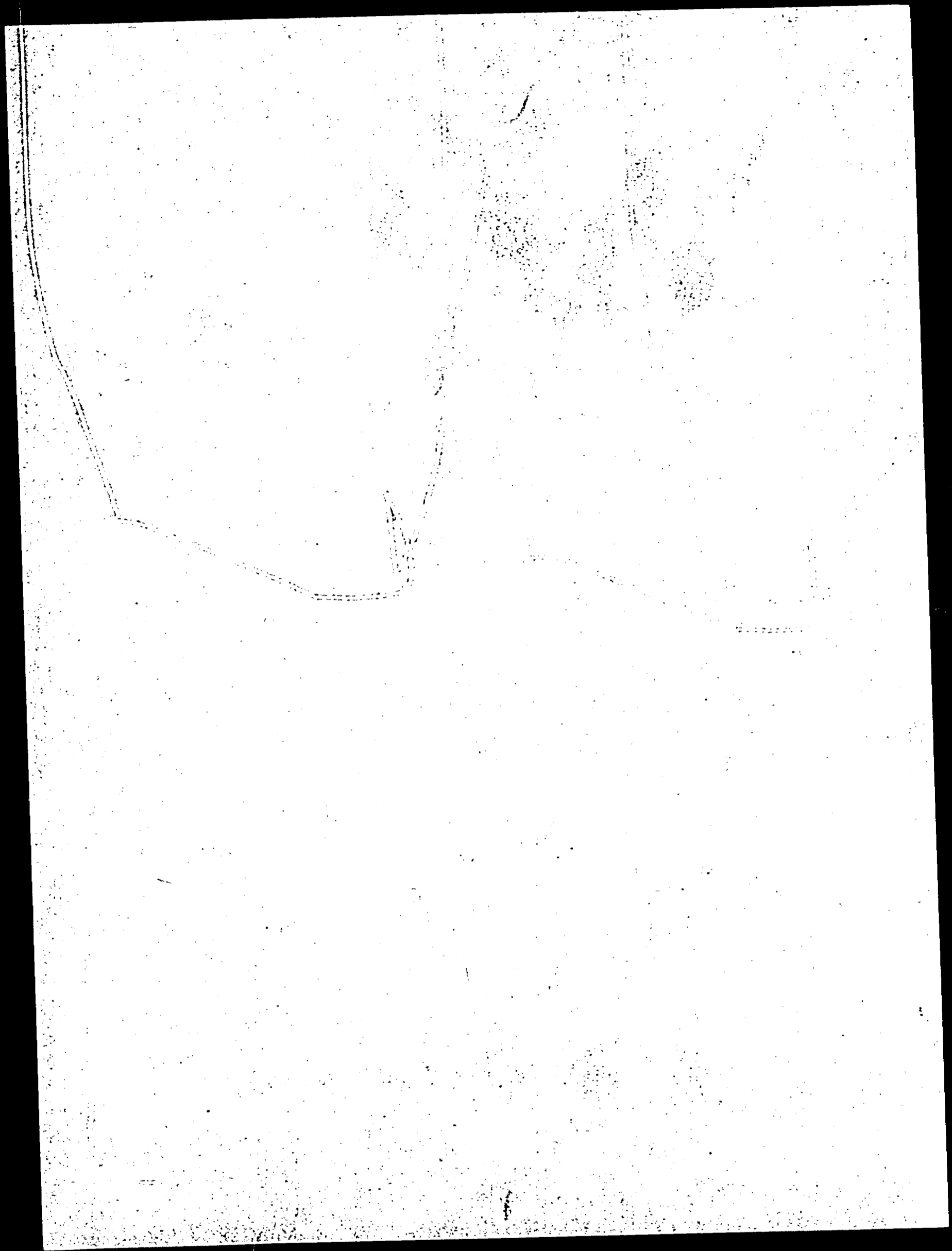
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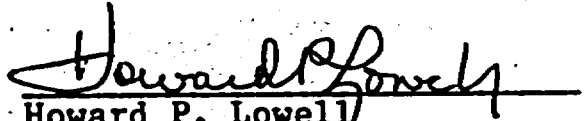




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TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON

Minutes

January 1909
to
December 1941

**DUE TO THE POOR
CONDITION OF THE
DOCUMENTS, THE OPERATOR
HAS DONE EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO CREATE
THE BEST POSSIBLE IMAGE**

January 5, 1909.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Hanes, Challengers, Taylor, Biggs, Shaw, Weaver, McGray, Ferris, Secy pro tem.

Treas. reported having received \$300.00 from Mr. Higgins and \$500.00 from Mr. Ingram. Balance on hand, \$2921.30

Further reported that he had received John Jordan's note with John J. Steindan as witness. That he had engaged R. S. Rodney to prepare chattel mortgages, and had received executed mortgages from Mrs. Biggs, but had heard nothing from Higgins or Barry.

On motion, it was resolved that if Mr. Barry and Mr. Higgins do not execute chattel mortgages and deliver same to treasurer by Tuesday evening next, that the rent be collected by a levy and the farms be rented by the treasurer and Acting Committee.

Peem Farm was rented to A. Ingram for \$550.00

Bills presented as follows:

Yuden, Est. New Castle County Kent. Ins. Co. - Insurance -	\$44.25
Elison, Est. Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. - ..	61.54
R. H. Harrington - Glazing at Tom Hall.	2.55
Charles Dixon - Carpenter work at Jefferson	66.50
B. T. Kaul - Bolt.	.40
Abraham Ingram - Tax for Wolf at Peem	.25
James T. Morrison - Carpenter work at Cent. Hall	43.20
J. T. & E. Elison - Sundry supplies, Sept. 12 to Jan. 4, 1909	169.76
	388.45

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee was instructed to report at next meeting as to cost of putting in an acre or two of fruit trees on each farm, with recommendations as to variety and location of orchard.

The Acting Committee was also authorized to buy sufficient lime for one field for each farm.

Adjourned:

W. J. Ferris
Secy pro tem

February 2, 1909.

Present: Messrs. Rodney, Hance, Challenger, Taylor, Biggs, Morrison, Deemer, Shaw, Ferris, Secy pro tem. (9)

Treas. reported that Chattel mortgages of Mr. Barry and Mr. Higgins had been executed and recorded.

Two tons of coal were ordered given to colored schools.

Bills presented as follows:

J. H. Blackburn	work on Ice House Pump Room	\$ 10.00
J. G. Justice	Lumber for Center Hall	116.43
		<u>126.43</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly drawn.

Moved that \$300. be put at the disposal of the Acting Committee for purchase of fruit trees. Amended - that the Committee report at next meeting before expending any money. The amended motion prevailed.

Adjourned:

W. J. Ferris
Secy pro tem

March 2, 1909.

Present: Messrs. Wier, Hance, Shaw, Taylor, Morrison, Challenger, Biggs, McGary, Ferris, ^{Treasurer} and Jammie. (11)

Mr. Wier was chosen President pro tem.

Minutes of meeting of February 2, 1909, were dispensed with.

Treasurer McGary reported a payment of \$200.00 by Mr. Hobson, and a balance on hand of \$2662.76.

The Treasurer reported that he had paid during the preceding year as follows: \$240.00 to Citizens Loan Assoc. dues on Fire Engine House; \$100.00 to Atty. Rodney for expense account in Tax case; and \$13.70 for labor bills out of Acting Committee fund; all of the above payments having been provided for by special ordinances.

A Committee from City Council (Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mathias) appeared in reference to aiding the Deemer Steel Casting plant in getting a railroad siding into its new plant, costing about \$2500.00, and requested the Trustees to aid the same in any way possible.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to notify City Council that this Board does not feel itself in such a financial condition as will warrant any additional grants of money or guarantees in aid of any further new enterprises.

Bills were presented as follows:

Keegan & Hufnagel	Sporting at Stratton	\$11.40
"	Roofing " Hance Corner	12.48
"	Conductors " City Hall	4.95
W. S. Burris	Lumber for Union & Bayard	53.80
Charles Dixon	Carpenter work at Stratton	133.00
S. W. Barrick & Sons	Lime for farms	697.06
J. T. & E. E. Eliason	Supplies, Jan. 7 to Feb. 23	365.74
(F. Jammie, left) Ely & Co. Mr. Everett	Dues on bond to March 1	50.00
Selden S. Deemer	" " " " "	197.50
Patrick McGary, Treas.	Expenses & Expenditures	100.00
F. Jammie, Secretary	" " " "	50.00
Timothy Old Court House	Rent of room	50.00
Immanuel Church	Care of Tom Clark	50.00
B. F. Lancaster	Salary as Janitor to March 21	25.00
		<u>\$1800.93</u>

An ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

On motion, the Board went into the annual election for officers. Messrs. Taylor and Biggs were appointed tellers.

For President: Mr. Rodney received 9 votes.
Mr. Wier " " " "
Mr. Ferris " 1 "

And Mr. Rodney was declared elected.

For Treasurer (to serve two years):

Mr. McGary received 6 votes.
Mr. Ferris " 1 "
Mr. Biggs " 1 "
Blank - 3 ballots.

And Mr. McGary was declared elected.

For Secretary:

Mr. Jammie received 10 votes.
Mr. Ferris " 1 "

And Mr. Jammie was declared elected.

For Acting Committee:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
Mr. Taylor -	6								
" Shaw -	5	6							
" Biggs -	3	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	7
" Toman -	3	4	3	4	5	5	5	5	4
" Hance -	4	3	1	2	1				
" Ferris -	2	1	1						
" Rodney -	1								
" Jaurin -	1	1							
" Morrison -	1	1	1						
" Challenger -	1								
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And Messrs. Taylor, Shaw and Biggs were declared elected.

For Committee on Public Buildings:

Mr. Ferris received 8 votes.

Mr. Wise " 8 "

Mr. Hance " 7 "

Mr. Challenger " 4 " And Messrs. Ferris,

Mr. Biggs " 2 " Wise and Hance

Mr. Morrison " 2 " were declared elected.

Mr. Shaw " 1 "

Mr. Jaurin " 1 "

For Janitor:

B. F. Lancaster received 8 votes.

R. R. Munson " 3 "

And Mr. Lancaster was declared elected.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Shaw were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the treasurer.

Adjourned.

Wm. J. Ferris, Secy.

April 6th, 1909.

Present: Messrs. Morrison, McGroary, Ferris, Shaw, Challenger, Biggs, Taylor and Jaurin. 8

Treasurer McGroary reported receipts as follows:

John Jordan - \$135.00 on account of note.

Thos. T. Clark - \$310.00 (\$303.00 cash and 6.00 by receipted bill for repairs to chimney and pump.)

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25TH, 1909.

Receipts.	Expenditures.
Balance on hand March 25th, 1908.....\$3,960 73	Baldt Steel Casting Co.....\$1,120 00
Received from Thos. T. Clark, in full..... 620 00	Brylgon Steel Casting Co..... 1,200 00
" Thos. Holcomb, in full..... 23 00	Selden S. Deemer, interest on Bond..... 592 50
" John C. Knotts, in full..... 35 00	Annie E. M. Everett..... 100 00
" Jos. C. Bacon, on account..... 138 00	Citizens Building and Loan Association..... 240 00
" Thos. W. Barry, on account..... 400 00	Expenses in Tax Suit Case..... 100 00
" Noah Higgins, on account..... 1,200 00	Water Rent, four Farms and Town Hall..... 123 50
" Wm. B. Ralledge, on account..... 536 89	New Amstel Press, Printing..... 10 50
" John Jordan, on account..... 215 00	S. W. Barrick & Sons, lime for Farms..... 697 66
" Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs, on account..... 855 00	Farmers Mutual Insurance Co..... 61 54
" Wm. R. Hobson, on account..... 941 00	New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co..... 44 25
" Emma Bruce Estate, on account..... 25 00	Special Fund Account..... 800 00
" Rents from Meeting Room, on account..... 31 83	Coal for Colored Schools..... 14 00
To credit Acting Committee Account..... 14 15	Secretary's Minute Book..... 4 00
Interest..... 618 25	Light, Town Hall..... 1 50
Abraham Ingram..... 618 25	Balance Acting Committee's Account..... 14 15
	Repairs and Expenses at
	Model Farm.....\$161 24
	Stockton Farm..... 607 08
	Union and Bayard Farm..... 146 01
	Centre Hall Farm..... 342 77
	Oglethorpe Farm..... 400 76
	Jefferson Farm..... 373 54
	Penn Farm..... 313 24
	Clayton Farm..... 134 98
	\$2,479 62
	Repairs at Town Hall..... 18 82
	Trustees of Court House, for rent of Room..... 50 00
	Immanuel Church, care of Town Clock..... 50 00
	Secretary's Expenses..... 50 00
	Treasurer's..... 100 00
	Janitor's Salary..... 50 00
	Balance cash on Hand..... 1,796 33
	\$9,627 77
	The Outstanding Obligations of Trustees Follow:
	Brylgon Steel Casting Co., 4%.....\$5,000 00
	Baldt Steel Casting Co., 4%..... 2,000 00
	Selden S. Deemer, 10 year Bond, 5%..... 7,900 00
	Annie E. M. Everett, Bond, 5%..... 2,000 00
	County Tax in litigation, 6 years Due..... 2,627 68
	Citizens' Building and Loan Association..... 1,780 00
	School District No. 48, Tax Estimated..... 35 00
	\$21,342 68
Special Fund.	
To Balance last Report.....\$2,467 72	
Deposit..... 800 00	
Interest..... 55 91	
Amount Due Trustees.	
Thos. W. Barry.....\$1,164 41	
Noah Higgins..... 1,398 87	
Lydia A. Biggs..... 1,378 75	
John Jordan..... 375 00	
Abraham Ingram..... 149 75	
Wm. R. Hobson..... 31 25	
Wm. B. Ralledge..... 198 75	
Jos. C. Bacon..... 18 00	
Emma Bruce Estate..... 109 50	
James B. Toman..... 75 56	
	4,899 84
Of the Above Amount Due, the Following is Secured by Chattel Mortgage and Note.	
Thos. W. Barry.....\$988 16	
Noah Higgins..... 800 74	
Lydia A. Biggs..... 951 87	
John Jordan, Note..... 225 00	
	2,965 77

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

JOHN H RODNEY, President.

PATRICK M'GRORY, Treasurer.

FRANCIS DeH. JANVIER, Secretary.

ACTING COMMITTEE:

JAMES G. SHAW,

JOHN E. TAYLOR,

JAMES E. BIGGS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

WILLIAM J. FERRIS.

JAMES M. WISE.

JOHN M. HANCE.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees:

NAME	NO	TENANT	ACRES	RENTS
Jefferson	1	Thos. Barry	90 1-2	\$452 50
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3-4	853 75
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Ralledge	79 1-2	397 50
Centre Hall	5	T. T. Clark	124	620 00
Penn	6	Abraham Ingram	187 1-3	550 00
Union	8	Noah Higgins	217 1-2	1,196 25
Bayard	9	Tasker Clark	92 1-2	462 50
Clayton	10	John Jordan	109 1-3	300 00
Model	11	John Jordan		23 00
Lot part of B.		Thos. Holcomb		25 00
Lot part of 3.		Mrs. Emma Bruce Estate		37 78
Lot part of 2.		James B. Toman		156 00
City Hall Store		Joseph C. Bacon		
Total				\$5,074 28

Trustees of the New Castle Common:

John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Patrick McGroary	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Francis DeH. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907

Audited and Found Correct April 22, 1909.

WILLIAM J. FERRIS, } AUDITING
JAMES G. SHAW, } COMMITTEE

PATRICK M'GRORY,
Treasurer.

Mr. Bruce - \$25.00 (18.00 cash and 6.00 by receipted bill for repairs to hot air pump at Penn Farm.)

The report was accepted and the above bill, approved and ordered to be credited to rent.

Bills were presented as follows but were not passed for lack of quorum.

A letter was read asking that the balance of rent (\$31.25) due from Wm. B. Hobson be remitted. The request was refused.

Adjourned

F. dett. Janni, Secretary.

May 4, 1909.

Present, Messrs. Rodney, Ferris, McGray, Morrison, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, Challengers and Janni. (9)

Mr. Ferris acted as Pres. pro tem.

Treasurer McGray submitted his annual statement, with report of Auditing Committee, which was ordered filed and the Auditing Committee discharged.

The following bills were presented:

J. H. Blackburn - Carpentry at Union & Bayard	-	\$ 58.75	✓
Evening Printing Co. - Adv. for rent	} order made to McGray for 1.15	.50	✓
Evening Journal Co. - " " "		.68	✓
John Duncan - Plastering at Jefferson		13.50	✓
J. T. Stoops - Supplies and papering 19-98	} 46.73		
" " - Papering, Cent Hall & Jefferson 18-10			
" " - Erecting		8.65	
S. W. Barrick & Sons - Linn, Oglethorpe, Jefferson, Clayton		- 242.09	✓
New United Press - 300 Annual statements		8.00	✓
Baldi Steel Co. - 5.25 Annual Approp. rent		1080.00	✓
		<u>1480.25</u>	

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Adjourned.

F. dett. Janni, Secretary.

June 1, 1909.

Present: Wise, Morrison, Hance, McGray, Shaw, Taylor, Deemer, Janni. Meeting room not being open, adjourned to meet at call of President.

F. deH. Janni, Secretary.

July 6, 1909.

Present: Rodney, Pres., Hance, Challenge, Taylor, Biggs, Morrison, McGray and Janni.

Treasurer McGray reported receipts of \$10.00 from John Jordan on account of his note and payments of \$30.71 by order of Acting Committee for labor, also \$60.00 for Loan Assn. dues for April, May and June, leaving balance in Treasury of \$175.37, with \$20.00 due Loan Assn. on July 12.

Bills were presented as follows:

- A. M. Hizer. Stone work at Centre Hall. \$7.50. James T. Morrison. Gates, posts & hanging gates. 27.00. J. T. Stroops. Paint for Strickland. 13.96.

The above bills were unanimously approved.

It was decided to visit the Farms on Thursday afternoon July 8th starting from Court House at 12:30 P.M.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Janni, Secy.

August 3, 1909.

Present: Morrison, Challenge, McGray, Shaw, Taylor. Mr. Shaw was chosen Pres. pro tem. and Mr. McGray, Sec. pro tem.

Bills as follows were discussed; James W. Deeming, \$7.75, G. W. Singles, \$25.00, A. M. Hizer, \$7.50, Receiver of U. C. Water Works Company, \$132.00 (with 5% off for cash); were informally discussed and agreed that treasurer should pay them if the money came in hand to do so.

No quorum - Adjourned.

P. McGray, Sec. pro tem. (per F. deH. J.)

Handwritten ledger table with columns for names, dates, and monetary amounts. Includes entries for 'Paid Dues to Sept 30', 'Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs', 'John Jordan', 'Abraham Ingram', and 'Wm. B. Ralldgs'.

Sept. 7, 1909.

Present: Rodney, Pres., Hance, Challenger, Shaw, Taylor, Morrison and McGary. (9)

Minutes of the two preceding meetings read and approved. Treasurer reported receipts; Noah Higgins, \$1000.00, John Jordan, \$215.00, Thomas W. Barry, \$400.00; leaving a balance in treasury of \$1716.16. The report was accepted.

In the matter of the hot air engine at Penn farm, the Acting Committee was instructed to dispose of it to the best advantage, but to use it if possible on some of the other farms.

On motion, it was voted that the salary of Janitor, \$25.00, to Sept. 25 be allowed.

On motion, it was voted that the semi-annual interest on S. S. Deemer's bond, \$197.50, be allowed.

Adjourned.

P. McGary, Sec. pro tem.

(per F. de H.?)

October 5, 1909.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Challenger, Hance, Ferris, McGary, Deemer, Wice, Taylor and Janini. (10)

Treasurer McGary reported receipts, Tachen Clark \$100.00, A. Ingram, \$275.00, and also presented a statement of standing of tenants to Sept. 25, 1909.

Bills were presented as follows, including the bills presented and approved at the July, August and September meetings but not regularly passed for want of proper quorum:

A. M. Higas	✓ \$ 9.50	} Approved, July 6.
James T. Morrison	✓ 27.00	
J. T. Stroop	✓ 13.96	
James W. Deeming Fence Post.	✓ 7.75	} Approved, Aug. 3
G. W. Singles	✓ 25.00	
A. M. Higas	✓ 7.50	
Deemer's U. C. Water Works Co. Water to July 11th.	✓ 123.50	} Approved, Sept. 7.
B. F. Lancaster - Salary as Janitor to Sept. 25	✓ 25.00	
S. S. Deemer Interest on Bond.	✓ 197.50	
J. T. de S. Eliason, Sublet	✓ 253.94	
Adolf H. Janini, Agt. for Am. E. Co. Everett for interest on bond to Aug. 29	✓ 50.00	\$740.65

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed, the Eliason order to be held subject to the approval of the bill by the Acting Committee.

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to have a

new cement floor in the kitchen shop in the Town Hall, the cost to be about \$15.00

The Treasurer was instructed to advertise that the farms were for rent and applications would be received by him.

Dr. John Jamin Black, a former member and President of this Board, having died on September 27, 1909, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

"That the members of this Board desire to record their sense of the loss to our community and to our State by the death of Dr. John Jamin Black.

While not of late a member of this Board, having resigned on December 4, 1906, his services as a member covered a period of nearly thirty-five years, for more than thirty of which he was President and during all that period he showed, both as member and as presiding officer, the utmost devotion to the duties of this Trust and faithfulness to the beneficiaries under it. His sound judgment and wise counsel were felt long after his membership ceased.

As a man and citizen in the larger affairs of life, he needs no word of praise from us. His life work is best recorded by the love cherished for him in the hearts of the people of this Community and the honor and respect freely accorded him throughout our State.

His home life was exemplary, and to the members of his family we extend our sympathy, and the assurance that their sorrow is shared by many."

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Black's family and to publish it in the New Castle News.

Approved.

J. Jamin,
Secretary.

Nov. 2, 1909.

Present: Messrs. Wise, Hance, Challenger, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, McGrovy, Ferris and Jamin. (9)
Mr. Wise was chosen President pro tem.

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$100. from J. Jordan and \$397.50 from W. B. Rathlidge, the last being in full to Sept. 25, 1909. The Balance in Treasury being \$1804.20

To the Trustees of the New Castle Commons:

Gentlemen:

The Roman Catholic Temperance Union hereby respectfully petitions that the Haris Corner Hotel properly be not leased for the purpose of selling intoxicating liquors.

That hereafter when the property is rented you put in the lease a stipulation that the tenant shall not apply for license for the sale of liquor, and that no liquor shall be sold on the premises.

In making this petition we believe we represent a strong constituency in our community, and that the action prayed for would be for the betterment of our people both as to their moral and material welfare, and we will ever pray for the same.

Cordelia Deakins Pres. of N. C. T. U.
Mary P. Challenger Rec. Sec.

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Treasurer McGraw also reported that he had advertised all the farms for rent and that Mrs. Biggs, Mr. T. T. Clark, Mr. Rattledge, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Tasher Clark had applied to rent their farms. Mr. J. E. McCafferty and Mr. George M. Blackburn applied for Union and Bayard farms.

Bills were presented as follows:

W. B. Rattledge - Setting wire fence at Oglethorpe	
and turned in by him on acct. of his rent,	\$ 6.37
Geo. W. Bryson - Cementing in Butcher Shop,	17.00
Dryden Steel Casting Co. - 6th annual payment,	1200.00
	1223.37

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

A bill of the Rakestraw Pyle Co. for trees furnished in Spring of 1909, amounting to \$143.00 and approved by the Acting Committee, was laid over.

The renting of farms for the year beginning March 25, 1910 was taken up.

- Model farm was rented to John Jordan at same rent.
- Stockton " " " " Mrs. Biggs " " "
- Center Hall " " " " T. T. Clark " " "
- Clayton " " " " Tasher Clark " " "
- Oglethorpe " " " " W. B. Rattledge " " "

Mr. A. Ingram applied to rent Penn Farm and offered \$650.00 for the year. The farm was rented to him at that rent.

A communication was received from the Womens Christian Temperance Union of New Castle, asking that hereafter the Hares Caves Hotel property be leased with a stipulation that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold there.

The petition was ordered to be filed and to be acted upon when the renting of the farm is taken up.

The treasurer was instructed to advertise for rent, Jefferson farm and Union and Bayard, and that the renting of these farms be taken up at a special meeting on Nov. 16.

The Treasurer was instructed and authorized to issue a Landlord's warrant for the rent now due from Noah Higgins, or to take such steps to protect the Trustees interests as he may be advised by counsel.

Adjourned to meet Nov. 16 at 8 P. M.

L. A. H. Jansen
Secretary

November 16, 1909. Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: President Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Wise, Challenge, Hance, McGary, Touan, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs, Ferris and Janni. (12)

The petition of the New Castle W.C.T.U., presented at the last meeting, was discussed and further action was postponed.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, it was ordered that, in all new leases of the farms, the rent be made payable semi-annually, in advance, on March 25 and Sept. 25.

The renting of Union and Bayard farm was then taken up, and the following applications were presented: Gery M. Blackburn, Edw. Burris, Charles H. Burge and John E. McCafferty.

The applicants were balloted for and the vote was as follows:

Gery M. Blackburn	6 votes	7 votes
Edw. Burris	5 "	5 "
Charles H. Burge	1 "	0 "
John E. McCafferty	0 "	0 "

And the farm was rented to Gery M. Blackburn for one year from Dec. 25, 1909.

The renting of Jefferson Farm was then taken up. Mr. Barry the present tenant applied to re-rent and stated that he expected to pay about \$300 on his rent very shortly and that he had improved the place during his tenancy. Applications were also received from Edw. S. Meggison, John W. Banks, Wm. and Lewis McCallister, Wm. J. Berry and John R. Robinson.

The applicants were balloted for and the vote was as follows:

Edw. S. Meggison	7 votes
Thomas Barry	4 "
John W. Banks	1 "
Wm. & Lewis McCallister	0 "
Wm. J. Berry	0 "
John R. Robinson	0 "

And the farm was rented to Edw. S. Meggison for one year from March 25, 1910.

Treasurer McGary reported that he had caused a levy for rent due to be made upon property of Noah Higgins, and that another levy had also been made and a sale reported as advertised.

The Treasurer was authorized to take such action, with the advice of legal counsel, as should best protect the interests of the Board.

Adjourned.

J. Leth. Janni, Secretary.

Nov. 7, 1909.

Present: Messrs. Ferris, Hance, Biggs, Shaw, McGary, Taylor, Morrison and Janni. (8)

Treasurer McGary reported receipts of \$310. from Thos. T. Clark in full to Sept. 25, 1909, and \$75.00 from Thos. T. Clark in account of rent, making balance in treasury, \$965.81.

Mr. McGary also reported that Noah Higgins had been adjudged a voluntary bankrupt and that no claim for rent would have to be now collected in the Bankruptcy Court.

Mr. Thomas Barry, through the Treasurer, offered the following proposition in settlement of his rent (a total of \$1216.91 to March 25, 1910): that he would pay \$200. in cash at once, a further payment of \$200. in cash before March 25, 1910, the assignment of his interest in 33 acres of wheat at a valuation of \$500., and the balance by his note for \$266.91. After some discussion, this proposition was approved.

The Treasurer was instructed to prepare new leases for the lots rented by Mr. Holcomb, Mrs. Bruce Estate and Mr. Touan.

Adjourned

J. Leth. Janni Secy.

January 4, 1910.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Morrison, Challenge, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, McGary, Ferris, and Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGary reported balance in treasury, \$945.81. He was instructed to prepare proper lease for the tract of land along the road to Newport, rented by the owner of the old T.T. Tacke farm.

Bills were presented as follows:

Evening Printing Co. - Adv. farms	6.17	✓
Evening Journal Co. - " "	5.16	✓
Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co. - Ins. \$136.30, less int. \$75.96	60.34	✓
New Castle County Mut. Ins. Co. - Ins. \$59.00, less prof. \$14.21	44.79	✓
Keegan & Hupfel - Spraying at Hance Green	6.00	✓
	<u>\$121.92</u>	

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The bill of the Rake Straw Pipe Co. for 434 fruit-trees ordered by the Acting Committee in the Spring of 1909 and set out in the various farms was taken up and an ordinance regularly passed for its payment, the total amount being \$143.00, the order however to be turned over to the Acting Committee and held by them until they

\$143.00 for trees

receive satisfactory assurance from the company these defective trees will be replaced in Spring of 1910.

An ordinance for the payment of \$14.00 for 2 tons of coal for the closed school was regularly passed, and the Treasurer instructed to procure the coal at once.

Adjourned

F. dett. Janni, Secy.

February 1, 1910.

Present - Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Challenge, Biggs, Taylor, Shaw, Morrison, McGary, Wise, Ferris and Janni.

Treasurer McGary reported receipts, \$200. from Thomas Barry and \$100. from Tasha Clark, making \$946.89 on hand.

The shed at Penn Farm having been badly damaged by the wind, the Acting Committee was authorized to put up a new building at a cost of about \$250. to \$300.

The following bills were presented:-

J. T. E. Eliason - lumber, paint to Oct. 13 1899. 24	\$ 109.54
Chas. E. Ferris - Disinfectant for Hens Cans	2.25
Edward Weber - Carpenter work - Cent. Hall 18.90	} 47.60
" " Hens Cans 26.60	
" " Town Hall 2.10	
	159.39

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Notice having been received that the trustee in bankruptcy of Noah Higgins would sell all the bankruptcy property at public sale on Feb. 15, it was resolved that a committee of two be appointed to attend the sale and be authorized to protect the interests of this Board at the sale by bidding upon or purchasing the property for this Board.

Messrs. McGary and Biggs were appointed the committee.

Adjourned.

F. dett. Janni Secretary

March 1, 1910.

Present: Messrs. Wise, Hance, Challenge, Biggs, Taylor, McGary, Morrison, Shaw, Ferris and Janni. Mrs. Wise was chosen President pro tempore.

Treasurer McGary reported receipts as follows: Mrs. Biggs, \$1000.00; Mrs. Jordan, \$100.00; Mr. Barry, \$200.00; leaving balance in the treasurer's hands, \$2067.00.

The Committee appointed to attend sale of property of Noah Higgins reported that they had attended sale and that it had not been necessary for them to buy in any of the property, the articles being fair prices and the total amount realized being over \$2600.00. The Committee had furnished coffee and sandwiches to those attending the sale.

Bills were presented as follows:

Golden S. Deemer. Int. on land to Mar. 1	\$ 197.50
F. dett. Janni, Exp. for A.S. in. Int. " "	50.00
Keegan & Huffnagle Roofing at Clayton	5.80
James J. Wright - Constable's cert. in Higgins case	10.50
James B. Toman Jr. Serving disburse notices	1.50
Patrick McGary - Lunch at Higgins Sale	13.03
New Castle Gas Light Co. - Gas 2/25/10 to 2/25/10	4.20
James S. Biggs - Expenses at Sale	5.00
Patrick McGary " " "	5.00
Patrick McGary - Expenses as Treas.	100.00
F. dett. Janni " " Secy	50.00
Minimamul Church. Care of Clerk	50.00
Trustee Old Court House. Rents	50.00
B. F. Lancaster. Salary as Janitor 3/1 - 3/1	25.00
	567.53

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The Board then went into the Annual Election of Officers. Messrs. Biggs and Shaw were appointed Tellers.

For President: Mr. Rodney received 6 votes, Mr. Wise " 3, Blank 1

And Mr. Rodney was declared elected.

For Secretary: Mr. Janni received 9 votes, Mr. Ferris " 1 vote.

And Mr. Janni was declared elected.

For Acting Committee:

Mr. Biggs received 10 votes.
 Mr. Shaw " 7 "
 Mr. Taylor " 7 "
 Mr. Janni " 2 "
 Mr. Hance " 2 "
 Mr. Wise " 1 vote
 Mr. Toman " 1 "

And Mr. Biggs, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor were declared elected.

For Committee on Public Buildings:

Mr. Ferris received 9 votes.
 Mr. Wise " 8 "
 Mr. Hance " 8 "
 Mr. Janni " 1 vote
 Mr. Challenge " 1 "
 Mr. Morrison " 1 "
 Mr. McGrovy " 1 "
 Blank " 1 "

And Mr. Ferris, Mr. Wise and Mr. Hance were declared elected.

Mr. B. F. Kawcuter was re-elected Janitor.

The Acting Committee was authorized to purchase lime for the farms at a cost not exceeding \$500.00.

Messrs. Hance and Shaw were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Adjourned

J. deH. Janni
 Secy.

April
 March 5, 1910.

Present: President Rodney, Messrs. Challenge, Hance, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs, McGrovy, Deemer and Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGrovy reported receipts as follows: Thos. T. Clark, \$310.00; A. Ingram, \$124.75; McCormick Brothers, \$34.63; learning balance in hand, \$1949.35

Bills were presented as follows:

Kerjan & Hufnagel, Roof & tin work at Penn farm (shed) \$140.00
 Charles Dixon, Carpenter work at Penn farm (shed) 100.80
 Maryland Building & Wrecking Co. - Tin for Penn farm (shed) 17.00
 Samuel Bolden - Plastering at Penn farm 3.00
 James T. Morrison - Repair to house at Jefferson 10.20 \$271.00

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON For the Year Ending March 25th, 1910.

Receipts	
To Balance March 25, 1909	\$1,706 33
Thomas Holcomb, rent in full	23 00
Wm. R. Hobson, rent in full	31 25
Thomas T. Clark, rent in full	620 00
McCormick Bros., rent in full	34 63
Thomas W. Barry, on account rent	800 00
Noah Higgins " " "	1,000 00
Wm. B. Ralledge " " "	397 50
John Jordan " " "	425 00
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs " " "	1,000 00
Abraham Ingram " " "	399 75
Emma Bruce est. " " "	25 00
Joseph C. Bacon " " "	168 00
Rent from Meeting Rooms, Town Hall	19 17
Tasker T. Clark, on account	362 50
Interest	10 66
Total	7,022 79

Special Fund	
To Balance Last Report	3,323 63
Interest	67 14
Total	3,390 77

Amount Due Trustees	
Thomas W. Barry	\$ 816 91
Noah Higgins	1,595 12
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	1,232 50
John Jordan	250 00
Abraham Ingram	300 00
Wm. B. Ralledge	198 75
Tasker T. Clark	100 00
Emma Bruce est.	109 00
James B. Toman	78 71
Jos. C. Bacon	6 00
Total	4,687 49

Of the Above Amount Due	
Thomas W. Barry's is secured by assignment of wheat crop, and 6 months note for	550 00
	266 91
Total	816 91
Noah Higgins is secured by trustee in Bankruptcy	1,595 12
	\$2,412 03

Expenditures	
Brylgon Steel Co.	\$1,200 00
Baldt Steel Co.	1,080 00
Building and Loan Association	240 00
Selden S. Deemer, interest	395 00
Annie E. M. Everett, interest	100 00
New Castle Water Co.	60 34
Farmers Mutual Ins. Co.	44 25
New Castle Mutual Ins. Co.	1 50
Serving Dispossess Notices	16 56
Acting Committee Account Overdrawn	8 00
New Amstel Press	6 67
Every Evening Printing Co.	5 84
Evening Journal	4 20
New Castle Gas Co.	242 09
S. W. Barrick & Sons, Lime	143 00
Rakestraw, Pyle Co., Fruit Trees	

Repairs and Improvements at	
Model Farm	46 92
Stockton Farm	32 79
Union and Bayard Farm	190 20
Centre Hall Farm	126 64
Oglethorpe Farm	103 12
Jefferson Farm	79 62
Penn Farm	72 50
Clayton Farm	15 30
Total	667 09
Repairs at Town Hall	24 65
Colored School, Coal	14 00
Janitor's Salary	50 00
Secretary's Expenses	50 00
Treasurer's Expenses	100 00
Immanuel Church, care of Town Clock	50 00
Trustees of Court House, Rent	50 00
Balance, Cash on Hand	2,346 10
Total	\$7,022 79

The Outstanding Obligations of Trustees Follow:	
Brylgon Steel Casting Co. 4%	\$4,000 00
Baldt " 4%	1,000 00
Selden S. Deemer, Bond 5%	7,900 00
Annie E. M. Everett, Bond 5%	2,000 00
County Tax in Litigation	2,627 68
County Tax for 1909	577 27
School Tax, District 48, Estimated	52 00
Citizens' Building and Loan Association	1,540 00
Total	\$19,696 95

Officers of the Board:
 John H. Rodney, President. Patrick M'Grovy, Treasurer. Francis deH. Janvier, Secretary.
Acting Committee:
 James G. Shaw, John E. Taylor, James E. Biggs
Committee on Public Buildings:
 William J. Ferris, James M. Wise, John M. Hance

Farms Belonging to the Trustees:				
NAME	No.	TENANT	ACRES	RENT
Jefferson	1	Edw. C. Megginson	90 1-2	\$452 50
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3-4	853 75
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Ralledge	79 1-2	397 50
Centre Hall	5	T. T. Clark	124	620 00
Penn	6	Abraham Ingram	187 1-3	650 00
Union	8	George M. Blackburn	217 1-2	1,196 25
Bayard	9	Tasker Clark	92 1-2	462 50
Clayton	10	John Jordan	109 1-3	300 00
Model	11	Thomas Holcomb		23 00
Lot part of 8		Mrs. Emma Bruce Est.		25 00
Lot part of 3		Dan. & Jas. McCormick		37 78
City Hall Store		Joseph C. Bacon		156 00
Total				\$5,174 28

Trustees of the New Castle Common:	
John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875
William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Patrick McGrovy	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Francis deH. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907

Audited and Found Correct April 22, 1910.
 John M. Hance }
 James G. Shaw } AUDITING COMMITTEE

PATRICK M'GRORY,
 Treasurer.

And an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Adjourned.

J. dell. Janni, Secretary.

May 3, 1910.

Present: President Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Challenge, Shaw, Briggs, Taylor, McGray, and Janni. (5)

Treasurer McGray presented his annual report for the year ending March 25, 1910, duly audited by the auditing Committee, and the report was accepted, ordered filed and the auditing Committee discharged. The treasurer reported the present balance to be \$2055.¹⁰.

The final payment of \$1040. to the Baldo Steel Company under the contract made with it was ordered to be paid by the treasurer, this being the sixth and last annual payment under said contract.

The treasurer was directed to pay the following bills out of funds of the Board in his hands:

New Rental Press - Annual Report	7.84
E. S. Messinger - Cleaning Room at Jefferson	8.00
J. T. Stutz - Paper, Jan 12	23.03
F. E. Hudson - Papering	35.90
	<u>74.77</u>

The improvement of the streets of New Orleans was discussed and favored by the members present.

Adjourned

J. dell. Janni
Secy.

June 7, 1910. Present: Messrs. Hanes, Shaw, Biggs, Taylor, Challenge, McGray, Ferris, Toman and Jammi. (7)

Mr. Ferris was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGray reported receipts of \$1515.12 from R. S. Roddy, attorney, being the amount of rent collected from Utah this year in bankruptcy (\$1595.12) less \$80.00 for attorney fee and expenses.

He also reported having paid the bills approved at the May meeting, amounting to \$1114.77 and also the Loan Association dues, leaving balance of \$2435.45 in treasury.

This report was accepted.

The following bills were considered:

Baldt Steel Co.	\$1040.00	Paid at May meeting
New Amstel Press	7.84	
E. S. Mequison	8.00	
J. T. Stoops	23.03	
F. S. Hudson	35.90	
R. S. Roddy	80.00	Atty. fee retained.

And an ordinance for their payment duly passed, the orders to be delivered to the treasurer for vouchers, the bills having been paid by him.

The following bills were presented:

S. W. Barrick and Sons	Lumber for farm	\$488.94	✓
J. L. E. Eliam	Supplies to June 2	369.24	✓
E. Challenge & Son	Paint	11.50	✓
Theodore W. Cavender	Iron work at Union Bayand	8.32	✓
Mayhew Building & Wrecking Co.	Lumber	21.45	✓
John H. Blackburn	Work at Union Bayand	18.75	✓
New Amstel Press	Printing notices of meeting	2.45	✓
J. T. Stoops	Papering at Clayton	10.00	✓
Harry Bowen	Painting at Jefferson	11.25	✓
W. B. Bethune	School tax for 1909	17.69	✓
		959.59	

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee was directed to ~~have~~ attend to the harvesting of the wheat crop in Jefferson farm, assigned to the trustees by Mrs. Barry.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a Committee to investigate the matter of the agreement with the Tropenas Steel Co.

Adjourned.

J. L. Jammi Secy

July 5, 1910. Present: Mr. Roddy, President, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Decmer, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ferris, Mr. McGray, Mr. Jammi. (7)

Treasurer McGray reported receipts of \$12.00 from Bruce Estate, leaving balance in treasury of \$1467.82.

Mr. Shaw reported that Acting Committee had arranged to have Mr. Edw. Mequison harvest the Barry wheat crop and market same for one fourth of crop.

It was announced that on June 21, the Supreme Court had decided the County Tax case in our favor, reversing the judgment of the Superior Court. The case covered the 1903 tax, but the principle of the case also applied to the taxes for 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908. By act of assembly, April 5, 1909, the tax exemption law was amended.

The following communication was received and read:

To the trustees of New Castle Common, New Castle, Delaware,

Gentlemen:

As you are aware, the Supreme Court of this State at its June session reversed the judgment of the Superior Court of New Castle County and decided that, under the then existing law, the Commons Lands in New Castle Hundred were not liable to assess-ment and taxation for County or public purposes. Having been engaged by the Trustees as Counsel in the preparation and argument of the case, I deem it proper to acquaint you of the fact. The matter was having been brought to a successful conclusion, it would seem proper for me at this time to submit my fee for services in the above case. Taking into consideration the amount of work in the preparation and conduct of the case and appeal, I have fixed the fee at \$500.00 which I think under the circumstances is a very fair one. The amount in litigation was approximately \$3400.00. I append an account of the amount which was paid by your Board for expenses in the case.

Yours very truly
Richard S. Roddy.

Amount advanced by the trustee	\$118.00
Paid for typewriting brief in Superior Court	18.00
Expenses in Superior Court for appeal	5.00
Paid for transcripts	3.00
Paid for printing record for Superior Court	19.50
Paid for printing brief for Superior Court	49.00
Travelling expenses incident to case	8.60
	103.10
	14.90

The treasurer was instructed to demand the return of the County Tax for 1907, which had been paid under protest.

The Committee on the Tropenas Co. agreement was continued to report at next meeting.

Adjourned

F. deH. Janni
Secretary

August 2, 1910.

Present: President Rodney, Mr. Hance, Mr. Wise, Mr. Ferris, Mr. McGary, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Janni.

Treasurer McGary reported balance in treasury, \$1447.82

An application of Mr. John S. King for the position of Janitor was read and ordered filed.

The Committee on Tropenas Co. agreement was continued.

Mr. McGary and Mr. Taylor were appointed a committee to attend to the claim for the return of the 1907 County Taxes.

Adjourned

F. deH. Janni
Secy.

September 6, 1910.

Present: Mr. Wise, Mr. Deemer, Mr. McGary, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Janni.

Mr. Wise occupied the chair, Pres. Rodney arriving late.

Adjourned to meet in Sept. 20.

F. deH. Janni
Secy.

Sept. 20, 1910.

Present: President Rodney, Mr. Hance, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Wise, Mr. Challenger, Mr. Shaw, Mr. McGary, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Janni.

Treasurer McGary reported receipts of \$300.00 from Tashen T. Clark, County balance in treasury \$1707.82

The Acting Committee was authorized to sell the Barry wheat to the best advantage.

The following bills were read:

Richard S. Rodney - Coronal fee in County Tax Litigation	\$500.00 ✓
Wm. E. Myers - Pump at Penn farm	15.00 ✓
Mr. George W. Blackburn - Cleaning at Haus Comm. Hotel	10.00 ✓
J. T. Scoops - Wall paper	4.64 ✓
John J. Walls - Plumbing work at St. Isidore	38.00 ✓
J. T. & L. E. Eliason - Supplies, June 6 to Sept. 2	70.70 ✓
Selden S. Deemer - Int. on bond to Sept. 1, 1910.	197.50 ✓
F. deH. Janni, Exp. for A. E. W. Everett, Int. on bond to Aug. 29, 1910.	50.00 ✓
B. F. Lancaster - Salary as Janitor to Sept. 25, 1910.	25.00 ✓
Tashen T. Clark - Janitor at Clayton (to be used in payment of tax)	6.82 ✓
Wallace L. Cannon, Collector - 1909 County Tax, 577.27	} 1099.56 ✓
1910 522.29	

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The County Tax for 1909 and 1910 as passed above was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer to the Collector under protest.

Mr. Challenger called attention to the need of painting Town Hall, and making certain repairs.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Janni, Secretary

October 11, 1910.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Mr. Hance, Mr. Challenger, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McGary, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Wise, Mr. Janni.

Treasurer McGary reported receipts as follows: Tashen T. Clark, \$31.25 being in full to Sept. 25, 1910, John Jordan \$250.00 being in full to March 25, 1910, E. Meppison \$100.00; Bal. in treasury - \$1156.45. Also that he had paid the County taxes under protest out of the special tax funds.

The Acting Committee reported that Barry wheat had not been sold owing to drop in the price. The Committee was instructed to leave this wheat unimpaired for sale.

An ordinance for \$25.00 for gilding the clock faces of the Town Clock was passed in favor of L. E. Eliason, Treas.

Adjourned.

F. deH. Janni, Secy.

Nov. 1. 1910.

Present: President Rodney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Wise, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Hance, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Janni. (10)

Bills were presented as follows:

Bylgue Steel Casting Co. - 7 th Annual Payment.	\$1200.00
Boyer Brothers, Wire fence material,	23.56
J. T. Storpe, Paper 12.	5.01
	<u>1228.57</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Bill of Water Co. for water was referred to the Acting Committee to investigate and report at next meeting.

Mr. W. B. Ralldge applied to rent Oglethorpe Farm.

Mr. James T. Burris filed an application to rent in case of vacancy in any farm.

Adjourned.

J. de H. Janni, Secy.

Dec. 6. 1910.

Present: Messrs. Wise, Shaw, Taylor, McGraw, Challenge, Hance, Deemer, Ferris, Biggs, Toman, Janni. (11)

Mr. Wise was elected President pro tem.

Treasurer McGraw reported total balance on hand, including special fund, to be \$2507.09.

These amounts due from tenants to March 25. 1911 is as follows:

Edw. S. Meppin	-	352.50
Lydia A. Biggs	-	2086.25
Wm. B. Ralldge	-	84.50
Abraham Ingram	-	950.00
Geo. M. Blackburn	-	1196.25
Tasha T. Clark	-	231.25
John Jordan	-	300.00
Thos. T. Clark	-	620.00
		<u>5820.75</u>

Mr. Taylor reported that the Committee had arranged with the Levy Court for the refunding of the 1907 County tax which had been paid under protest pending the tax case.

Bills were presented as follows:

Edward Kehler - Koch at Barber Shop	1.20
P. McGraw - Paid Wm. S. Hall for repairs at	
Wm. S. Hall - 2.90 + Hydrant at Model, 5.00	7.90
A. Ingram - Work on shed at Penn, 7.05, fixing	
pump, 3.50, heavy well cleaned, 7.00	17.05
	<u>26.15</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The bill of the Water Co. was referred to the Secretary and Treasurer with power to adjust and pay same.

The renting of farms was then taken up, all of the tenants applied to rent, Mr. Ingram offering an increase of \$50. for Penn Farm.

Applications from James T. Burris for any vacancy and from Mrs. Etta Blackburn for Oglethorpe were also read.

The farms were then rented for the year beginning Mar. 25. 1911 as follows:

Jefferson Farm	to	Edw. S. Meppin	at same rent.
Stables	"	Lydia A. Biggs	" " "
Oglethorpe	"	Wm. B. Ralldge	" " "
Center Hall	"	Thos. T. Clark	" " "
Penn	"	Abraham Ingram	increase of 50.00
Herrin & Bayard	"	Geo. M. Blackburn	same rent.
Clayton	"	Tasha Clark	" " "
Model	"	John Jordan	" " "

Adjourned

J. de H. Janni, Secy.

January 3. 1911.

Present: President Rodney, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Wise, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Hance, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Toman, Mr. Janni. (12)

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts as follows: Abraham Ingram, \$47.05; County Tax refunded by Levy Court, \$631.00; proceeds sale of Barry wheat, \$327.40; total, \$1007.86. Balance in Treasury of \$3468.80

The following bills were presented by the Acting Committee, duly approved by them:

James T. Foreaker - Carpentry work - Hance Room 10.25 - Center Hall 14.00	24.25
Geo. J. Huges - Plumbing at Jefferson	5.50
Keegan & Hufnagel - Roof work - Hance Room 3.00 - Stables 6.25	9.25

Nov. 1. 1910.

Present: President Rodney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Wise, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Hance, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Janni. (10)

Bills were presented as follows:

Bryson Steel Casting Co.	7 th Annual payment.	\$ 1200.00
Boyer Brothers	Wire fence material,	23.56
J. T. Storpe	Paper n.	5.01
		<u>1228.57</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Bill of Water Co. for water was referred to the Acting Committee to investigate and report at next meeting.

Mr. W. B. Rattledge applied to rent Oglethorpe Farm.

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Adjourned.

J. de H. Janni, Secy.

Nov. 6. 1910.

Present: Messrs. Wise, Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Challenge, Hance, Deemer, Ferris, Biggs, Toman, Janni. (11)

Mr. Wise was elected President pro tem.

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P. McGray, Secy. Paid Wm. S. Hall for repairs at Workshop - 2.90 + Hydrant at Model, 5.00	7.90
A. Ingram - Work on Pond at Penn, 9.05, fixing pump, 3.00, heavy well cleaned, 7.00	17.05
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Center Hall	"	Thos. T. Clark	" " "
Penn	"	Abraham Ingram	increase of \$50.00
Union & Bayard	"	Geo. M. Blackburn	same rent.
Clayton	"	Tasher Clark	" " "
Model	"	John Jordan	" " "

Adjourned

J. de H. Janni, Secy.

January 3. 1911.

Present: President Rodney, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Wise, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Hance, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Toman, Mr. Janni. (12)

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts as follows: Abraham Ingram, \$42.05; County Tax refunded by Levy Court, \$631.11; proceeds sale of Barry wheat, \$329.40; total, \$1007.86. Balance in treasury of \$3468.80

The following bills were presented by the Acting Committee, duly approved by them:

James T. Foreaker - Carpenter work - Hans Lane 10.25 - Center Hall 14.00	= 24.25
Geo. J. Unger - Plumbing at Jefferson	5.50
Keegan & Hufnagel - Roof work - Hans Lane 3.00 - Stables 6.25	9.25

Samuel Walls - Repairs at Jefferson - 10.00
 James Taylor - Load of stone - 3.00
 White Bus. - Supplies for pump at Jefferson - 5.51
 Also - J. T. E. Eliason, Capt. - for James Mutual Fire Ins. Co. insurance,
 on building, \$136.30 less 79.26 dividend - 57.04
 Robt. C. Guden, Capt. - for New Castle County Mut. Ins. Co.,
 insurance, \$59.20 less 14.75 - 44.45
 158.80

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee was instructed to find out how much lumber would be needed and the best price and report at next meeting.

Adjourned.

J. del. Jammie Secy.

February 7, 1911.

Present: Rodney, President, Deemes, Hance, Biggs, Shaw,
 Taylor, Wise, McGray, Morrison, Toman, Jammie, Ferris.
 Secy. Jammie arriving late, Mr. Ferris acted as Secy.
 pro tem., and reading of minutes was dispensed with.

Treasurer McGray reported balance on hand of \$3105.³²

Mr. L. E. Eliason, with a representative of Hames & Co., appeared before the Board in reference to furnishing lumber.

The Acting Committee was instructed to secure lumber for the farms, buying through a local dealer if it can be brought out same price, the total amount to be about 200 tons.

Bills were read as follows:

Walter Co. rent to July 1, 1911 - 130.00 } already paid by Treas.
 Jos. Judson. Drains at Washel - 15.65 }
 Hagan & Hefner, Roofing at Hamsburg. 62.45 }
 J. T. E. Eliason, Supplies Oct. 18, 1910 to Feb. 1, 1911. 82

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The sum of \$50.⁰⁰ was appropriated to cover the necessary expenses of the Acting Committee for the year beginning March 25, 1911.

The following resolution in the matter of the proposed street paving was passed:

Resolved that it is the feeling of this Board that the trustees of the Common Well, to the extent of their power, assist in the payment of the interest upon the proposed bond issue of \$300,000 for the improvement of the streets, in case the citizens should vote to borrow said sum.

The Board considered the matter of paying off certain obligations of the Board. Action was postponed for one month.

Adjourned.

Secy. Pro Tem.

March 7, 1911.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, McGray, Wise,
 Morrison, Deemes, Shaw, Biggs, Taylor, Ferris, Toman, Jammie (2)

Minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and approved.

Treasurer McGray reported receipts as follows: \$100.00 from J. Judson, and \$152.⁸¹ in cash and \$43.⁴⁴ by bills paid, from G. M. Blackburn. Balance in treasury, \$3113.²⁷.

The City Court Band asked for delay in paying rent for their occupancy of Town Hall, \$37.⁵⁰ (15 units rent) being due. On motion, the Board decided to remit from the part due the Board (and rent from the part due the janitor) the sum of ten dollars, and to require payment by March 25, 1911.

Bills were presented as follows:

G. M. Blackburn - Paid for freight on lumber	25. ¹⁹	} \$43.44	Voucher be applied to rent as above.
" " fencing	6.50		
" " paid for carpenter work	7.25		
" " " "	11.50		
Albert E. Pedrick, Sheds at Hall at Clayton	26.25		(to be drawn as voucher)
Theodore W. Cavender - Roofing at "	32.90		
R. H. Harrington - work at City Hall	1.50		
G. S. Deemes - Int. to March 1, 1911	197.50		
J. del. Jammie, Capt. - Int. due A. S. W. Everett on bill	51.90		
Immune Church - Care of Town Club	50.00		
Trunking Court House - Rent	50.00		
P. McGray - Expenses and expenditure	100.00		
J. del. Jammie " " as Secy.	50.00		
B. F. Lancaster - Janitor to March 25	25.00		
	628.49		

An ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

An ordinance for the payment of two thousand dollars for Messrs. Aime & W. Everett in full for the bond of this Board, held by her, was regularly passed.

The Treasurer was instructed to notify all tenants who are in arrear to any considerable extent, that some substantial payment must be made by them by April 15, next.

The matter of the deposit of funds of the Board in the New Castle Trust Co. was brought up.
Action was deferred for one month.

On motion, the Board went into the Annual Election.
Mr. Wise acted as President pro tem., Mr. Rodney Learning, Mr. Hance and Mr. Toman were appointed tellers.

President: Mr. Rodney received 8 votes.
Mr. Wise " 2 "
Mr. Taylor " 1 "
And Mr. Rodney was declared elected.

Treasurer: Mr. McGroy received 9 votes.
for 2 years. Mr. Biggs " 1 "
Mr. Shaw " 1 "
And Mr. McGroy was declared elected.

Secretary: Mr. Janni received 9 votes.
Mr. Ferris " 2 "
And Mr. Janni was declared elected.

Acting Committee:

	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot
Mr. Shaw -	(7) votes		
Mr. Taylor -	(6) "		
Mr. Biggs -	5 "	5 votes	6 votes
Mr. Toman -	5 "	5 "	5 "
Mr. Hance -	2 "		
Mr. Wise -	3 "		
Mr. Deemer -	2 "	1 "	
Mr. Morrison -	2 "		
Mr. Janni -	1 "		

And Messrs. Shaw, Taylor and Biggs were declared elected.

Committee on Public Buildings:

Mr. Ferris received 8 votes.
Mr. Wise " 9 "
Mr. Hance " 8 "
Mr. Toman " 3 "
Mr. Morrison " 2 "
Mr. Deemer " 2 "
Mr. Taylor " 1 "

And Messrs. Wise, Ferris and Hance were declared elected.

For Janitor: B. F. Cancastin - 8 votes.
John McLean - 1 "
John S. King " 1 "
Morrison " 1 "

And Mr. Cancastin was declared elected.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Taylor were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Adjourned

F. Deft. Janni, Secy.

April 4, 1911.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Mr. Hance, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McGroy, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Toman, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Janni. (17)

Treasurer McGroy reported receipts as follows: A. Ingram, \$20.00; E. Mepperson, \$200.00; Thos. Clark, \$620.00; Mrs. Holcomb, \$23.00; J. B. Bacon, \$39.00; G. W. Blackburn, \$800.00. Total in hand. \$2033.00
Standing of tenants to March 25, 1911 was also reported.

The Treasurer was authorized and directed to take from the tenants' unity day notes, with approved indorsers, for the arrearages of rents due to March 25, 1911, together with interest from that date.

Bills were presented as follows:

Charles E. Clark. Repairing hydrant at Wylethope.	\$3.25
F. W. Linton. Painting Town Hall	71.00
New Amstel Press. 100 postal card notices	2.25
	<u>76.50</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The Bill of S. W. Barrick & Son for lime ordered by the Acting Committee for all the farms, amounting to \$954.46, was laid over for one month.

The Acting Committee, together with Mr. Deemer and Mr. Hance, were instructed to have the lime tested at once by experts as to quality and grade, and report at next meeting.

The former resolution of the Board directing the Treasurer to deposit funds of the Board in the National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine was rescinded, and it was resolved that the Treasurer be permitted to deposit the funds of the Board in such Bank or Trust Company as he may select.

Adjourned

F. Deft. Janni
Secy

May 2, 1911.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Mr. Hance, Mr. Challenger, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McGrovy, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Wise, Mr. Jamieson.

Treasurer McGrovy presented his report for the year ending March 25, 1911, duly audited by the Committee appointed. The report was accepted and ordered to be filed with the minutes, and the auditing Committee was discharged.

The Treasurer reported that he had sent notes to all tenants in arrears, pursuant to resolutions, and had received notes from John Jordan endorsed by J. J. Meridan, G. Blackburn endorsed by J. Quigley, and W. B. Ralledge endorsed by J. C. Knottle, covering their arrearages of rent. The notes were accepted.

Mr. Biggs offered in settlement of his arrearage a lot of land at corner of Second & Chestnut Sts. in New Castle. The Treasurer and Secretary were instructed to examine into the offer and report at next meeting.

The Treasurer was instructed to secure notes from Mr. Ingram and Mr. Meggison.

The Committee appointed to secure test of the lime reported that test had been made by the Delaware College Agricultural Experiment Station and presented the analysis and report.

Mr. Barrich of Barrich & Sons appeared before the Board and addressed the Board.

After discussion, it was decided to pay \$929.⁴⁶ in settlement of the lime bill, which sum was accepted by Mr. Barrich.

Bills were considered as follows:

S. W. Barrich & Sons. Lime for farms	929. ⁴⁶
New Amstel Press. Printing Treasurer's report	7. ⁸⁴
J. Y. Stroops. Paper and papering	14. ⁶⁷
W. B. Ralledge. School Tax for 1910	18. ⁴⁷
Total	970.⁴⁴

An ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Adjourned

J. deH. Janvier Secy.

July 4, 1911
 Regular meeting in place. No meeting for weeks of absence.
 J. deH. Janvier

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON For the Year Ending March 25th, 1911.

Receipts		Expenditures	
To Balance March 25th, 1910	\$2,346 10	Brylgon Steel Co. 7th Annual Payment	\$ 1,200 00
Thomas Halcomb, rent in full	23 00	Balt Steel Co. last payment	1,040 00
Noah Higgins, rent in full	1,595 12	S. S. Deemer interest	395 00
Thomas T. Clark, rent in full	620 00	Annie E. M. Everett interest	101 90
Tasker T. Clark, rent in full	562 50	Annie E. M. Everett payment of bond	2,000 00
Daniel and James McCormick, rent in full	37 78	School Tax Dist. No. 48	17 69
Thomas W. Barry, sale of wheat	329 40	New Amstel Press	10 29
Edward C. Meggison, on account rent	300 00	S. W. Barrick & Sons, lime	488 94
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs, on account rent	853 75	R. S. Rodney, atty, collecting Noah Higgins rent	80 00
Wm. H. Ralledge, on account rent	313 00	R. S. Rodney, atty, fees in tax case Supreme Court	500 00
Abraham Ingram, on account rent	67 05	Delaware Water Improvement Co.	130 00
George M. Blackburn, on account rent	696 25	Farmers Fire Insurance Co.	57 04
John Jordoo, on account rent	350 00	New Castle County Fire Insurance Co.	44 25
Mrs. Emma Bruce est, on account rent	12 00	Citizens Building & Loan Association	240 00
Joseph C. Bacon	156 00		
Rent from Meeting Rooms Town Hall	19 17		
Interest	27 54		
Transferred from Special Fund	2,342 24		
County Tax Refunded	631 41		
Total	11,282 31		
		Repairs and Improvements at	
		Model Farm	\$ 47 69
		Stockton Farm	148 84
		Union Bayard Farm	247 84
		Centre Hall Farm	52 56
		Oglethorpe Farm	8 06
		Jefferson Farm	183 83
		Penn Farm	480 04
		Clayton Farm	181 38
		Total	1,350 24
		Repairs at Town Hall	
		Coal for Colored School	5 60
		Regilding Town Clock	14 00
		Immanuel Church care of Town Clock	25 00
		Janitor's salary	50 00
		Secretary's expenses	50 00
		Treasurer's expenses	100 00
		Trustees of Court House, rent	50 00
		Balance Cash on Hand	3,282 36
		Total	11,282 31
		The Outstanding Obligations of Trustees Follow:	
		Brylgon Steel Casting Co. 4%	3,000 00
		Selden S. Deemer, 5%	7,900 00
		Citizens Building & Loan Association	1,255 00
		Total	12,155 00
		Special Fund	
To Balance March 25th, 1910	3,390 77		
Interest	51 03		
Total	3,441 80		
County Taxes for 1909 and 1910	\$ 1,099 56		
Transferred to Regular Account	2,342 24		
Total	3,441 80		
		Amount Due Trustees	
Thomas W. Barry	\$ 487 51		
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	1,232 50		
John Jordoo	200 00		
Abraham Ingram	882 95		
William B. Ralledge	283 25		
Edw. C. Meggison	152 50		
George M. Blackburn	500 00		
Emma Bruce est	122 50		
James B. Toman	78 71		
Joseph C. Bacon	6 00	3,945 92	
		Of the Above Amount Due	
John Jordan is secured by 90 day note with approved endorser	200 00		

Officers of the Board:
 John H. Rodney, Pres. Patrick M'Grory, Treasurer. Francis deH. Janvier, Sec.
Acting Committee:
 James G. Shaw John E. Taylor James E. Biggs
Committee on Public Buildings:
 William J. Ferris James M. Wise John M. Hance

Farms Belonging to the Trustees					Trustees of the New Castle Common		
NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES	RENT	NAME	TERM	DATE
Jefferson	1	Edw. C. Meggison	90 1-2	\$452 50	John H. Rodney	Elected Jan. 9, 1875	
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3-4	853 75	William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883	
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Ralledge	79 1-2	397 50	Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885	
Centre Hall	5	T. T. T. Clark	124	620 00	James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891	
Penn.	6	Abraham Ingram	187 1-3	700 00	Patrick McGrovy	Elected Dec. 31, 1892	
Union	8				Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893	
Bayard	9	George M. Blackburn	217 1-2	1,196 25	James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893	
Clayton	10	Tasker Clark	92 1-2	462 50	John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896	
Model	11	John Jordan	109 1-3	300 00	Francis DeH. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903	
Lot part of	8	Thomas Holcomb		23 00	James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903	
Lot part of	3	Mrs. Emma Bruce Est		25 00	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907	
Lot part of	2	Dan. & Jas. McCormick		37 78	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907	
City Hall Store		Joseph C. Bacon		156 00	John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907	
Total				\$5,224 28			

Audited and Found Correct April 24, 1911.

Wm. J. Ferris | AUDITING
 John E. Taylor | COMMITTEE

PATRICK M'GRORY,
Treasurer.

June 5, 1911.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wise, Mr. Hance, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Janni, (10)

In the absence of the Treasurer, report was received from Linn stating that all tenants had responded to the demand for notes for arrears of rent, except Mr. Meppison & Mr. Ingram. The Treasurer was directed to insist upon these notes.

Mr. Janni, for Committee in offer of Mr. Biggs, reported that they recommended accepting the lot at corner of Market & Chestnut Sts. in satisfaction of rent due from Mr. Biggs to Mar. 24, 1911. The motion, the offer of Mr. Biggs was accepted, subject to good title, deed to be drawn under direction of President.

Bills were presented as follows:

	J. T. & H. E. Eliam. Sublet to June 2 -	\$ 190.45
	Thos. W. Cavender. Roofing at Jefferson.	14.10
	Wm. Taylor. Work in City Hall.	1.75
vouchers for Treas.	P. McQueen, Treas. - Family W. Wilson at Clydesdale	7.35
	" " - Family at Stanton the credit to Mr. Biggs rent	12.26
	" " Ref. pump at Clydesdale credit to Cash	2.50
		<u>228.41</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly drawn.

The Acting Committee was instructed to enter complaint with the Telephone Co. as to poles placed at Hares Corner, and have same adjudged properly.

It was decided to visit the farms on June 17, and the Acting Committee was requested to arrange transportation.

Adjourned.

L. dett. Janni
Secy.

July 4, 1911.

Regular meeting night. No meeting for want of quorum.

L. dett. Janni
Secy.

Aug. 1, 1911.

Regular meeting night. Present: Mr. Roddy, Biggs,
Chase, Challenge, McGraw, James. (6)
Adjourned to meet Aug. 15.

J. deH. James, Secy.

Aug. 15, 1911.

Meeting pursuant to adjournment.
Present: Messrs. Roddy, Hance, Challenge, Biggs, Shaw, Toman,
McGraw, Deemer, Taylor, James. (10)

Treasurer McGraw reported receipts as follows: A. Ingram, \$600.⁰⁰;
W. B. Rattledge, \$200.⁰⁰; Edw. Meigs, \$152.⁵⁰.
Balance on hand - \$2766.⁴⁷.

Notice was received by Treasurer that Jerry Peoples, Parish
of Presbyterian Church would vacate the room in the Town Hall
in Sept. 25.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. L. E. Eliason. Supplies - June 11 to July 31,	\$248.55 ✓
Wm. T. Hutcheson. Carpenter work at Jefferson,	60.00 ✓
J. T. Ostraps. Papering - Hotel + Atlantic,	21.26 ✓
Industrial Supply Co. - Water trough at Hance Camp,	13.00 ✓
John B. Montgomery. Automobile Hire,	5.00 ✓
Under diam. (Bill: Water Supply Co. - Water rent, July 1. 11 to July 1. 12 -	130.00 ✓
to Treas. (W. B. Rattledge, Coll. - School Tax - Dist. #48 - 1911.	29.16 ✓
be used as (Wm. Wilson - Ferry at Centre Hall, 13.65 + 18.45 -	32.10
bonches. (E. S. Meigs. Ferry at Jefferson, to be applied to rent	10.00
J. E. Smith. Int. on Deemer Bond to Sept. 1, 1911.	197.50 ✓
	<u>746.57</u>

And an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Report of visit to farms on June 17 was made by Mr. Toman,
and certain repairs suggested.

The Acting Committee was authorized to get estimates for repairs
to house at Ogletown and submit same at Sept. meeting.
Also authorized to use their judgment as to making certain
other minor repairs.

A petition to allow the City-Cornet Band to use the third
floor of Town Hall, rent free, was read.

The petition was referred to the Public Buildings Committee
with authority in the Committee to allow the Band to use this
room as proposed, the Band to furnish heat, light and janitor
service, provided proper arrangements be made with the
G. A. R. who now use the room on evening.

LAW OFFICES
J. ERNEST SMITH
ALEX WARDEN SMITH
300 MARKET STREET

Wilmington, Del., July 20, 1911.

Francis deH. Janvier, Esquire,
Secretary of New Castle Common,
New Castle, Delaware.

Dear Sir:-

This is to notify you that Joshua F. Smith, of the
City of Wilmington has purchased the bond of the New
Castle Common to Selden S. Deemer, for Seventy-nine Hun-
dred Dollars, (\$7900.00), dated the 6th of July, 1908,
with interest due thereon, from March 1st, 1911, and that
payment of principal and interest hereafter due thereon
is to be paid to him, and his receipt, therefore, will
be a discharge for such payments.

Yours very truly,

S. S. Deemer

A communication from the City Council, requesting aid in paying the arrearage in water and light bills was received and read. Action was deferred and the Secretary was instructed to notify City Council that the Board was not now in position to take the matter up, but would act upon the same as soon as possible.

Notice was received from Selden S. Deemer that he had assigned the Bond of this Board for \$7900. to J. E. Smith and that principal and interest from March 1, 1911 were payable to Mr. Smith.

The notice was ordered filed.

Adjourned.

J. Lott Jamieson

work at Jefferson,	60.00 ✓
to Model + Altrich,	21.26 ✓
to trench at Home Lane,	13.00 ✓
tumbrels Here,	5.00 ✓
rent, July 1. 11 to July 1. 12 -	130.00 ✓
of Ferry. Dist. #48. 1911.	29.16 ✓
Hull, 13.65 + 18.45 -	32.10
Jefferson, to be applied to rent	10.00
and Bond to City of Ill.	197.50
	<u>746.57</u>

payment was regularly passed.

on 17 was made by Mr. Tamm.

authorized to get estimates for repairs on the same at Sept. meeting. Adjourned as to making certain.

City Council Board to use the third was read.

the Public Buildings Committee to allow the Board to use the same to furnish heat, light and paint. Engagements to be made with the same on one evening.

Sept. 5, 1911.

Present: Messrs. Roshay, Wise, Hance, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, McGrooy, Ferris, Challenge, Jamieson. (10)

Mr. Roshay arriving late, Mr. Wise was chosen Pres. pro tem.

Treasurer McGrooy reported receipts as follows: J. Judson, \$200.00; G. M. Blackburn, \$5.00; Tasher Clark, \$214.70 in cash and \$16.55 by bill for fencing. Balance in hand, \$3568.00

Bills were presented as follows:

- B. F. Hancock - Salary as Janitor to Feb. 21 - 25.00
- Wallace K. Cannon, Coll. County Taxes 1911 - 715.71
- Albion E. Padrick - Carpenter work at Clayton - 20.00
- Tasher Clark - fencing at Clayton - to be credited to rent. 16.55

777.26

And an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

City and County tax bills for the lots at Second and Chestnut Sts. which were assigned by A. Feeny in settlement of arrears of Mr. Biggs to March 24, 1911, were presented. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the taxes as soon as the deed is received.

The Acting Committee presented bids for the new addition to the house at Oglethorpe as follows:

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the request of the City Cornet Band, would respectfully report that they are informed by the Treasurer that the Band still owes ~~an~~ a balance of rent amounting to $37.⁵⁰$ — But your Committee understands that the Trustees are willing to waive the payment of this unpaid rent, and your Committee so recommends.

The petition presented by the Band makes no mention of the use of the room by the G.A.R., and the members of Watson Post at their meeting of a week ago, adopted a resolution as follows — That "We, as a part of the G.A.R. object to being excluded from this room by any parties coming in free of rent." —

Your Committee, however, does not believe that the Band had any such intention, and think that Watson Post has misunderstood them.

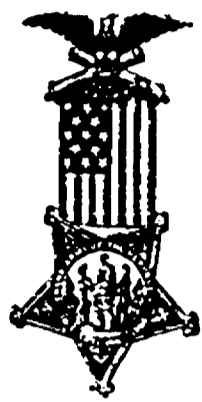
It is the opinion of your Committee that our Janitor should have charge of the room, but ~~we~~ we desire also to do all ~~that~~ ^{we} can to assist our City Musical Organization in their rehearsals. — ~~And~~; — But we think it wd

It is only fair to the G.A.R. to charge them
to admit the Band free. - And,
if both organizations on a similar
basis, it would seem well to your Com-
mittee that the Band should be allowed
use of the room, for rehearsals, on
Monday and Friday evenings, our Jani-
tor to have charge, at a rental of Ten
cents per Annum; - and would fur-
ther recommend that all of the rental
received from the G.A.R. and the Band be
paid over to the Janitor for his services,
~~with the above statement~~ your
Committee further reports that the G.A.R. Post
indicated with this arrangement, the cost
of fuel and light ~~to~~ to be borne by the
G.A.R. by arrangement with the G.A.R. ^{as com-}
^{mission} for the use of their furniture, ^{etc.} -
And your Committee would re-
spectfully refer the whole matter back
to your honorable body for final action
at St. Louis.

Wm M Hayes
James M. Wise

} Committee

Carroll DeLo Sept 5. 1911



HEADQUARTERS

Capt. Evan S. Watson Post, No. 5,

Department of Delaware, G. A. R.

New Castle, Del., Aug 26 1911

Mr. Wm. Ferris, committee

in as a Post of the G.A.R.

Subject to being excluded from this room,

by any parties coming in force of

rent.

Respectfully yours

John W. Hudson

Commander

Official

W. Hemmick
adjt

New Castle Delaware
June 26 1911

We the undersigned citizens
of New Castle Del., request the
members of New Castle Common to
allow the City Concert Band the
use of the third floor of the
Town Hall free of charge
for rehearsal pending the
Board furnish them heat and
light.

James A. Chaeung

T. H. E. Goudis

A. B. Lancaster

A. S. Boyce

Henry Taylor

Francis P. M. Gullis

Robert Neelands

James H. ...

Joseph E. ...

John T. ...

John T. ...

John T. ...

Robert ...

W. H. ...

Wm ...

Wm ...

Chas. ...

Harry ...

...

has well

This petition was referred to Committee on
Public Building, with authority to allow the Band
to use the room as proposed, the Band to furnish
heat, light and janitor service, provided proper
arrangement be made with the G.A.R. who now
use the room in evening.

J. de H. ...

STATEMENT

In Case of Error Please Return Bill for Correction

Aug 28th 1911

To City Concert Band

To ...

Terms No St.

1909

Drawn to

Aug 25/11 @ \$2.50 1/4 month \$ 50.00

Credit

Mar 25/10 Paid \$ 50

Sept 25/10 " 5.00 12.50

Aug 25/11 70 Bal Due \$ 37.50

December 5, 1911.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Wise, Shaw, McGrovy, Taylor, Deemer, Challinger, Biggs, Ferris, Janni. (11)

Treasurer McGrovy reported \$2036.¹² in hand. He also reported the amounts due from each tenant. All tenants had applied to renew.

Mr. Hunt appeared for the G.A.R., together with Mr. Wise, and asked for a water closet or some convenience at the Town Hall.

The matter was referred to the Public Building Committee to investigate and report.

Mr. C. P. Holcomb appeared in reference to the proposed duPont Boulevard, stating that one of the proposed routes surveyed would pass along the State Road and require about 140 ft. of the Common Land for a length of about a mile, including about 17 acres of land. He stated that the Company would move back the fences and replace any buildings affected, but would ask that nominal damages only for the land itself be claimed by this Board.

By motion of Mr. McGrovy, seconded by Mr. Deemer, it was ~~unanimously~~ resolved that the Trustees favor allowing the Boulevard Company to obtain the "Common Land" needed along the State Road at nominal damages for the land, the Company to replace all buildings affected by the change.

Mr. Shaw reported that Mr. Toman had declined to take the engine and tank at Penn Farm, and that the same had been sold to J. T. Gough for \$15.⁰⁰ The action was approved.

Mr. Wise presented a careful report of the visit of the Board to the farms in Nov. 10, calling attention to the condition of the various farms and the things needed.

The report was accepted and referred to the Acting Committee.

Bills were presented as follows:

Bylgum Steel Casting Co.	8 th annual payment	\$1200.00
J. T. & L. E. Eliam	Supplies; Oct. 2 to Nov. 24	117.41
J. T. Stroops	Supplies	8.49
John Burgoyne	Fencing at Holcomb Cor.	3.20
J. B. Montgomery	Automobile hire	5.00
		<u>1333.80</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

An ordinance for \$50.⁰⁰ was passed in favor of James T. Morrison on account of contract at Oglethorpe.

All of the farms were rented to the present tenants for one year from March 25, 1911, at same rents, except Penn farm.

The rent of Penn farm was fixed at \$800.⁰⁰ per year, and the Treasurer authorized to advertise the farm for rent.

Adjourned to meet Dec. 19, 1911.

J. deH. Janni, Secy

December 19, 1911.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Taylor, Wise, Challinger, McGrovy, Shaw, Deemer, Janni. (9)

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and, after having been corrected by changing "unanimously" to "without opposition" in the resolution concerning the duPont Boulevard, were approved.

Treasurer reported that he had advertised Penn Farm for rent. There were two applicants, Mr. Ingram, the present tenant, who appeared personally, and Mr. John W. Banks, who applied in writing.

On motion, the farm was rented to Mr. Ingram for the year beginning March 25, 1912 at rent of \$800.⁰⁰, provided that he give a note payable March 25, 1911 and indorsed by Mr. C. H. Burge for the amount of rent due to March 24, 1911, plus interest from Feb. 25, 1911 to March 25, 1912 on the amount due Feb. 24, 1911, said note to be delivered to the Treasurer by Dec. 22, 1911. If the above conditions are not complied with, farm to be rented to J. W. Banks.

Bill was presented as follows:

J. deH. Janni. Postal card notices printed, \$ 3.⁰⁰
And an ordinance for its payment duly passed.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Janni, Secy.

January 2, 1912.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Toman, Shaw, Wise, McGrovy, Deemer, Challinger, Biggs, Ferris, Janni. (11)

Treasurer McGrovy reported receipt of note from Mr. Ingram for \$1001.³⁴, in accordance with the terms of the rental of Penn Farm at last meeting.

Balance in Treasury - \$629.³⁴

Bills were considered as follows:

H. Hance & Wm. Warren - work at Hares Corner (Order drawn to J. T. Williams)	31.50
Edward Nelson - Carpenter work at Ostrilten	46.20
J. T. Williams - Supplies. Dec. 6 to Dec. 18.	68.85
" " Temp. insurance on Barry Wheat (1910)	1.05
James E. Brown - Repair to Hares Corner windmill.	8.33
Every Evening Printing Co. - Adv. for rent	.54
E. Challenge & Son - Paint for Tom Hall	.90
Harry Brown - Painting at Ophethorpe	6.00
J. T. Williams - Paper	10.50
Farm Mutual Ins. Co. (J. T. Williams Agent) - Insurance	51.10
New Castle County Mutual Ins. Co. (R. C. Juden Agent)	44.25
James T. Morrison - Gen. acct. contract at Ophethorpe	300.00
J. T. Williams - 2 tons coal for colored school	13.00
	582.30

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Jammie, Secretary.

February 6, 1912.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Hance, Shaw, Taylor, Ferris, Challenge, Deemer, Briggs, Jammie. (9)

Treas. McGary being unable to be present by reason of illness, his report was read by the Secretary, showing receipts from A. Niagara of \$170.00 on account of note due March 25; balance in hand being \$147.13.

The following bills were presented:

Farm Mutual Ins. Co. - Insurance on Barry Wheat - 1.00
Edw. Nelson - Carpenter work at Tom Hall 1.75
And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed. 2.75

Mr. John Juden, tenant at Model Farm, appeared and asked the Board to advance money for a carload of manure, he giving his note for the amount paid. The Acting Committee was authorized to purchase the manure and take Mr. Juden's note.

The Public Building Committee was authorized to allow the fishermen, through Walter Wepf and George B. Pustell, to use the second story of the Tom Hall for hanging nets; they to see that no damage be done to the building.

Mr. C. P. Holcomb appeared in relation to the du Pont Boulevard, stating that the latest surveys placed the route entirely on the east side of the State road, and he asked that a

Committee be named to take up the proposed route with the Engineers.

Missrs. Taylor, Deemer and Shaw, were appointed a Committee to confer with the du Pont Boulevard Engineers in reference to the proposed route.

Mr. Rodney and Mr. Jammie were named as a Committee to confer with the Telephone Company in reference to their poles, and also to request the removal of certain poles at the Hares Corner Stables and Shed.

Mr. Ferris reported that water duct could be placed in second floor of Tom Hall for about \$85.00 action on the matter was postponed.

The Acting Committee was instructed to ascertain the number of square yards between the curbs on Delaware St., from Second Street to Third Street, also the approximate cost of paving the same.

Adjourned

F. de H. Jammie, Secretary.

March 5, 1912.

Present: President Rodney, Wise, Hance, Briggs, Shaw, McGary, Morrison, Challenge, Taylor, Ferris, Jammie. (11)

Treasurer McGary reported receipts as follows: Mrs. Briggs, \$831.47 in cash + \$10.00 by bill approved by Acting Committee; Mr. Juden, \$80.00 in cash and \$21.32 by bill approved by Acting Committee. Balance, \$1035.79.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. Ernest Smith - Interest due Mar. 1, 1912	197.50
J. T. Williams - Supplies Jan. 9 to Feb. 29	38.37
James T. Morrison - Gen. acct. contract at Ophethorpe	100.00
To be retained (Mrs. Briggs - 7 months due approved by Committee, (forcing)	10.00
by Treas. as rec'd (John Juden " " " " (dishes)	21.50
Tomlinson Court House - Rent for one year	50.00
Manumal Church - Care of Tom Club	50.00
P. McGary - Expenses as Treasurer	100.00
F. de H. Jammie - Secretary	50.00
Acting Committee, Expenses to March 25, 1912 (under authority of Feb. 1911)	50.00
B. F. Lancaster - Salary to March 25, 1912	25.00
	692.37

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Bills were considered as follows:

H. Bowen & Wm. Warren - work at Hanes Co. (Order drawn to J. T. E. Eliam)	3
Edward Neher - Carpenter work at St. Nicholas	46
J. T. E. Eliam - Supplies - W.C. 6 W.C. 18	68
" " Temp. insurance on Barry Wheat (1910)	1
James E. Briggs - Repair Hanes Co. windmill	8
Every Evening Printing Co. - Adv. for rent	
E. Challenge & Son - Paint for Tom Hall	
Harry Bowen - Painting at Oglethorpe	6
J. T. E. Eliam - Paper	10
Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. (J. T. E. Eliam Agt.) - Insurance	5
New Castle County Mutual Ins. Co. (R. L. Guden Agt.)	45
James T. Morrison - On acct. Contract at Oglethorpe	30
J. T. E. Eliam - 2 tons coal for colored school	12
	582

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Adjourned.

J. Lott Jacobi,
Secretary.

February 6, 1912.

Present: Pres. Norbury, Hanes, Shaw, Taylor, Ferris, Challenge, Deemer, Briggs, Jacobi. (9)

Treas. McGray being unable to be present by reason of illness, his report was read by the Secretary, showing receipts from A. W. Payne of \$120.00 on account of note due March 25, balance in hand being \$147.13.

The following bills were presented:

Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. - Eliam Ins. Agt. - Error in Insurance	1.00
Edw. Neher - Carpenter work at Tom Hall	1.75
	2.75

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Mr. John Judan, tenant at Model Farm, appeared and asked the Board to advance money for a carload of manure, he giving his note for the amount paid. The Acting Committee was authorized to purchase the manure and take Mr. Judan's note.

The Public Building Committee was authorized to allow the fishermen, through Walter Wiff and Gings B. Pustell, to use the second story of the Tom Hall for hanging nets; they to see that no damage be done to the building.

Mr. C. P. Holcomb appeared in relation to the du Pont Boulevard stating that the latest surveys placed the route entirely on the east side of the State road, and he asked that a

STATEMENT

In Case of Error Please Return Bill for Correction

Dec 5th 1901

M Amount: One and Comy
 Due for Rent Mar 25/12 Dr.

Terms No St.

Head & Co. Pm

Thos. Clark, one mar 25	510.00
Tacker, Clark " "	25-281.28
John Jordan " "	25-135.00
Abram Ingram Nov 25	1005.83
Edw. S. Wiggins Mar 25	295.88
Wm. B. Rathledge Mar 25	372.67
Loydia A. Biggs	84.49
#	5182.12
Blackburn	1196.25

The Committees in reference to duplex Boulevard and the telephone company, appointed at the last meeting, reported progress and were continued.

The Acting Committee reported that the square on Delaware Street, between Second and Third Streets, measured 2916 Sq. yds. The Acting Committee was instructed to secure estimates for paving the above square with various suitable paving materials, and report at next meeting, with the view of having the work done this summer, if we can make the necessary financial arrangements.

The Board then went into election of Officers, Mr. Biggs and Mr. Taylor being appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows:

President - Mr. Rodney, unanimously.

Secretary - Mr. Janvier.

Acting Committee: Mr. Biggs
Mr. Shaw

Mr. Taylor.

Public Building Committee: Mr. Ferris,
Mr. Wise,
Mr. Hance,

Janitor, Mr. B. F. Lancaster.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Biggs were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Adjourned.

F. de H. Janvier
Secy

April 2, 1912.

Present: Mr. Wise, Challenger, McGraw, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs, Janvier.

Mr. Wise was chosen President pro tempore.

Mr. McGraw reported receipts as follows: Tasker Clark, \$231.25; Thos. T. Clark, \$310.00; Thos. Holcomb, \$23.00; E. S. Megginson, \$245.88; Geo. W. Blackburn, \$100.00; Balance, \$1323.33.

The Treasurer was authorized to make such arrangements as to rent due from Wm. Ingram, Blackburn and Ratledge as he may deem to the best advantage of the Board.

The auditing Committee were authorized to audit the Tom and Barry indebtedness from the annual statement.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON For the Year Ending March 25th, 1912

Table with Receipts and Expenditures columns. Receipts include March 25th, 1911, Cash on hand, Thomas T. Clark, Tasker T. Clark, Edward S. Megginson, Lydia A. Biggs, Thomas Holcomb, Daniel and James McCormick, John Jordan, Geo. M. Blackburn, Abraham Ingram, Wm. B. Ratledge, Mrs. Emma Bruce, Joseph C. Bacon, Rent from Meeting Rooms Town Hall, Jos. T. Gough, Sale of Engine and Tub, Transfer of Feeney lot, Interest on Deposits. Total Receipts: \$10,187.84. Expenditures include Printing and Advertising, Delaware Water Improvement Co., School Tax, County Tax, City Tax, Expenses of Board, J. E. Smith interest on Bonds, Brylgon Steel Co., Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., New Castle Mutual Insurance Co., S. W. Barrick lime for farms, Repairs and Improvements at Model Farm, Stockton Farm, Union and Bayard Farm, Centre Hall Farm, Oglethorpe Farm, Jefferson Farm, Penn Farm, Clayton Farm, Lot, part of Union Farm, Town Hall, Coal for Colored School, Citizens B. & L. Association, Janitor's Salary, Secretary's expenses, Treasurer's expenses, Immanuel Church care Town Clock, Commissioners and Court House, rent, Acting Committee expenses, Balance Cash on Hand. Total Expenditures: \$10,187.84. Outstanding Obligations of Trustees Follows: Brylgon Steel Co., J. E. Smith 5% Bond, Citizen's Building and Loan Association. Total: \$11,340.00.

Officers of the Board: John H. Rodney, Pres. Patrick M'Grory, Treas. Francis de H. Janvier, Sec'y. Acting Committee: James G. Shaw, John E. Taylor, James E. Biggs. Committee on Public Buildings: William J. Ferris, James M. Wise, John M. Hance.

Farms Belonging to the Trustees: Table with columns NAME NO., TENANT, ACRES, RENT. Includes Jefferson, Stockton, Oglethorpe, Centre Hall, Penn, Union, Bayard, Clayton, Model, Lot part of 8, Lot part of 3, Lot part of 2, City Hall Store.

Trustees of the New Castle Common: Table with columns Name, Elected date. Includes John H. Rodney, William J. Ferris, Edward Challenger, James B. Toman, Patrick M'Grory, Robert R. Morrison, James M. Wise, John M. Hance, Francis de H. Janvier, James G. Shaw, James E. Biggs, Selden S. Deemer, John E. Taylor.

Audited and Found Correct April 23, 1912. Wm. J. Ferris, James E. Biggs. PATRICK M'GRORY, Treasurer.

The following bills were read and approved and the treasurer directed to pay them:

E. S. McGinnis - trees for Jefferson -	\$12.75
Thos. Slack Jr. - Repairing Hydrant at Stratton	2.50
White Bros. - Pump handle at Jefferson	1.50

The treasurer was authorized to allow H. Davidson to use the lot at 2nd & Chestnut Sts. for cultivation, he to keep fences, gutters &c. in condition, and to hold it subject to sale.

The Acting Committee was authorized to employ a competent person to prepare specifications for paving the square on Blawan street and to secure prices for the same.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Janni, Secretary

May 7, 1912.
Present: Pres. Rodney, Hance, Shaw, Taylor, McGraw, Challenger, Ferris, Janni. (8)

The Annual statement of the treasurer was presented by the Auditing Committee and accepted and ordered filed.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. E. Eliam. - Supplies, Mar. to Apr. 30,	\$62.06
Charles L. Story, - Printing Treas. report,	6.50
William Taylor, - Work at Penn farm,	4.20

The bills were approved and the treasurer instructed to pay the latter two.

Mr. Shaw for Acting Committee reported progress on the matter of street improvement.

Adjourned.

J. deH. Janni, Secretary

Receipts	
see	
W. Reese	37.50
J. Hatton	37.50
W. Steel	8.00
J. Gross	76.00
Jan 1	
J. Gross	50.-
	<u>209.00</u>
Feb 5th	
Ballance #1457.24	
(check drawn)	438.86
	<u>1457.24</u>
	891.62
	<u>565.62</u>

June 4, 1912 Present - Hance, Touan, Shaw, Briggs, Taylor, Wise, McGroy, Ferris, Challenge, Deemer, Jammi.

Mr. Wise was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGroy reported \$2407.²³ in treasury.

The three bills, aggregating \$72.⁷⁶, presented and approved at the last meeting, were read; also bills approved after - \$72.⁷⁶ - \$16.⁷⁵

Also the following:

- Boyer Brothers. Wire fence material - 107.55
- Theodore W. Cavender. Roofing at Hance Corner 14.09
- John E. Gickler. Work on fence " " 15.50
- James T. Munson. Bal. in contract at Hance 19.40

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee presented specifications prepared by Mr. H. H. Fulemider for paving of Delaware Street, between 2nd & 3rd streets, which were read and considered.

The Acting Committee was directed to advertise for bids according to the specifications.

Adjourned J. Latt. Jammi

July 2, 1912 Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Touan, Briggs, Shaw, Taylor, Wise, McGroy, Ferris, Morrison, Challenge, Hance, Jammi. (12)

Treas. McGroy reported \$2185.⁷³ on hand.

Bills were presented as follows:

- H. H. Fulemider. Specifications & plan for street 42.00
- J. T. & E. E. Shinn. Supplies May 6 to June 21 86.92
- Ed. White Insp. Co. Water rent July 1, 1912 to July 1, 1913 130.00
- Every Evening Printing Co. Adv. proposals for street 2.20
- J. T. Stroop. Paper for 25 sheets 5.12
- Wm. Barry. 100 fence posts 20.00
- John E. Gickler. Laying at Hance corner 2.00
- J. G. Justice Co. 55 cedar rails 11.00

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee reported that they had advertised for bids for paving Delaware St. from Second to Third and had received two bids, which were opened.

The bids were as follows:

Horrigan & Co.	\$4621.00
Ambler. Davis Co	3500.00

The Acting Committee was authorized to investigate both bids and after such investigation to award the contract to the lowest bidder, provided arrangement can be made to borrow the necessary money, and the President and Secretary were authorized to execute the contract upon the request of the Acting Committee.

The Acting Committee was also authorized to arrange with the Wilim. Southern Traction Co. for payment of a proportional part of the cost, and also to employ an inspector in their discretion.

Adjourned J. Latt. Jammi

August 6, 1912 Present: Pres. Rodney, Messrs. Hance, Shaw, Briggs, Taylor, McGroy, Ferris, Morrison, Challenge, Wise, Jammi. (11)

Treasurer McGroy reported \$1866.⁴⁹ in treasury.

Bills were considered as follows:

- J. Ernest Smith. Interest on Bond 1st Sept. 1, 1912. - 197.50
 - Charles J. Dampney, Coll. City tax on lot in Chestnut St. (1912) - 17.67
- 215.17

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee reported that they had awarded the contract for paving Delaware Street to the Ambler. Davis Company under its bid of \$3500.⁰⁰, and that Wilim. Southern Traction Company had agreed to waive all notice and to pay its proportionate cost of the work.

The President and Secretary were directed and empowered to execute the contract with the Ambler. Davis Company, in behalf of the Trustees. The Acting Committee was empowered and authorized to purchase the necessary asphalt.

The Public Building Committee was authorized to install a toilet in the Town Hall in the little room on second floor at a cost of not over \$80.⁰⁰

Application having been made for use of second floor in Town Hall as a meeting room for a political club, the matter was referred to the Public Building Committee, the sentiment of the Board however being against such use.

It was reported that the water supply at Centre Hall had been out of service for about six weeks. The Secretary was directed to make complaints to the Water Company and demand that it be remedied.

The meeting then adjourned

J. dett. Janni
Secy

September 3, 1912.

Present: Num. Hance, McGroy, Ferris, Morrison, Beeman, Biggs, Janni. (7)

The Secretary reported writing to Water Co. in reference to water supply at Centre Hall, but that complaints were still made.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Officers of the Water Co. at Reading entering complaint.

The Street paving contract was read, but as the bond was not executed by a surety, no action was taken.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 10.

J. dett. Janni
Secy

Sept. 10, 1912.

Present: Wini, Hance, Shaw, Taylor, Morrison, Beeman, McGroy, Biggs, Ferris. (9)

Mr. Wini was chosen Pres. pro tem & Mr. Ferris, Secretary pro tem

Treasurer McGroy reported \$1611.⁴² on hand.

The Street Committee of City Council appeared, stating that they were about to provide for paving Delaware Street from Orange to Union and asking the Board to provide for same from the Strand to Market Street.

It was unanimously resolved that this Board provide for the same kind of paving on Delaware Street from Market Street to the Strand, at the same proportional price as is being paid under the present contract.

The Treasurer was instructed to return to the Amherst Davis Co. the check for \$175⁰⁰ given when the bid was made.

An ordinance for the payment of the following bill was regularly passed:

Hills & Jones Co. - Castings	20.00
D. F. Hancock - Salary to Sept. 25	25.00
County Tax 1912 on farms	715.71
" " " " Col	8.65

The Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Amherst Davis Co., in accordance with the terms of the contract, ~~85%~~ of whatever should be certified by the Engineer as having been done up to Sept. 10.

The Officers of the Board were authorized and instructed to borrow from the New Castle Trust Co. whatever money may be needed to meet the terms of over paving contract, and to execute the necessary papers therefor.

It was ordered that an addition be made to the asphalt paving of the center square by running the paving of both sides of the roadway of Market St. back to a line parallel to the north west side of the Town Hall, and the central part of Market St. back to the outer edge of the present pavement in front of the Barber and Butcher Shop.

Adjourned.

W. J. Ferris, Secy pro tem

Oct. 1, 1912.

Present: Pres. Rodney, Hance, Morrison, Challenge, Beeman, Ferris, McGroy, Taylor, Shaw, Toman, Janni. (10)

Treasurer McGroy reported receipts as follows: John Jordan, \$150.⁰⁰; E. Mezzanin, \$200.⁰⁰; Thos. Clark, \$310.⁰⁰; Tachus Clark, \$231.²⁵; A. Ingram, \$40.⁰⁰. Bal. in treasury - \$975.⁰⁰

The Acting Committee reported that the corn crib at Mrs. Biggs farm (Storklin) had been blown down. The Committee was authorized to replace it.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. E. Eliam - Supplies July 25 to Sept. 19	\$83.26
Benjamin Thomas - Repairs at Jefferson	19.60
Barber Asphalt Paving Co. - Asphalt for square	604.43
G. W. Dorey Jr. - Typewriting Street Contract	2.50
P. McGroy - Triples on Castings for gutter	.50
E. S. Mezzanin - Fencing at Jefferson (to be applied to next)	12.00

And an ordinance for their payment was passed.

Certificates were received from H. L. Fulkensider that the Amble Davis Co. had done \$700. worth of work on street between 2nd & 3rd during September. Also that the same company had done \$200. work on street between First and Second, the latter having agreed with City Council to bear the expense of this square.

An ordinance was duly passed for the payment of \$765.⁰⁰ to the Amble Davis Company, being 85% of the above estimate, \$595. and \$170.⁰⁰

The treasury reported that \$807.⁰⁰ had been paid to Amble Davis under ordinance passed at last meeting, being 85% of the work estimated by Mr. Fulkensider to be \$950.⁰⁰

The Pres. & Secy. were authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the trustees petition to the County Deed Commission to place Jefferson Farm (taken out of the city) in Div. No. 47 (Rose Hill).

Adjourned
 J. D. H. Jamieson
 Secy

Nov. 12, 1912
 Special meeting duly called.
 Present - Rodney, Hance, Wise, McGraw, Morrison, Challinor, Deacon, Ferris, Key, pro tem.

Minutes approved.
 Key was instructed to advise the Acting Committee to be prepared at the next meeting to furnish the Board with a statement of the number of square yards covered by the paving contracts between Market Street and the Strand.

It was ordered that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet next Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 8 P.M.
 Adjourned

Nov. 19, 1912.
 Adjourned meeting.
 Present: Pres. Rodney, Taylor, Wise, Hance, Challinor, Deacon, Morrison, McGraw, Ferris, Jamieson. (10)

H. L. Fulkensider, engineer in charge of street improvement, reported as to work done, also area and cost, and the cost of extra concrete curbing etc.

Paid to Fulkensider, H. L. Fulkensider
 Amble Davis Co.
 Treasurer Jamieson

The treasurer reported receipts of \$1096.²⁵ from G. W. Blackburn for rent in full to March 25, 1912 and \$38.³⁶ interest on same. Also \$125.⁰⁰ from A. Ingram. Balance in treasury, \$1710.⁶³

Bills were presented:
 Brylque Steel Casting Co. 9th annual installment. \$1200.00
 Barber Asphalt Paving Co. - Asphalt for 2 squares 405.95
 Edward Weber. Concrete & pack at Strablin 91.70

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed, subject to the approval by the Acting Committee of the latter two.

The motion of Mr. Ferris, duly seconded, an ordinance was duly passed in favor of the Amble Davis Co. for \$2252.⁵⁰, being \$1487.⁵⁰ on account of City House Square and \$765.⁰⁰ on account of paving of square from Strand to Market, these amounts being 85% of the respective amounts, each paid by the Engineer in charge as done during October, and that officers borrow the money needed.

Amble Davis Co.
 \$1487.50
 765.00
 2252.50

Mr. E. S. McGraw appeared and asked for a wagon shed at Jefferson. The matter was left to the Acting Committee with power to act.

Mr. G. W. Blackburn asked for reduction of rent to \$8.⁰⁰ per acre.

Strablin, Clayton, Centre Hill, Jefferson and Woodal farms were reverted to present tenants at present rental.

The treasurer was instructed to advertise for rent, Penn, Union & Bayard, and Ogilthorpe farms.

Adjourned.
 J. D. H. Jamieson
 Secy

Dec. 3, 1912.
 Present: All members, except Mr. Deacon.

Treas. McGraw reported receipts as follows: \$600. from G. W. Blackburn in full to Sept. 25, 1912; \$404.³² (including \$7.⁰⁰ interest) from W. B. Rathbun in full to Sept. 25, 1912; \$17.⁵⁰ from Acting Committee from sale of asphalt barrels; 3 months' work of Cold Spring for Cold Co. from A. Ingram for \$140.⁵⁰, which work was accepted by the Board in account of rent for \$38.³⁶, discount of \$2.⁰⁰ being deducted (subject to payment when due).

Balance in treasury \$1301.⁸⁵ (with order for asphalt of \$405.⁹⁰ passed at last meeting, not yet paid).

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. S. E. Eliam. Lumber on Acct. W. W. W.	\$152.77
W. B. Rutledge, Coll. - School tax 1912 - Dist. #48	31.26
G. M. Blackburn - Plastering in House	2.50
Eng. Ev. P. Co. - Adv. Janes	1.36
	<u>187.89</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The voting of the three farms was taken up with the following applicants:

Umm & Bayard - G. M. Blackburn, J. Evans, Corb., Fred H. Seamy,
 Peem - A. Ingram, Harry Standley, L. J. Rambo,
 Oglethorpe - W. B. Rutledge, Edgar Gross, Mrs. W. L. Middle,
 H. S. Eliam, Mrs. Etta Blackburn, Geo. L. Brown, L. J. Rambo

A ballot was taken in each case and as a result, Umm & Bayard was reverted to G. M. Blackburn, Peem to A. Ingram and Oglethorpe to W. B. Rutledge, all at same rent as they now pay.

Mr. Shaw reported an offer of \$1100. for the lot at Chestnut & Market Sts.

On motion duly passed, the offer was accepted and Mrs. N. S. Roddy, who holds title for the Board was directed to convey the lot to Mrs. M. M. B. Fleming for the above sum, + the office of the Board was directed to forward such copy

Pres. Roddy here retired and Mr. Wise took the chair.

Amble Davis. On motion duly recorded, an ordinance was duly passed in favor of the Amble Davis Company for \$577.38, being \$463.43 on account Court House Square & \$10.50 extra work, and \$103.25 on account pay Strand to Market St., being 85% of amount certified by Engineer. The remaining 15% of contract was held until acceptance by Board.

H. L. Fulmer. This order for \$167.00 was passed in favor of H. L. Fulmer, for \$125.00 for completion of Court House Square and \$42.00 for 79 feet from Strand to Second.

The treasurer and the Acting Committee were directed to collect the amount due from the Trolley Co. for paving and from the property owners for curbing.

Adjourned

J. deff. Janes
Secy

January 7, 1913.

Present: Pres. Roddy, Hance, Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Challenge, Ferris, Briggs, Janes. (9)

Upon petition of the School Commission, the treasurer was authorized to furnish two tons of coal to the colored school.

Treasurer McGray reported receipts as follows: \$50. deposit on lot from W. B. Fleming; \$176.62 for coal - from 3rd to 4th St. from City Council; \$1789.00 from City Council for trolley company's share of paving from Strand to Third St.; \$225.00 from E. S. Mcguffin for rent; Balance in treasury, \$2572.48.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. S. E. Eliam, 2 tons coal for colored school	49.66	} 93.91
New Castle Lumber Co. - do	44.25	
J. T. S. E. Eliam, 100 lbs. fuel for Jan 2	18.46	
John M. Hance, Contract for shed at Jefferson	225.00	
	<u>337.37</u>	

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Adjourned

J. deff. Janes
Secy

February 4, 1913.

Present: Pres. Roddy, Hance, Wise, Taylor, Ferris, McGray, Challenge, Shaw, Janes. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported receipts from Mrs. B. Fleming of \$1050.00 balance in full for lot on Chestnut St. Balance in hand, \$3251.51

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. S. E. Eliam. 2 tons coal for colored school	\$13.50
New Castle Lumber Co. - Int. on notes	50.00
J. E. Smith - Int. on bond to March 1.	197.50
N. S. Roddy - Notary fee in Fleming deed	.50
	<u>261.50</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The Public Building Committee ^{was authorized} to allow the fisher street the use of town hall for fixing rails, Mr. W. J. and Mr. Pustell to be responsible for same.

The Acting Committee was instructed to go over new streets and ascertain all defects, before acceptance of work and payment of balance.

Adjourned to meet second Tuesday in March. J. deff. Janes

March 11, 1913.

All members present. The President being called, Mr. Wise presided.

Treasurer receiving reported receipt of \$150. from J. Jordan, also \$42.50 and \$3.61 interest from A. Ingram on account of Ice Co. note and a new note for \$100. Balance in hand, \$3,087.69
The report was approved and accepted.

The Acting Committee reported having examined the new paving and that Mr. Davis had agreed to go over the whole work as soon as the weather permits and remedy all defects, Mr. Davis of the Ambler-Davis Co. being present and making the same statement to the Board. It was then resolved that the balance due the Ambler-Davis Co. of \$775.02 be paid at once from the fund for Third Street, being \$775.02 he paid at once to the express provision that the street will be given over to the company and all defects repaired and remedied in the spring.

Other bills were presented:

Edw. Weber - work at Ham Court & City Hall	4.70
P. W. J. - Expenses as Treasurer	100.00
F. de B. J. - " Secretary	50.00
J. G. Shaw, Chairman - Acting Committee	50.00
Immanuel Church - Care of Tom Club	50.00
Commissioner Com - House - " "	50.00
B. F. Lancaster - Janitor to March 25/13	25.00
	<u>329.70</u>

An ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Treasurer, the Secretary and Mr. Taylor were appointed a committee to make an appeal to Levy Court in the revised City assessment.

The Board then went into election of officers, Mr. Biggs and Mr. Shaw tellers, the results being as follows:

President - John H. Rodney
Treasurer - Patrick M'Grory
Secretary - Francis de H. Janvier
Acting Committee - Mr. Shaw, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Taylor.
Public Bldg. - Mr. Wise, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Hance.
Janitor - B. F. Lancaster.

Mr. Hance and Mr. Biggs were appointed Auditing Committee.

Adjourned

F. de B. J.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1913

Receipts	Expenditures
March 25, 1912.....	Brylgon Steel Casting Company, 9th payment ... \$ 1,200.00
Cash on hand.....	J. E. Smith, interest on bond 395.00
George M. Blackburn, rent in full.....	County tax 724.36
Abram Ingram, rent in full.....	School tax, District No. 48 31.26
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs, rent in full.....	City tax 17.67
Thomas T. Clark, rent in full.....	Insurance 93.91
William B. Ratledge, rent in full.....	New Castle Trust Company, interest..... 50.00
Tasker T. Clark, rent in full.....	Delaware Water Improvement Company..... 130.00
Edward S. Meggison, rent in full.....	Printing..... 7.86
Daniel and James McCormick, rent in full.....	Notary fee, deed to Fleming..... .50
Thomas Holcomb, rent in full.....	Coal, colored school..... 13.50
John Jordan, on account, rent.....	
Joseph C. Bacon, on account, rent.....	Repairs and Improvements at:
Meeting room, Town Hall.....	Town Hall..... 4.78
Interest on deposits.....	Model Farm..... \$ 18.95
M. B. Fleming, sale Feeney lot.....	Stockton Farm..... 290.12
City Council, trolley companies.....	Union and Bayard Farm..... 175.06
Share, cost paving Delaware street.....	Oglethorpe Farm..... 31.27
New Castle Trust Company.....	Centre Hall Farm..... 28.01
Demand notes.....	Jefferson Farm..... 315.26
Sale, asphalt barrels.....	Penn Farm..... 71.14
	Clayton Farm..... 14.45
Total.....	911.26
	To building new street between Strand and Third street, on Delaware street Ambler-Davis Company..... \$ 5,177.33
Amount Due Trustees	Barber Asphalt Company..... 1,010.33
John Jordan..... \$ 23.50	H. L. Fulwider, surveying and overseeing..... 209.00
Emma Bruce Estate..... 125.00	Miscellaneous..... 48.24
Joseph C. Bacon..... 6.00	6,444.93
	Citizens' B. and L. Association..... 240.00
	Janitor's salary..... 50.00
	Secretary's expenses..... 50.00
	Treasurer's expenses..... 100.00
	Acting Committee, expenses..... 50.00
	Commissioners' Court House, rent..... 50.00
	Immanuel Church, care Town Clerk..... 50.00
	Balance, cash on hand..... 5,472.86
	Total..... \$16,120.91
	Outstanding Obligations of Trustees Follows:
	Brylgon Steel Casting Company..... \$ 1,200.00
	J. E. Smith, 3 per cent. bond..... 7,900.00
	New Castle Trust Company, demand note..... 3,500.00
	Citizens' B. and L. Association..... 600.00
	Total..... \$13,400.00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

JOHN H. RODNEY, Pres. PATRICK M'GRORY, Treas. FRANCIS de H. JANVIER, Sec'y

ACTING COMMITTEE:

JAMES G. SHAW JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

WILLIAM J. FERRIS JAMES M. WISE JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees:					Trustees of the New Castle Common:	
NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES	RENT	NAME	Elected
Jefferson	1	Edw. S. Meggison	.90 1-2	\$452.50	John H. Rodney	Jan. 9, 1875
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3-4	853.75	William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Ratledge	79 1-2	397.50	Edward Challenger	Elected June 20, 1885
Centre Hall	5	T. T. Clark	124	620.00	James B. Toman	Elected Feb. 3, 1891
Penn.	6	Abraham Ingram	187 1-3	800.00	Patrick M'Grory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Union	8				Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Bayard	9	Geo. M. Blackburn	217 1-2	1,196.25	James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Clayton	10	Tasker T. Clark	92 1-2	462.50	John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Model	11	John Jordan	109 1-3	300.00	Francis de H. Janvier	Elected April 25, 1903
Lot part of..	8	Thomas Holcomb		23.00	James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
Lot part of..	3	Mrs. Emma Bruce Est.		25.00	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Lot part of..	2	Dan. & Jas. McCormick		37.78	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Dec. 28, 1907
City Hall Store		Joseph C. Bacon		156.00	John E. Taylor	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Total.....				\$5,324.28		

Audited and Found Correct April 24th, 1913.

JOHN M. HANCE }
JAMES E. BIGGS } AUDITING
COMMITTEE

PATRICK M'GRORY,
Treasurer

April 1, 1913.

Mr. Challenge, Mr. Munson, Mr. Hance, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Toman, Mr. McGary, Mr. Ferris, Mr. Jammie. (9)
Mr. Challenge was chosen President pro tempore.

Treasurer McGary reported receipts as follows: Mrs. Biggs, \$853.75;
Thos. T. Clark, \$310.00; Tasha Clark, \$231.25; G. W. Blackburn, \$593.25;
A. Ingram, \$467.31; E. S. McQueen, \$15.50; Thos. Holcomb, \$23.00;
W. B. Riddle, \$140.00 - Total \$2635.16 Balance, \$4724.15.

The treasurer was directed to collect the Bruce rent in best way
such way as may seem most feasible.

The Committee appointed at last meeting reported that they had
appeared before the leg. court and asked for reduction in the
assessments to a total of \$715.00, but that no information
had yet been received as to action by leg. court.

The acting committee was authorized to have two fields at Pease
farm cleared.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & E. Ellison - Jan 24 - March 29, 1913	43.50
Geo. Blackburn - Repair to windmill at Pease farm	10.00
White Bros. - Trip to Clayton	14.00
J. G. Jester & Co. - 50 chert. prod.	13.50
Wm. Raming - 20 prod.	4.00
	<u>\$85.00</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Adjourned

J. C. Jammie
Secretary

May 6, 1913.

Mr. Wise, pro. temp., Challenge, Munson, McGary,
Ferris, Taylor, Deemer, Biggs, Jammie. (9)

The annual report of the treasurer was presented by the Auditing
Committee, and was received and ordered filed in the minutes.
Treasurer reported balance in hand to date, \$5367.86, since
bills having been paid by direction of acting committee.

The treasurer was directed to pay off the note for \$3500.
with interest, to the New Castle Trust Co.

(over)

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. McGraw - Printing Treasurer's report	\$ 6.10
Charles H. Gray - " Notices of meetings	2.00
J. T. Stoops - Paper for Mr. Haines, Stables & Cent. Hall	22.02
Vouchers for bills paid by order of Actg. Committee	45.72
P. McGraw - Freight on linen	14.00
" - Sewing by Army at Home Com.	14.00
	<u>89.84</u>

An ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Due to the illness of President Rodney, Mr. Wesi was authorized to sign the order as Pres. pro tempore.

Adjourned

F. deff. Jaunig

June 3, 1913.

Present: Ferris, pres. pro tem., Challenge, Haines, Haws, McGraw, Jaunig.

Reading of minutes was dispensed with.

Treasurer McGraw reported being paid by order of Actg. Committee bill as follows: Barrick & Son, Linn - \$133.¹⁶; Clayton Denny, \$17.⁵² for framing and \$27.¹³ for framing. Also \$35.58.³³ to New Castle Trust Company in payment of notes and interest. Action approved. Bal. in treasury - \$1531.²⁰.

Also three Cold Spring Ice & Coal Co - Niagara note had been renewed for \$50.⁰⁰ and payment of \$50.⁰⁰

The Actg. Committee was authorized to arrange for a visit to the farms the latter part of June and to notify the members.

Adjourned

F. deff. Jaunig

July 1, 1913.

Present: Mr. Haws, pres. pro tem., Mr. Haws, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McGraw, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Challenge, Mr. Jaunig.

Treas. McGraw reported balance of \$1450.²²

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. McGraw - Supplies, April 23 - June 20.	267.49
Theodore W. Cavender - Profing at Oglethorpe and Cent. Hall.	59.01
B. T. Hanks - Blacksmith work,	3.25
George E. Davis - fence posts,	24.90
J. T. Stoops - paper for Jefferson	34.35
" " " " Stables & Oglethorpe,	28.74
Clayton Denny - work 15 June 14	42.75
" " " " " " July 21	14.00
Mrs. W. H. Dwyer - Water rent to July 1, 1913	5.25
P. McGraw, Treas. - bills paid by Mrs. T. Clark and W. H. Dwyer, he credited in his rent,	16.75
	<u>626.49</u>

There being not the necessary number present, the bill could not be passed, but the Treasurer was requested to pay the Cavender bill out of any funds in hand.

Adjourned.

F. deff. Jaunig

Aug. 5, 1913.

Present: Wesi, pres. pro tem., Ferris, Haws, McGraw, Shaw, Taylor, Dwyer.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare resolutions in regard to the death of President Rodney, whose death occurred on Sunday, August 3, and that the Board adjourn for one week as a mark of respect.

Chair appointed Mr. Ferris, Mr. McGraw, Mr. Shaw, as the Committee.

Adjourned to meet Aug. 12.

Kentley pro tem.

Aug. 12, 1913.

Adjourned meeting. Present: Wesi, pres. pro tem., Haws, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, McGraw, Ferris, Morrison, Challenge, Jaunig.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas in the death of John H. Rodney, God, in His Providence, has seen fit to remove from among us an honored

citizen of this State, who has for many years been President of this Board; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Trustees of the New Castle Common feel it their sad duty to express their sense of the great loss that has come upon them, both as to his services as a fellow member, ever ready with wise advice and counsel, and as our presiding officer, leading our deliberations always with impartial courtesy; and be it further

Resolved, that our heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family in their loss of a loving and tender husband and father; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased president, and that these resolutions be written upon our minutes, and published in the daily papers.

As a further mark of respect to Mr. Rodney, the election of his successor as president and the calling of an election to fill the vacancy in the Board were deferred until the regular September meeting.

Treasurer McGraw reported balance of \$830.⁴¹

The bills presented and approved at the meeting of July 1, amounting to \$624.⁴¹ most of which have been paid by the treasurer, were again before the Board, and also the following new bills:

Boyer Bros.	Supplies - May 2 - June 25 -	\$256.79
T. W. Cavender	Roofing	87.40
J. T. H. Elliam	Supplies - July 16 - 28	28.74
J. T. Gough	fence posts	44.55
W. S. Beck	"	16.96
John J. Walls	plumbing	14.00
Edw. Fisher	Carpenter work	13.30
		<u>461.74</u>

And an Ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Adopted

J. det. Janning
Secretary.

New Castle N. H. Sept 27th 1913

At an election held on Sept 27th 1913, a person to serve as a Trustee.

The New Castle Common, W. H. The duly appointed persons authorized by the trustees to hold said election, do hereby certify that the following vote was cast:

Total vote 368. Distributed as

follows.

Richard S. Rodney	189
Dr R. R. Rock	74
Andrew M. Gallagher	98
Wm E Rothwell	1
George Peirce	1

James M. Wise Inspector

Jas. E. Shaw Judge

test

Wise. Clerk

E. Challenge Judge.

President of
Commons feel
loss that

15
Wise - HHT 111
Fern - HHT 111
Juni - 1
Toman - 1
H. Fern - 1

Sept. 2, 1913.

Present: Deemer, pres. pro tem., Challenge, Shaw,
Taylor, McGray, Biggs, Wise, Ferris, Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported \$238.42 on hand.

An election to fill the vacancy in the Board, caused by the death of Mr. Rodney, was called for Saturday afternoon, September 27th, from 1 to 6 o'clock, at the Mayor's Office. Mr. Wise, Mr. Challenge and Mr. Shaw were appointed a Committee to hold the election.

The election of a president was laid over until the next meeting.

The following bills were presented: ^{in Bond to Sept. 1}

J. F. L. E. & Co. Assn. - Tubulars Aug. 22-27	\$7.50
Evening Printy Co. Adv. resolutions	66.96
Evening Journal Printy Co. "	1.75
Thomas Slack Jr. Repair pump at Haverdown	3.50
John E. Taylor. Compt. tax for 1913.	2.50
B. F. Langguth. Janitor to Sept. 25	788.24
	25.00

And an ordinance for their payment was passed, to be paid by Treasurer as soon as funds are in hand.

Adjourned

F.lett. Janni
Secretary

October 7, 1913.

Present: Wise, pres. pro tem., Hauer, Toman, Biggs, Shaw,
Taylor, McGray, Ferris, Toman, Challenge, Deemer, Janni. (12)

The Election Committee reported that they had held an election at the Mayor's Office on Saturday, September 27, 1913, from 1 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Rodney, with the following results:

Total votes cast	368
Mr. Richard S. Rodney received	189 votes.
Mr. Andrew W. Gallagher	98 "
Dr. Robert B. Roth	78 "
Mr. Wm. E. Northwell	1 vote
Mr. George Perice	1 "

Mr. Richard S. Rodney having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected and took his seat as a member of the Board.

Treasurer McGray reported receipts as follows:

Thomas T. Clark	293.25
Edw. S. Mequison	210.00
John Jordan	150.00
W. B. Rathbun	198.75
Tasha T. Clark	231.25
Alvan Ingram	150.00
	<u>1248.75</u>

He also reported that in order to pay county tax before rebate ended he had borrowed \$800. on demand note from the New Castle Trust Company. The action of the treasurer was approved and he was instructed to let the loan remain for the present.

The treasurer reported that the heirs of Mr. Bruce wished to sell the buildings on the tract on the State Road leased for a blacksmith shop, and offered to sell for \$300. ~~less~~ of over accrued rent and taxes. The treasurer also stated that Mr. Newland would like to buy the Bruce interest in the property, provided he could pay same gradually.

Mr. McGray, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Rostky, Mr. Hance, were appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report.

The following bills were presented:

J. M. S. E. Linn	Supplies - \$4.82
McGray, Treas.	Bill for painting by
E. S. Mequison	for used as paper rent. 15.50
James M. Wise, Clk.	Election Expenses 14.00
J. F. McJannet	Printing election notice 3.00
	<u>37.32</u>

and an order for their payment was regularly passed.

Mr. Jordan asked permission to allow spring refuse from the spring wells in the City to be dumped on Woodland farm. Permission was refused.

A communication from Clarence P. Holcomb, Esq. ^{was read} suggests that the trustees procure a copy of the portrait of William Penn, recently painted for the State House, and hang the same either in the meeting room or in the High School.

The communication was ordered filed, and a committee consisting of Mr. Ferris, Mr. Jammie and Mr. Decum, appointed to ascertain cost and report at next meeting.

The Board went into an election for President to fill the unexpired term for the Mr. Toman and Mr. Hance, terms. Mr. Wm. G. Ferris was duly elected and took his seat as President.

Mr. Sibley and Mr. McKay, appeared in behalf of Good Will Fire Company and asked for help in certain necessary repairs to the fire engine house.

The matter was left to the Acting Committee to investigate and report at next meeting.

Mr. Decum invited the members of the Board to take dinner at his home on Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7 o'clock. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Adjourned

F. Jammie
Treas.

November 4, 1913.

Present: Ferris, Pres., Hance, Toman, Wise, Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Challenger, Morrison, Decum, Biggs, Jammie. (12)

Treasurer McGray reported receipts of \$50.00 from A. Ingram, and \$55.00 from Geo. M. Blackburn. Bal. in treasury, \$643.20

The Committee on Public Building reported installation of new toilet and other repairs at Town Hall.

Committee appointed at last meeting reported that they had examined the Bruce property and found buildings in very bad shape. They recommended offer of \$100. to owners for their interest, subject to back rent and taxes. Also recommended, if done, expenditure of about \$800. in placing buildings in good order.

The Committee was continued and empowered to offer \$100. in full for owners interest, provided good title be gotten; otherwise that treasurer be directed to notify tenant to quit and proceed to recover the property.

Committee appointed at last meeting reported that the cost of the Penn portrait would be \$100. On motion, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

The Acting Committee was authorized to have metallic ceiling placed in first floor of fire engine house, awarding contract to lowest bidder.

Following bills were presented:

Wm. G. Robelan - Toilet at Town Hall	70.00
Thos. W. Cavender - Clean pipes	3.20
John Toner - Work at Spring farm & Town Hall	6.65
John Bungay - Fixing at Centre Hall	5.00
	<u>84.85</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

It was resolved that the Board meet once a year, preferably in December, beginning in 1914, for a social gathering.

All the farms, except Model were rented to present tenants at present rates for year beginning March 1914.

Model farm was offered to Mr. Jordan, the present tenant, for 1914 at \$350.00 per annum, with notice that after that rent would be \$1600.00

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Deemer for their courtesy and kindness in entertaining the Board at dinner on Tuesday evening, October 21st, a dinner which was attended by every member of the Board and by the New Castle representatives of the press and which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Jamies
Secretary.

December 2, 1913.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hauer, Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Morrison, Rodney, Jamies. (8)

Treasurer reported no receipts, but that he had paid \$1200.00 to the Bryfgan Steel Casting Company being the final payment under their contract. Balance of \$339.00
The action of the Treasurer was approved.

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Jordan had accepted Model Farm at \$350.00

The Acting Committee reported need of new roof at Centre Hall, coal estimated at \$175.00. The Committee was authorized to have the work done.

The Committee on the Bruce property reported having made offer of \$100.00 for Bruce interest, Board waiving rent in arrears and assuming taxes and water rent not exceeding \$50.00. This was accepted by Bruce being provided they be given rent from tenant to March 25 next.

It was decided to adhere to the original offer and Committee was authorized to offer \$100.00, Board waiving arrears of rent and assuming taxes and water rent not exceeding \$50.00, subject to good title, possession to be given on payment of same.

The Acting Committee was authorized and directed to arrange for a group photograph of the Board at the expense of the Board.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Jamies
Secretary.

Jan. 6, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hauer, Shaw, Biggs, McGray, Rodney, Taylor, Deemer, Challinger, Jamies. (10)

The Acting Committee reported having engaged the Royal Studio to take the photograph of the Board. The Committee was directed to notify all members to meet at the Court House on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2 P.M.

The Board authorized the Treas. to secure two tons of coal for the colored schools.

Bills were presented as follows:

	\$
New Castle Trust Co. - Int. on note \$1026.30. 1913.	12.00
John T. Lee - Work at Hauer Covert Model	21.00
New Castle Cmp Mutual - Insurance	44.25
Farmer Mutual	45.64
	<u>122.89</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

It was reported by Mr. Rodney that the Bruce heirs had accepted the offer of the Board for their interest in the Blacksmith Shop property, and that papers of transfer were now in their hands to be signed.

An invitation was received from Mrs. Blackburn inviting the Board to a turkey dinner. The invitation was accepted for Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, and the Acting Committee was directed to notify all the members, and the two New Castle reporters.

Mr. Rodney presented a complete list of the Officers and members of the Board since 1791.

The Secretary was authorized to have the old minute books rebound.

Adjourned.

J. dett. Jamies
Secy.

February 3, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hauer, Toran, Biggs, Taylor, Shaw, McGray, Challinger, Wise, Deemer, Rodney, Jamies. (12)

Mr. Lambson and Mr. George, representing the New Castle Board of Trade, appeared and asked financial aid in issuing a booklet to advertise the City of New Castle as an industrial and manufacturing site. The Board guaranteed \$300.00 towards the book.

Treasurer Higgins reported \$146.¹⁶ in hand, and that the Bruce property transfer had not yet been settled.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & L. E. Elason - Supplies to Feb. 2	286.07
John Toner - Carpenter work at Cent. Hall	64.80
" " " " " " " " " " " "	3.60
" " " " " " " " " " " "	27.50
White Bros. - Pump for Jefferson	1.20
T. W. Cavender - Spunking for Harry Corner	5.00
B. T. Lamb - Automobile taxi	3.00
C. H. Gray - Printing 200 proofs of meeting	197.50
J. E. Smith - Interest on land to March 1, 1914	588.67

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The Secretary was directed to enter in the minutes a vote of thanks for the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn on the evening of January 14th.

Mr. Shaw reported that the new roof and blind at Center Hall had been completed.

Copies of the photographs taken recently were examined by the members. The Acting Committee was instructed to procure at the expense of the Board, 18 copies of the interior view and 9 copies each of the two outside views.

Adjourned

J. de H. Jamieson

March 3, 1914 Present. President Ferris, Hance, Toman, Shaw, Taylor, U.S. Gray, Morrison, McCann, Biggs & Rodney (10). In the absence of Sec. Jamieson Rodney made Secretary Pro tem.

Treasurer U.S. Gray reported that he had received the sum of \$293.⁶⁵ from City Council on account of the cement curbing between the Strand and Third Street on Delaware with a list of the owners paying the same. The Treasurer reported that the orders passed at the last meeting together with the sum of \$86.⁴³ paid to the Bruce heirs would leave an overdraft of \$255.²⁹

It was unanimously resolved that the demand note now held by the New Castle Trust Company be increased by such a sum as may be necessary to pay the orders already drawn and to be drawn

provided that the increase of the said note should not exceed \$1000.⁰⁰

The following bills were allowed

J. T. & L. E. Elason	2,40
Jamieson salary	25,00
Secretary's expenses	50,00
Treasurer's expenses	100,00
Acting Committee "	50,00
Trustees of Court House (Rent)	50,00
Memorial Church (care of clock)	50,00
	<u>327,40</u>

and an ordinance for this amount was passed.

An ordinance was also passed covering the following items

Taxes on the Bruce property	62.57
Water rent "	"
School tax of trustees in district #48 (about 24 th)	32.10
	<u>95.67</u> + 35 th error

Mr. Rodney reported that the Bruce matter had been settled and the heirs paid and presented the assignment of their lease with the assignment of all their interest in the buildings.

The treasurer was instructed to leave the Bruce matter off of his reports.

The Board went into election of officers with the following result:-

- President William J. Ferris
- Secretary Francis de H. Jamieson
- Acting Committee Messrs Shaw, Biggs and Taylor
- Public Building " Messrs Ferris, Wise & Hance
- Jamieson Bennett F. Saweaster

Messrs Jamieson and Taylor were appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts. It was resolved that the Board accept with thanks the large photograph of the Board which was the gift of the Royal Studio and also resolved that the Acting Committee have it suitably framed.

Adjourned

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary Pro tem.

April 7, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Challinor, Shaw, U.S. Gray, Jamieson (5)

There being no quorum, adjourned after informally reading minutes and discussing the audit and certain bills. The members present authorized the treasurer to pay the bills presented and approved and also \$250.⁰⁰ on account of the Board of Trade book.

J. de H. Jamieson

February 3rd., 1914.

Cost of Cement Curbing collected from property
owners between The Strand and Third
St. on Delaware St. in this city.

Cooper Estate	\$66.71
Edward Challenger	1.22
Mrs. Terry	16.65
Charles Witsel	15.60
George Peirce	47.81
Anna Bowman Est.	9.79

Janvier Estate	\$12.97
John B. Truitt	16.35
Miss Dougherty	7.43
A. E. Goudiss	7.09
W. J. Ferris	38.93
A. M. Gallagher, 2nd St.	6.43
R. L. Chase	9.45
Henry Wilhelme	10.69
Haines Est. (Also Miss Haines)	16.20
A. M. Gallagher	25.43
	<u>150.97</u>

Less 10% charged by C.S. for collection,	<u>15.10</u>	<u>135.87</u>
		\$293.65

May 5, 1914.

Present: Mr. Ferris, Messrs. Hance, Rodney, Shaw, Briggs,
Taylor, McGrory, Challenger, Wise, Deemer, Jammi. (11)

Treasurer McGrory's annual report was presented, audited and approved by the Auditing Committee (Mr. Hance having been named in the absence of Mr. Taylor), and the report was accepted and ordered published and a copy filed with the minutes.

Bills were presented as follows:

Paid by treas. pursuant to auditing of members
at meeting of April 7.

Wm. Wilcox - fencing at Penn - 18.75

Board of Trade - 25.00

John Jordan - fencing - 22.75

A. Ingram - " - 7.00

Mrs. Briggs - " - 25.20

Royal Studios - Photographs - 9.50

Farm Mutual Co. - Insurance - 2.35

Wilmington Bookbinding - Binding old minutes - 12.00

White Bros. - Pump at Stockton - 27.50

By direction of auditors - New Castle Trust Co. - Demand note - 1522.10

Mr. Blackburn - Paid for repair to pump - .75

New Bills:

H. H. Shank - Engraving at Union & Bayard - 65.00

Handcock & Son - Picture frame - 3.64

Geo. W. Bryson - Brick work at Centre Hall - 30.20

1771.77

and an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed

The Acting Committee was authorized to make improvements and repairs to the blacksmith shop property, not exceeding \$100

President Cavender and Mr. Boyce and Mr. Sullivan, of the Council appeared and asked aid in repairing the Delaware Street wharf. The Board guaranteed \$1500. for the repairs

Adjourned

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STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE
TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1914

Receipts		Expenditures	
March 25, 1913.			
Cash on hand	\$5,478.86	Brylgon Steel Casting Co., final payment	\$1,200.00
Abram Ingram, rent in full	800.00	J. E. Smith, interest on bond	395.00
Mrs. Lydia A. Briggs, rent in full	853.75	County tax	788.24
Thomas T. T. Clark, rent in full	620.00	School tax, District No. 48	32.10
William B. Rattledge, rent in full	397.50	Election expenses	17.00
Tasker T. Clark, rent in full	462.50	Printing annual report	6.10
Edward S. Megginson, rent in full	452.50	Printing notices of meetings	5.00
John Jordan, rent in full	323.50	Printing resolutions	5.25
Thomas Holcomb, rent in full	23.00	Automobile hire	5.00
Daniel and James McCormick, rent in full	37.78	Delaware Water Improvement Co.	130.00
George M. Blackburn, rent in full	1,196.25	New Castle Trust Co. interest	70.33
Joseph C. Bacon, rent in full	162.00	Insurance	89.89
Meeting Room, Town Hall	5.40	Coal for Colored School	14.30
Interest on deposits	28.62	Bruce property, tax and water rent	63.57
Received from City Council for Curbing	293.65	Bruce property, paid to heirs	86.43
New Castle Trust Co. Demand Note	1,500.00	Lime, Penn Farm	178.88
From payment of photos	1.50	New Castle Trust Co. demand note	3,500.00
Total	\$12,630.81		
		Repairs and Improvements at	
		Town Hall	93.98
		Model Farm	\$101.54
		Stockton Farm	246.98
		Union and Bayard Farm	440.02
		Oglethorpe Farm	107.38
		Centre Hall Farm	473.75
		Jefferson Farm	77.35
		Penn Farm	57.08
		Clayton Farm	92.70
		Total	\$1,598.80
		Citizens' B. & L. Association	240.00
		Janitor's Salary	50.00
		Secretary's expenses	50.00
		Treasurer's expenses	100.00
		Acting Committee expenses	50.00
		Commissioners and Court House, rent	50.00
		Immanuel Church, care Town Clock	50.00
		Balance, cash on hand	3,762.94
		Total	\$12,630.81
		Outstanding Obligations of Trustees follow:	
		J. E. Smith, bond	\$7,900.00
		New Castle Trust Co., note	1,500.00
		Citizens' Building and Loan Association	560.00
		Total	\$9,960.00

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JAMES G. SHAW JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

WILLIAM J. FERRIS JAMES M. WISE JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees:

Name	No. Tenant	Acres	Rent
Jefferson	1 Edw. S. Megginson	90 1-2	\$452.50
Stockton	8 Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3-4	853.75
Oglethorpe	3 Wm. B. Rattledge	79 1-2	397.50
Centre Hall	5 T. T. Clark	124	620.00
Penn	8 Abraham Ingram	187 1-3	800.00
Union	8		
Bayard	9 Geo. M. Blackburn	217 1-2	1,196.25
Clayton	10 Tasker T. Clark	92 1-2	462.50
Model	11 John Jordan	109 1-3	350.00
Lot part of	8 Thomas Holcomb		23.00
House & lot part of	3 H. Philhouser		96.00
Lot part of	3 Dan. & Jas. McCormick		37.78
City Hall Store	Joseph C. Bacon		156.00
Total			\$5,445.28

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PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

May 5, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Messrs. Hance, Rodney, Shaw, Biggs,
Taylor, McGray, Challenge, Wise, Deemer, Janini. (11)

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PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

June 7, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Messrs. Hauck, Biggs, Shaw, Rodney,
McGray, Challenger, Morrison, Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported \$1672.³⁹, also a note for \$278.³¹.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies, Mar. 27 ^h - June 1,	\$ 231.78
J. T. Stroops. Papering "	32.44
Charles Holding. Setting fence post at 6 ^h 1/2 ^h 1/2 ^h 1/2 ^h	5.94
	<u>270.16</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed, the Stroops order to be retained by treasurer for delivery under instruction of the Acting Committee.

It was decided to visit the farms on Saturday afternoon, June 13, leaving Court House at 2 o'clock. The Acting Committee was directed to arrange the trip.

Adjourned

F. dett. Janni
ky.

July 7, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Messrs. Morrison, Hauck, Shaw,
Biggs, Taylor, Wise, McGray, Janni. (10)

reas. McGray reported receipt of \$131.⁰⁰ on account of Cold Spring Ice & Coal Co. note, and renewal of \$150.⁰⁰ for 90 days. Also \$39.⁰⁰ from Mrs. Bacon.

Bills were presented as follows:

Rossi & Bro. - Paper for 6 ^h 1/2 ^h 1/2 ^h 1/2 ^h	\$ 2.25
Theodore W. Cavender. Metal ceiling in Fire Hall.	90.00
" " Roofing at Model	33.42
J. T. & E. Eliason. Supplies	17.35
Ed. Walter Imp. Co. - New Bruce house,	2.50
" " Water rent July 1 ^h - July 1, 1914	130.00
R. H. Mappin. Automobile hire	5.00
	<u>280.52</u>

And ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The visit to the farms on June 13 was discussed and the matter of repairs considered.

The Acting Committee was authorized to proceed with the needed repairs as far as can be done with a view to the

minutes of the Board.

Adjourned

J. dett. Jammi, Secy.

August 4. 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Mr. Messers, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McGraw,
Mr. Rodney, Mr. Hance, Mr. Deane, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Wise, Mr. Jammi. (10)

Treasurer McGraw reported \$1212.82 on hand.

A communication from City Council was received, asking that a Committee from the Trustees be appointed to act with the Harbor Committee of Council in arranging for repairs to Delaware Street wharf, bids for which will be received by Council on Aug. 11 at 8 P. M.

Mr. McGraw, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Shaw were appointed as Committee.

Adjourned

J. dett. Jammi, Secy.

August 19. 1914.

A special meeting called by the President was held this evening to consider the rebuilding of Delaware Street wharf and also the loss by fire of the barn and shedding at Ogletheorpe on the afternoon of August 14th.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Messrs. Hance, Rodney, Briggs, Taylor, Morrison, Deane, Shaw, McGraw, Jammi. (10)

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to act with City Council in arranging for repairs to Delaware Street wharf, reported as follows:
Gentlemen,

Your Committee beg to report that at a meeting of the joint Committee appointed by City Council and Trustees of the Common to consider and report upon the advisability of repairs or rebuilding Delaware Street wharf, held Monday evening, Aug. 17, Mr. Boyce was chosen chairman and Mr. Cavender Secretary. Upon going over the bids as tabulated by the consulting engineer, the Committee voted unanimously that a contract be entered into with H. L. Tutuall, the lowest bidder, for the amount of work that the Committee may decide upon, not to exceed \$4000.00, City Council pledging \$2000. and the Trustees \$2000. This action to be subject to the approval of our respective bodies for the above amount can be had & as

follows:

First Pkch. Lead near +3.5 Level	\$1850.00
Secondly " A.L.B.	720.00
Floating platform,	140.00
	2710.00

leaving \$1290.00 to spend on north side from E to F at \$10.70 per foot, or about one hundred and eleven feet. The material in old granary should more than pay for cost of tearing down. There was also one bid for concrete from the +4.5 level for \$4800., which did not receive approval of consulting engineer, therefore not considered by the Committee.

The Committee further added that afterwards a proposition for concrete for the part above mentioned was submitted.

Mr. Cavender, President of City Council, appeared and stated that City Council was in session and had considered the matter, and a majority of Council favored a concrete wharf.

After some discussion, it was resolved that the Board agree to assist City Council in repairing Delaware Street wharf in equal shares with City Council, and that the same Committee be continued to represent the Board in deciding as to the extent and nature of the repairs.

The Barn and Shedding at Ogletheorpe having been entirely destroyed by fire on the afternoon of August 14th, it was resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized to proceed to rebuild the barn and shedding at Ogletheorpe immediately, and also the barn at Penn farm if possible, and that the President, Treasurer and Secretary be appointed to advise with the Acting Committee as to the cost and the financing of such building.

A Committee, consisting of Mr. Jammi, Mr. McGraw and Mr. Hance, was appointed to examine our fire insurance and readjust where advisable.

The Acting Committee having received bids for new porch at Jefferson farm and awarded the same to the lowest bidder at \$175.00, their action was ratified and approved.

Mr. James B. Toman having been recently (on Aug. 12) very seriously injured by being struck by a rail road train at the crossing near his home, the Secretary was directed to extend to Mr. Toman the unanimous sympathy of the Board and hopes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Adjourned

J. dett. Jammi, Secy.

Sept. 1, 1914

Present: Mr. Wise, pres. pro tem., Hance, Shaver, Rodney, Taylor, McGraw, Morrison, Deemer, Janni.

Treasurer McGraw reported \$1192.⁵² in treasury.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. E. Smith. Ins. on bond to Sept. 1, 1914	\$197.50
B. F. Lancaster. Salary to Sept. 25, 1914	25.00
John E. Taylor. County tax for 1914	843.03
	<u>1065.53</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

On the application of H. Philkner, tenant on the Bruce property, the Board agreed to rent the place to him, the rent to be adjusted later.

The Committee appointed to act with City Council in the Delaware street wharf repairs reported that the Committee had not yet heard from City Council, but that they understood new bids for a concrete wharf had been asked for and were to be opened this evening.

The Acting Committee presented plans for a new barn at Oylethorpe. After some discussion, the matter was left to the Committee as before to get bids.

Adjourned

J. dett. Janni
ky

October 6, 1914.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Rodney, Briggs, Taylor, McGraw, Challenger, Morrison, Janni.

Treasurer McGraw reported receipts as follows:

\$645. ⁰⁰ from Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co. Insurance on buildings at Oylethorpe	
150. ⁰⁰ Cold Spring Ice & Coal Co. note.	
310. ⁰⁰ T. T. Clark. rent to Sept. 25.	
231. ²⁵ Teacher T. Clark	
226. ²⁵ E. S. Meigs	
100. ⁰⁰ A. Ingram on acct. rent.	
175. ⁰⁰ J. Jordan	
<u>1837.50</u>	Balance in treasury - \$1944.79

The Acting Committee reported that they had awarded contract for a new barn at Oylethorpe to the Greenalls for \$2599.⁰⁰

Committee on Public Building reported that they had ordered a new floor in the barber shop in the Town Hall.

The Committee on Delaware street wharf reported that the Committee had received no official notice from City Council as to repairs to wharf, but understood that City Council had awarded the contract for a concrete wharf to Cloud, Stiles and Work, Inc., of Chester, Penna., for \$4761.²⁵ complete.

Mr. McGraw, as one member of the Committee, registered his protest against the proposed concrete construction as unwise, unsafe and therefore wasteful.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued to advise with City Council if called upon.

The Committee appointed to examine into fire insurance recommended an increase all around, and the Committee was authorized to raise the amounts of insurance.

The Acting Committee was directed to investigate the rentals of the farms with a view to readjustment and increase, and to recommend a scale of rentals at the next meeting.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. E. Eliam, Supplies, July 10 to Sept. 26	\$165.32
John J. Walls, repairs to pump at Penn - 15.10	} 22.85
" " " at Town Hall 7.75	
T. W. Cavender, Roofing at Jefferson	13.26
John Tiner Carpenter work at Oylethorpe & Hance farm	21.60
" " " " " Town Hall	7.20
John M. Hance, new fences at Jefferson	175.00
Geo. Russell, Horse hire	15.00
Wm. Warren, Painting and tarring roofs	32.50
H. Huff - Plans for barn at Oylethorpe	15.00
	<u>467.73</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1914.

J. dett. Janni
ky

November 4, 1914.

Present: Ferris, President, Hance, Wise, Shaw, Rodney, Taylor, McGraw, Challenger, Morrison, Briggs, Deemer, Janni.

Treasurer McGraw reported receipts as follows:

\$600.00	
J. M. Blackburn - rent to Sept. 25	300.00
A. Ingram	8.00
Not. premium on Ins. on Hotel St. Hance farm	108.00

and a balance in treasury of \$2350.06.

The Acting Committee reported having considered the matter of increase in rentals and reported a scale of increased rentals which they recommended, and which scale is filed herewith.

After some discussion the report was adopted and the scale of rentals approved, by the affirmative votes of all the members except Mr. Challenge, who did not vote.

The Treasurer was directed to notify each tenant of the increase at once and ascertain their wishes as to renting at the increased rent, and further to serve notice to quit before Dec. 1, 1914, on those tenants who do not desire to continue on at the increased rate.

The Acting Committee also reported that the barn at Oglethorpe was nearing completion. They also suggested new barn at Penn. In motion of Mr. Deemer, the Committee was authorized to investigate plans for a new barn at Penn and report at the next regular meeting.

The Acting Committee also reported bad condition of water pipe leading to Centre Hall, but that the estimates for relaying were excessive. The matter was left to the Committee with power to act.

The Special Committee on Delaware Street wharf reported that they had met once with the Committee of Council at the latter's request and had found that extra work amounting to nearly \$1100. over contract price was required to make a safe and durable job; and that the Committee had pledged this Board for such extra work. The action of the Committee in so pledging was approved.

The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer were authorized and directed to borrow for the Board the amount or amounts needed to provide for the new barn at Oglethorpe and the share of the Board in the cost of Delaware Street wharf, and to execute on behalf of the Board trustees of the New Castle Common all notes or bonds necessary for this purpose.

The Committee on revising insurance reported having reduced insurance on Hotel at Hanes Corner from \$5600. to \$3600., and that they were about to increase amounts on other buildings.

Bills were presented as follows:

W. H. Greenwalt Jr. - On acct. Oglethorpe barn.	\$500.00
Geo. Blackburn - Roof paint	12.80
	<hr/> 512.80

And an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

Mr. James B. Touman, a member of the Board, having died on October 8, 1914 after injuries received on Aug. 13, 1914, the President appointed Mr. Jammi, Mr. Roddy and Mr. McCarty as a Committee to prepare suitable resolutions on Mr. Touman's death, and the Board took a recess awaiting the Committee's report.

After reconvening the Committee presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common has learned with sorrow of the death of James B. Touman, a valued member of the Board since February 3, 1891;

Be it Resolved that by his death the Board has lost an active and useful member and the Community a strong and forceful man, who by his own effort and his strong personality won for himself a position of prominence and respect. His loss will be felt by many.

And be it further resolved that the Board extend to his children the sympathy and well wishes of every member; and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and published in the daily papers.

In motion of Mr. Wise, an election to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by Mr. Touman's death was called for Saturday, November 28, 1914, from 1 to 6 o'clock P.M. at the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Wise, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor were appointed to hold the election.

Adjourned

J. Jeff. Jammi Secretary

December 1, 1914. Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Wise, Shaw, Taylor, McCarty, Morrison, Deemer, Roddy, Briggs, Jammi.

The Election Committee reported that at the election held on Nov. 28, 1914, the result was as follows:

James B. Touman Jr.	received 308 Vols.
James B. Lancaster	" 175 "
John Rice	" 62 "
Balloe Thummet	1
	<hr/> 546

Mr. Touman having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected, and took his seat as a member of the Board.

Treasurer McGraw reported that he had notified all the tenants as to increase in rent and had received applications from all except Mr. Ingram, who offered \$900. for the farm in its present condition.

Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Biggs appeared for themselves and other tenants and asked that the Board modify the increase if possible.

All the farms were rented to present tenants at the increased rentals approved at the last meeting, except Penn Farm. The Board agreed to run the water into the house at Clayton Farm.

Penn farm was rented to Mr. Ingram at \$900. for the year. Treasurer McGraw reported receipt of \$198.75 from Mr. Rutledge and balance of \$2000.21 in hand.

The Acting Committee reported that the new barn at Coplethorpe was about finished and very satisfactory, and asked members to inspect it.

They also recommended that action on barn at Penn farm be postponed until the Spring, and estimated the cost at \$3000.

The Committee on Delaware Street wharf reported progress. The Committee was authorized to represent the Board in overlooking the completion of the wharf, and to employ such assistance as may be necessary.

The Acting Committee was directed to provide for an adequate water supply at Centre Hall and Coplethorpe, the flow being now very poor.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & L. S. Eliam	Supplies Dec. 6 - Nov. 24	\$78.17
Sam'l. Walls	Painting at Jefferson	22.00
James White	Window light at Town Hall	3.55
William Warren	Work at Coplethorpe	15.00
E. T. Price	Fencing	13.50
J. W. Hudson	Repairs to chains	2.50
Georg. E. King Press	Treasurer's statements	6.00
Evening Printing Co.	Resolution 1.25. For rent 1.14	2.39
Evening Journal Pub. Co.	"	2.70
James W. Wren, Chimney	Electron Expenses	14.00
W. L. Water Pump Co.	Water into Penn farm	2.50
Farmers Mut. Ins. Co.	Increased insurance	15.85
		<hr/> 178.16

and an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

A Committee, consisting of Mr. Janni, Mr. Rodney and Mr. McGraw, was appointed to consider and report to the Board as to the qualifications of voters and elections for members of the Board, securing legal advice if they deem it necessary.

Adopted

J. A. H. Janni Secy

The Special Committee on fire insurance reported having increased the insurance and presented the revised policies.

On recommendation of the Committee, it was decided to turn over the insurance on the School Buildings to the Board of Education of the City, to be kept up by it.

Adopted

J. A. H. Janni Secy

January 5, 1915.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Rodney, Taylor, Shaw, McGraw, Challenger, Toman, Deemer, Biggs, Janni. (11)

Treasurer McGraw reported having borrowed \$1500. from New Castle Trust Company, and had paid W. H. Spearwater for \$2577.69, being balance in full for new barn and work at Coplethorpe. Balance in treasury, \$540.47.

The report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report
 1914-15
 Balance 1270.20
 Received 397.10
 1667.30
 Paid 1500.00
 1667.30
 Balance 1067.30

President Cavender and a Committee from City Council appeared and reported that the Delaware Street wharf had been completed, approved by the City Engineer, and accepted by City Council, and presented bill for the whole work, amounting to \$6157.75, in which the City had already paid \$2337.50.

The Committee of the Trustees reported that they had viewed the wharf and considered it had been completed in a workmanlike manner and according to the contract, and approved the bill.

The Acting Committee reported having made repairs to the house near the reservoir amounting to about \$100.00.

Public Building Committee reported an application from Mrs. Halli for third floor of Town Hall for the Italian Beneficial Society.

The application was refused.

It is equally well settled, that the words of an instrument of writing, their intent and meaning, must be construed in the light of the law, as it existed, at the time and place of the making and execution of the instrument.

The present territory of Delaware, was at the time of the granting of the "Penn Charter," a colony of Great Britain and primarily governed by its laws. Under the law of that country, at that time, no person, except a citizen of that country, was permitted to take and hold real estate, either by descent or purchase, and he was under the same disabilities as to trusts and uses, arising out of real estate. In each case the property would escheat.

Sir William Blackstone, in his Commentaries on the Law of England, says: "If an alien could acquire permanent property in lands, he must owe allegiance, equally permanent with that property to the King of England." He cannot serve two masters at the same time. So that in order to hold lands, he must become a naturalized subject or citizen of England.

Chancellor Kent in his Commentaries on American Law, says: "If aliens come to this country, with the intention of making it their permanent residence, they are still aliens and are unable to hold a freehold interest in land, or to hold any civil office, or to vote at any election, or to take any active share in the administration of government."

Such was the law, at the date of the "Penn Charter." It therefore, conclusively follows, without regard to any other qualification, that no person is qualified to vote at an election for trustees of the New Castle Common, except, native or naturalized citizens of the United States.

But in addition to his personal qualifications, as I have stated them, the legal voter, must also possess certain property qualifications, to-wit: he must "have a freehold," in the town, "or otherwise pay a yearly rent of forty shillings per annum." A freehold is an estate of inheritance or an estate for life in land.

The meaning of the words used in the Charter, "or otherwise pay a yearly rent of forty shillings per annum," is somewhat obscure. But, when taken in connection with the previous words, which confer the right to vote upon a freeholder, and also in connection with the legal character of land tenures then existing in England, are sufficient, to my mind, to show, that the framers of the Charter, in so far as a property qualification was concerned, intended only, to extend the right to vote, to those renters, who were bona fide renters from the owner of the freehold. That is, such inhabitant, shall have a freehold, "or otherwise," (if he has no freehold,) he shall, "pay a yearly rent" etc.

"RENT," is a species of property, known in the law, as an incorporeal hereditament. It is not the thing corporate, itself, such as lands etc., but is something collateral thereto, and issues out of those lands etc. It is a technical word of the law, and is defined to be, "A certain profit issuing yearly, out of lands and tenements." The framers of the Charter, apparently used it, advisedly and with a full knowledge of its legal significance. They took care to plainly express, its essential elements. The profits must be certain, to-wit: "forty shillings per annum." The time must be certain, to-wit: "a yearly rent."

In my opinion, a freehold was intended to be, the basic property qualification of a voter. That is, it was founded upon a land tenure, in the owner of the freehold, or in his immediate tenant for years in possession.

Mere lodgers, boarders, visitors, hirers of rooms in hotels, boarding houses or other places, are not, in my opinion, within the language and intent of the Charter and consequently are not entitled to vote at said elections.

Such persons as these, even though they may reside in the town, do not possess that permanency of residence and abode and that permanency of property, which the Charter contemplated and which the law required.

Let me briefly recapitulate. The only qualified voters at such elections, in my opinion are:-

1. Permanent inhabitants of New Castle, who are citizens of the United States and have at the time of voting a freehold interest in real estate located in New Castle.
2. Permanent inhabitants of New Castle, who are citizens of the United States and rent real estate located in New Castle, from one having a freehold therein and pay a rent, aggregating at least forty shillings a year.

Any broader or looser construction of the words of the Charter than that which I have given, would in my opinion, tend to jeopardize and seriously injure the valuable trust, which you hold as trustees and of which the permanent inhabitants of New Castle, are the sole beneficiaries.

Believing that this covers the full scope of your committee's inquiries,

I am very respectfully yours,

Alex. B. Cooper

Attorney at Law.

Feb. 2, 1915.

Present: Ferris, McGary, Shaw, Toman.
No quorum. Adjourned.

March 2, 1915.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Messrs. Hance, Roddy, Briggs, Taylor, Shaw, McGary, Challenge, Deemer, ^{Toman} Jamieson.

Treasurer McGary reported having loaned \$3200. from New Castle Trust Company to provide for payment on loan and bal. W. wharf.
Balance in treasury - \$167.⁸⁴

A letter from City Council thanking the Board for aiding in balance street wharf was received, read and filed.

The thanks of the Board were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn for their kindness and courtesy in entertaining the Board at dinner in January.

Mr. Deemer suggested the advisability of tornado insurance, and the matter was left to Mr. McGary, Mr. Hance and Mr. Jamieson, with power to act.

Bills were considered as follows:

J. T. E. Williams - Supplies Jan. 15 to March 2	431.54
Acme Steel Casting Co. - Slang	2.00
Theodore W. Cavender - Roofing at Summit Bayard	27.65
Wm. Warren - Painting n. at Oglethorpe	24.00
Thos. Slack - repairing pump at Haver Lane & Clayton	15.00
School taxes - 1914	39.29
J. B. Montgomery - auto hire	5.00
Wilmington Gas Co. - Fittings in meeting room	5.20
R. R. Morrison - Superintending wh. h. wharf	39.00
J. E. Smith - Int. on bond to Mar. 1/15	197.50
Trustee Court House - rent	50.00
Immanuel Church - care town clock	50.00
B. F. Lancaster - Janitor to March 25/15	25.00
P. McGroary - Expenses at Treasurer	100.00
F. de H. Janvier - Secretary	50.00
Acting Committee - Expenses	50.00
	1111.18

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed, and the Treasurer authorized to borrow on temporary loan to provide for their payment.

The Board then went into their annual election, Mr. Tomman & Mr. Rodney acting as tellers. The result was as follows:

President - Wm. J. Ferris
 Treasurer pro tempore - Patrick McGroary
 Secretary - F. de H. Janvier
 Acting Committee - J. G. Shaw, J. E. Biggs, J. E. Taylor
 Public Building Committee - W. J. Ferris, J. M. Wise, J. M. Hance
 Janitor - B. F. Lancaster

President appointed Mr. Janvier and Mr. Shaw to audit Treasurer's accounts.

Adjourned

F. de H. Janvier
 Secretary

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON For the Year Ending March 25, 1915

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Cash on hand March 25, 1914	J. E. Smith, Interest on Bonds
Abraham Ingram, Rent in full	County Tax
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs, Rent in full	School Tax District, 48
Thos. T. Clark	Election Expenses
Wm. B. Railledge	Board of Trade
Tasker T. Clark	Metal Ceiling, Fire Engine House
Edw. S. Megginson	Royal Studio, Pictures
John Jordan	New Castle Trust Co., Note
Thomas Holcomb	New Castle Trust Co., Interest
Edw. T. & Jas. McCormick, Rent in full	Delaware Water Improvement Co.
Geo. M. Blackburn	Pictures, Frame
Edw. C. Bacon	Printing Statements
Meeting room, Town Hall	Printing and Advertising
Interest on deposits	J. W. Hudson, Repair
Interest on Clark Note	Plans and New Barn at Oglethorpe Farm
New Castle Trust Co., Loan	Geo. Rossell, horse hire
Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.	Half the cost of building Delaware Street Wharf
New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co.	R. R. Morrison, Superintendent
H. Philbouser, House and Lot, Part No. 2	Fire Insurance
	Tornado Insurance, 6 years
	Wilmington Book Bindery
	A. B. Cooper, Esq., opinion on voting qualification
	Citizens B. & L. Association
	Coal, Colored Schools
	Auto Hire
	Repairs and Improvements at
	Town Hall
	Lot - Part No. 2
	Lot - Part No. 2
	House and Lot - Part No. 2
	Model Farm
	Stockton Farm
	Union & Byard Farm
	Oglethorpe Farm
	Centre Hall Farm
	Jefferson Farm
	Penn Farm
	Clayton Farm
	Janitor's Salary
	Secretary's expenses
	Treasurer's expenses
	Acting Committee expenses
	Commissioners Court House, Rent
	Immanuel Church, care town clock
	Balance Cash on Hand
Total	Total

Outstanding Obligations of Trustees follow:

J. E. Smith, bond	\$700.00
New Castle Trust Co., note	5000.00
Citizens' Building and Loan Association	220.00
Total	\$14,120.00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

WILLIAM J. FERRIS, Pres. PATRICK McGRORY, Treas. FRANCIS de H. JANVIER, Sec'y

ACTING COMMITTEE:

JAMES G. SHAW JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

WILLIAM J. FERRIS JAMES M. WISE JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees				Trustees of the New Castle Common	
Name	No.	Tenant	Acres	Trustee	Elected
Person	1	Edw. S. Megginson	90 1/2	William J. Ferris	May 29, 1893
Beckton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3/4	Edward Challenger	June 20, 1895
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Railledge	79 1/2	Patrick McGroary	Dec. 31, 1892
Centre Hall	5	T. T. Clark	124	Robert R. Morrison	Feb. 25, 1893
Union	6	Abraeam Ingram	187 1/2	James M. Wise	Jan. 2, 1896
Byard	8	Geo. M. Blackburn	217 1/2	John M. Hance	Elected April 15, 1903
Stockton	9	Tasker T. Clark	92 1/2	Francis de H. Janvier	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
Model	10	John Jordan	109 1/2	James G. Shaw	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
part of	11	Thomas Holcomb	25.08	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
house and lot part of	12	H. Philbouser	96.00	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
part of	13	Dan. & Jas. McCormick	87.78	John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907
By Hall Store	14	Joseph C. Bacon	166.00	Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
				James B. Toman, Jr.	Elected Nov. 28, 1914
Total			\$6300.61		

Audited and Found Correct April 24, 1915

de H. JANVIER JAMES G. SHAW Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

part due
and the
was...

April 6, 1915.

Present: Ferris, Hance, Biggs, Shaw, McGray, Touman,
Deemer. ①

In absence of the Secretary, Mr. Touman acted as Secretary.

Treasurer McGray reported \$2443.²⁵ on hand. The Treasurer was directed to secure notes from tenants for the unpaid rent to March 21.

Bills were presented and approved, but no advance for want of proper quorum.

Adjourned.

James B. Tommon Jr.
Act. Secy

May 4, 1915

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Shaw, McGray, Robinson,
Touman, Biggs, Wise, Deemer, Challenger, James. ②

The annual statement of the Treasurer, audited by the Auditing Committee was presented and accepted. It was explained that the balance of cash in the report included a note for \$98.⁷⁵ given by Wm. B. Ralledge for rent.

The Acting Committee reported need for new fencing in places, particularly at Storch's farm. Also asked for instructions as to new barn at Penn farm.

The Committee was authorized to prepare plans and get estimates for a new barn at Penn, and report at next meeting.

Copies of the book advertising New Cash issued by the Board of Trade were presented to the Board, and payment of the balance (\$275.⁰⁰) of the sum (\$300.⁰⁰) guaranteed at the meeting of Feb. 3, 1914, was requested.

A communication from Mrs. John B. Maulsby on behalf of the Women's Civic Committee, asking the consent and cooperation of the Board in the improvement of the appearance of the Market Square and the Town Hall, was read. The good will of the Board in the movement was expressed and the matter referred to the Committee on Public Buildings for action.

A communication from Mr. Wm. E. Meyers, asking for assistance from the Board in order to open Battery Park as an amusement park during the summer, was read. The letter was ordered filed and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Meyers that the Board was not in position to assist.

On motion of Mr. Shain, the Acting Committee was authorized to repair defects in the street in front of the Court House, caused by openings made by the Delaware Water Improvement Company, in case City Council does not compel the Water Company to make the repairs.

Bills were considered as follows:

New Castle Trust Co.	Interest on note	73.10
Royal Insurance Co.	Premium on Toronto insurance	86.10
Both of above were paid by Treas. & included in 1914 audit.		159.20

Also:

Alfred Brothers	Roofing at Copley farm	27.66
"	" " Penn	16.68
T. W. Cavender	Iron for roofing at Jefferson	35.76
Wm. Fortner	Lumber	88.26
John Toner	Carpenter work	154.00
J. T. Morrison	" " at Clayton	125.12
James Kelly	Repair pump at Penn	4.00
J. T. H. E. Elison	Supplies, March 3 to Apr. 30	172.011
J. T. Morrison	Carpenter work at Copley farm	12.16
Del. Water Imp. Co.	Cleaning pipes	21.00
Geo. D. Unger	2 hydraulic	29.40
Geo. W. Blackburn	Horse trough	15.00
J. F. McQueen	Printing Treas. statements	6.00
		707.08

John B. Manlove, Treas.	Bal. guarantee on Bond of Trade Book	275.00
		982.08

And an Ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

Adjourned

J. dett. Jammie Secy.

June 1, 1915.

Present: Ferris, Pres., Hance, Rodney, Shaw, McGray, Challenger, Toman, Taylor, Deemer, Biggs, Jammie.

Treasurer McGray reported no receipts since last meeting. Balance, \$2638.

Acting Committee reported that Del. W. had been repaired by Water Co.

Bills were presented as follows:

E. Challenge & Son	Paint	10.60
James D. McPike	Restoring at Town Hall	5.00
J. T. Storpe	Paper	18.21
O. F. Shindan	Paper	27.07
Charles L. Story	Notices of meetings	2.50
		63.33

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee presented plans for a new barn at Penn Farm, but reported them not altogether satisfactory and suggested some changes. The Committee was authorized to have plans altered, eliminating the unnecessary items of expense, and get estimates of the cost, the Board to meet at the call of the Committee.

Adjourned

J. dett. Jammie Secy.

June 30, 1915.

Special meeting called by the President.

Present: Ferris, Wier, Biggs, Shaw, Rodney, McGray, Toman, Morrison, Deemer, Taylor, Jammie.

A request for financial aid for the Independence Day celebration to be held in New Castle was made on behalf of the Citizen Committee. The Board decided to cooperate with the Committee and pledged financial support to the extent of \$50.00.

The Acting Committee presented plans for a new barn at Penn Farm, with three sealed bids, as follows:

W. H. & H. H. Hollingsworth	\$3690.00
W. H. Greenwald	3444.00
H. C. Clark	2987.00

The contract was awarded to H. C. Clark at his bid of \$2987.00 under the plans and specifications, supervision to be left to the Acting Committee.

The disposition of the old barn at Penn was left to Acting Committee, with power to act.

Acting Committee was authorized to put water in the house with tank in cellar at Clayton farm at cost of \$180.00.

Ordinance was passed for following amount:

W. W. Grammer	Fruit of July celebration	30.00
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Adjourned

J. dett. Jammie Secy.

July 6, 1915.

Regular meeting night. No quorum.

J. dett. Jammie Secy.

Aug. 3. 1915.
 Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Wise, Biggs, Shaw,
 Taylor, McGray, Rodney, Toman, Janni. (8)

Treasurer reported \$2392.⁴² on hand, with no receipts.

Acting Committee reported progress on barn at Peem.

Committee on Public Buildings reported having painted parts
 of old Town Hall.

Bills were presented as follows:

William Bros. - Supplies May 6 - July 31.	\$114.22
Delaware Water Imp. Co. - Water rent to July 1916	130.90
" " " (Dues) " " Jan. 1 - July 1915	2.50
Challenger & Son. - Paint on fire escape	3.72
Wm. Deakins. - Curled stem at Stricklin	2.19
Ami McCallough. - Painting of Town Hall	18.00
Evening Evening Printing Co. - Adv.	.60
Wm. Foster. - Fence Posts	22.50
E. S. Meigs. - Paid for carpentering at Peem	22.50
John Tamm. - Carpenter work at model	10.00
O. F. Sheridan. - Papering at W. L. Thayer's	6.60
G. W. Nyson. - Cement at Center Hall	4.40
New Castle Trust Co. - Interest	88.50
	<u>425.73</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to Mr. Challenger,
 on the death of his wife, which occurred on Sunday, Aug. 1.

Adjourned

J. Dell Janni
 Secy.

September 7. 1915.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Wise, McGray, Taylor,
 Shaw, Deemer, Rodney, Janni. (9)

Treasurer McGray reported \$1936.⁶⁹ on hand, and no receipts.

The Acting Committee reported that the new barn at Peem
 farm would be finished in about a month.

Bills were presented as follows:

John S. Taylor, Collector. - County tax for 1915	995.68
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J. G. Justice Co. - Paint	\$14.00
Delaware Water Imp. Co. - Hydrant at Stricklin	6.00
New Castle Gas Light Co. - Gas	.88
O. F. Sheridan. - Paper for model	12.00
J. E. Smith. - Int. on bond to Aug. 29	197.50
B. F. Lancaster. - Salary as Janitor to Oct. 25	25.00
	<u>1251.06</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Acting Committee was authorized to arrange for a visit to
 the farms about October first.

Adjourned

J. Dell Janni
 Secy.

October 5. 1915.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Wise, Biggs, Shaw,
 McGray, Rodney, Toman, Taylor, Janni. (7)

Treasurer McGray reported receipts as follows:

W. B. Rathedge. - Note and interest	\$100.45
" " " - On acct. rent	140.20
E. S. Meigs. - Rent	271.50
Tashin Clark	255.50 (?)

And balance on hand \$1224.²³.

The Acting Committee reported that the barn at Peem
 would be completed next week.

The Board decided to visit farms on Oct. 16, weather
 permitting.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. the E. Eliam. - Supplies Aug 3 - Oct 1	\$34.22
Boyer Bros. - Fencing	202.70
John S. Taylor, Coll. - 1915 County tax on model	15.96
	<u>252.88</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The Acting Committee was authorized to have drawn paid.

The officers of the Board were authorized to borrow sufficient
 amount of money, not exceeding \$3000.⁰⁰, to pay balance due
 for new barn at Peem & other work, executing note
 for same borrowed.

Adjourned

J. Dell Janni
 Secy.

Nov. 2, 1915.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Taylor, Shaw, McGray, Rodney, Morrison, Deener, Biggs, Tomau, Jansin. (11)

Treasurer McGray reported having borrowed \$3000.00 (less 60¢ stamp tax) from New Castle Trust Co., and had paid H.C. Clark \$3500.00 on account of contract to. (Included in order ~~passed~~ passed below).

Also received \$218.67 from J. Jordan for rent.

He reported that Mr. Rathge had applied to rent farm owned by him, and that Mr. Nepperson had notified him of his intention to leave Jefferson farm, he having rented a larger farm.

The Acting Committee reported that the water system at Clayton farm had been completed, and the leak in the roof at Ophthorpe had been stopped.

Bills were presented as follows:

W.B. Rathge - sitting post, n. at Ophthorpe -	\$ 17.50
R.H. Nepperson - Automobile Hire Oct. 16 -	5.00
Del. Water Sup. Co. - Water rent - Penn farms -	2.50
Regal Insurance Co. - Insured tornado Ins. on new bldg. -	4.50
Thomas Black, Jr. - New water system at Clayton n. at Penn farm	190.00
H.C. Clark - Work at Hance Corn farm -	398.50
H.C. Clark - New barn at Penn + extras, and new granary at Penn (\$418.00 + \$16.50)	3635.90
John E. Taylor, Coll. - Taxes on Penn farms - 1915 -	16.30
	<u>4270.50</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed. The tax bill above being in place of order passed at last meeting and with the understanding that Mr. Taylor would obtain refund from Levy Court of amount overpaid, basing on an assessment of \$600.00.

The Treasurer was directed to have Mr. Blackburn's note for rent, amounting to \$652.50, discounted in order to apply the proceeds to bills.

Applications for Jefferson farm, given up by Mr. Nepperson, were received as follows:

W. Grant Abbott,

Ben. Sillitoe

Hiram Vaughan.

It was decided that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Tuesday Eve, Nov. 9, and the Treasurer was directed to notify the tenants that the farms would then be rented.

Rent for Penn farm for ensuing year was fixed at \$6.00 per

Adjourned to meet Nov. 9, 1915.

F. Jeff. Jansin, Secy

Nov. 9, 1915

Board met in adjourned meeting this evening.
Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Biggs, Shaw, Rodney, Morrison, Deener, Tomau, Wici, McGray, Taylor, Jansin. (12)

The Treasurer reported that all the tenants had applied to rent farms, except Mr. Nepperson and Mr. Ingram.

On motion, all the farms, except Penn and Jefferson, were rented for the ensuing year to the present tenants at the present rents.

The renting of Jefferson farm was then taken up. Mr. Sillitoe withdrew his application, having rented another farm.

Jefferson farm was then rented to W. Grant Abbott for the ensuing farm year at present rental.

An application to rent Penn farm was received from Mr. A.F. Walton.

On motion, it was decided that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 8 P.M. on Nov. 16 to consider renting of Penn farm, and the Treasurer was directed to advertise Penn farm for rent.

Application from Band for use of third floor in Town Hall was considered.

It was decided that third floor in Town Hall be rented two evenings a week (Saturday excepted) to James B. Lancaster for use of the Band for \$7.50 per quarter payable in advance, provided he can make satisfactory arrangements with the G.A.R. for the use of the furniture, and that the same percentage of the rentals as heretofore be allowed the janitor for his services.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, Nov. 16, next, at 8 P.M.

F. Jeff. Jansin, Secy

Nov. 16, 1915

The Board met in adjourned meeting this evening.
Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Wici, Biggs, Taylor, McGray, Shaw, Rodney, Morrison, Jansin. (10)

The Board went into consideration of the renting of Penn farm.

Applications were received as follows:

A. F. Walton.

Alfred Lofland

Jesse Lucas.

The Board then went into an election by ballot for tenants on Penn Farm, and Mr. Shaw and Mr. McGraw acted as tellers.

The vote was as follows:

Alfred Hofland 5 votes
A. F. Walton 1 vote
"Blank" 3 votes

Mr. Morrison not voting.

The President declared that Mr. Hofland had been selected.

It was moved that the leases for Penn Farm and Jefferson Farm be drawn for the period from March 25, 1916 to March 1, 1919, with a proportional reduction in rent for 5/6 of a month, and that the treasurer arrange if possible for new leases with the other tenants so as to make the renting year expire on March 1 in all cases pursuant to the recent law to that intent. - which was carried.

Adjourned

J. deff. Jammie Secy.

Dec. 7, 1915

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Shaw, McGraw, Taylor, Rodney, Toman, Morrison, Jammie. (9)

Minutes of the three previous meetings read and approved.

Treasurer McGraw reported receipts as follows:

W. B. Rathedge - \$25.50 (85¢ due to Dec. 25/15)
A. Ingram - 450.00 (in full ..)
Balance in treasury - \$944.³³

It was resolved that the treasurer be directed to demand interest bearing notes from all tenants who do not pay the rent in full on each semi-annual period installment date.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & E. Eliason - Supplies Oct 9 - Dec 3 - \$45.66
Edw. Nelson - Carpenter work at City Hall - 9.10
Alfred Bros. - Tin work at St. Anthony - 29.90
" " " " " " " " " " 3.25
Every Evening Printing Co. - Adv. Penn Farm - 1.26
Every Evening Pub. Co. - " " " " " " " " 1.08
New Castle Gas Light Co. - " " " " " " " " .56
90.81

And an Ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The matter of the reported large amount of wheat planted by the outgoing tenant on Penn Farm was referred to the Acting Committee for investigation and report.

Adjourned

J. deff. Jammie Secy.

January 4, 1916.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hance, Wise, McGraw, Toman, Morrison, Deeman, Taylor, Rodney, Jammie. (10)

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Treasurer McGraw reported that there were no receipts since the last, and \$833.⁵⁰ on hand. He also reported having received notes from all tenants for rent in arrears, except Mr. Clark, who will settle in a few days.

The Acting Committee reported as to wheat acreage at Penn Farm, that present tenant has planted two fields (about 60 acres) and truck patch (about 3 acres), out of a total of 180 tillable acres, or 9 acres less than 2/3 of the tillable acreage; and that in the opinion of the Committee the amount was not excessive. Report was accepted.

An appropriation of two tons of coal for the colored school was made.

Bills were presented as follows:

New Castle Trust Co. - Interest on notes to Dec. 31, 1915 - \$210.00
J. W. Hudson - repairing chairs 1.50
J. T. & E. Eliason, Agts. - Insurance on new barn at Penn 3.74
" " " " " " " " " " New Castle Coal, Trust, 14.20
" " " " " " " " " " Farmers Mutual - 134.93
H. C. Clark - gates and flooring at Penn 52.00
W. B. Rathedge, Coll. - School Tax 1915 - Dist. #48. 37.06
James D. McPike - Repair at Town Hall 6.00
Every Evening Co. - Adv. home for rent 1.12
Every Evening Co. - Adv. proposals 1.20
John J. Walls - Hydrant at Model 8.75
J. T. & E. Eliason - 2 tons coal 14.50
485.00

And an Ordinance for their payment was duly passed.

The treasurer asked for instructions as to renting house on the State road, vacated by Mr. Philthouser.

The renting of the property was left to the treasurer to rent to the most desirable tenant at \$8.⁰⁰ per month, rent to be increased in case the property is improved by the Board.

Mr. Touan presented an invitation from Mrs. Blackburn to a turkey dinner on a date to be set by the Board.

The invitation was accepted for Thursday evening, January 13, the Acting Committee to arrange for transportation and notify members.

Adjourned

F. deH. Janni
Secy

Feb. 1, 1916

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hauer, Biggs, Taylor, McGray, Morrison, Touan, Janni. (8)

Minutes read and approved.

During the death of Mr. Edward Challenge on January 31, the Board as a mark of respect adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, Feb. 8 at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Janni were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable memorial.

Adjourned

F. deH. Janni
Secy

Feb. 8, 1916

Present: Pres. Ferris, Wise, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Rodney, Morrison, Touan, Janni. (10)

Treasurer McGray reported \$328.⁵² on hand. Also that he properly on State Road to J. W. Ritchie, who had paid me month's in advance.

The Acting Committee reported that E. S. Mezzium had erected a tank at Jefferson farm and was offered it to the Board at a little less than cost. Also that roof at Stockton was leaking a new trough needed. Also a new tank at Hesse & Bayard.

The above matters were left to the Acting Committee with power to act.

Postmaster Murphy addressed the Board in reference to the effort to get a free mail delivery in New Castle.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Postmaster urging him to use every effort to secure free mail delivery and pledging him the support of the Board in this effort.

The following minute on the death of Edward Challenge was presented by the Committee appointed at the last meeting, and unanimously adopted.

Edward Challenge, one of the oldest members of this Board both in point of age and of service, died at New Castle on January 31, 1916. Mr. Challenge had been a member of this Board for over thirty years and during all of this time, until prevented by his recently failing health, he took an earnest and active interest in its affairs. Always standing for his convictions with courage and vigor, he took an active part in public affairs. In the various positions of public trust occupied by him, as a member of this Board and in other positions, he has indelibly stamped the imprint of his character upon this community. His long life, now ended, was a life of valued service.

To his family we extend our sympathy, tempered with the feeling that a useful life has been peacefully rounded out.

Be it Resolved, that a copy of this minute be sent to the family of the deceased and be published in the newspapers.

Bills were presented as follows:

John B. Montgomery - auto hire	5.00
Evening Journal Adv.	.68
	5.68

And an ordinance for their payment passed.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn for their hospitality in entertaining the members of the Board on January 13.

An election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Challenge was called for Saturday, March 18, 1916, to be held at the Mayor's office between 1 and 6 o'clock P.M.

The President was authorized to appoint a Committee of three to hold the election.

Adjourned

F. deH. Janni
Secy

March 7, 1916.

Present: Pres. Ferris, Hauer, Wise, Biggs, Taylor, Shaw, Morrison, Touan, McGray, Janni. (10)

Treas. McGray reported no receipts, and \$283.¹⁴ on hand.

The Acting Committee recommended that Mr. Mezzium be allowed thirty dollars for the tank and connections put in by him at Jefferson. The recommendation was approved and the amount ordered credited to Mr. Mezzium's rent account.

The Committee also reported that repairs were being made to water supply at Stockton.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that they had had some painting done at butcher shop in Town Hall, also repairs to toilet.

Bills were considered as follows:

J. T. Ch. E. Elinson	Supplies, Dec. 7.15 - Feb. 17.16	-	75.63
T. W. Cavender	Repairs to stove at Town Hall	-	5.65
J. E. Smith	Int. due Feb. 29. 1916	-	197.50
B. F. Lancaster	Janitor to March 25. 16	-	25.00
F. de H. Janni	Legal Expenses	-	50.00
P. McGorry	hears.	-	100.00
Acting Com.	Expenses	-	50.00
Trustee Court House	Rest	-	50.00
Immanuel Church	Care of clock	-	50.00
			<u>603.78</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Treasurer was authorized to have the Biggs and Rattledge notes in his hands discounted in order to provide for above orders.

Bill for gas for Town Hall was referred to Committee on Pub. Bldg.

The Acting Committee was directed to examine the house at the Basin and report at next meeting on cost of necessary repairs.

The President announced that Mr. Wise, Mr. Shaw & Mr. Janni had been appointed by him to hold the election on March 18.

The Board then went into the annual election of officers. Mr. Toman & Mr. Shaw being tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

- President: Wm. J. Ferris.
 Secretary: Francis de H. Janni.
 Acting Committee: J. G. Shaw, John E. Taylor, James E. Biggs.
 Com. on Pub. Bldg.: W. J. Ferris, J. M. Wise, John M. Hance.
 Janitor: B. F. Lancaster.

Mr. Janni and Mr. Shaw were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Attest

F. de H. Janni

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE Trustees of New Castle Common For the Year Ending March 25th, 1916

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Cash on hand March 25, 1915.....	J. E. Smith, interest on bonds.....
Abraham Ingram, rent in full.....	County tax.....
Lydia A. Biggs, rent in full.....	School tax, District No. 49.....
Thomas T. T. Clark, rent in full.....	New Castle Board of Trade.....
Wm. B. Rattledge, rent in full.....	New Castle Fourth of July celebration.....
Tasker T. Clark, rent in full.....	New Castle Trust Co., interest.....
Geo. S. Megginson, rent in full.....	Del. Water Improvement Co.....
Geo. M. Blackburn, rent in full.....	Printing.....
Geo. C. Bacon, rent in full.....	J. W. Hudson, repairs.....
Thos. Holcomb, rent in full.....	Fire and Tornado Insurance.....
John W. Ritchie, rent in full.....	Automobile hire.....
John Jordan, on account.....	Coal, Colored School.....
Philhouser, on account.....	Gas, Town Hall.....
New Castle Trust Co., proceeds note.....	Citizens B. & L. Association.....
Interest on deposits.....	New barn—Penn Farm.....
Interest from tenants.....	Granary—Penn Farm.....
Meeting room, Town Hall.....	Repairs and improvements at:
	House and lot, part No. 3.....
	Jefferson Farm.....
	Stockton Farm.....
	Oglethorpe Farm.....
	Centre Hall Farm.....
	Penn Farm.....
	Union and Byard Farm.....
	Clayton Farm.....
	Model Farm.....
	Town Hall.....
	Janitor's salary.....
	Secretary's expenses.....
	Treasurer's expenses.....
	Acting Committee expenses.....
	Immanuel Church, care town clock.....
	Commissioners Court House, rent.....
	Balance cash on hand.....
Total	Total
AMOUNT DUE TRUSTEES	OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF TRUSTEES FOLLOW
John Jordan.....	J. E. Smith.....
Philhouser.....	New Castle Trust Co.....
Smith and James McCormick.....	Citizens Building & Loan Association.....
Total	Total

- OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**
- WILLIAM J. FERRIS, President PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer FRANCIS de H. JANVIER, Secretary
- ACTING COMMITTEE**
- JAMES G. SHAW JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS
- COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
- WILLIAM J. FERRIS JAMES M. WISE JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees					Trustees of the New Castle Common	
Name	No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent	Name	Elected
Person	1	W. Grant Abbott	001	\$ 543.00	William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	1701	1,024.50	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Oglethorpe	3	Wm. B. Rattledge	791	477.00	Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Centre Hall	5	T. T. Clark	124	744.00	James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
Union	6	Albert N. Loffland	1871	900.00	John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Stockton	8	Geo. M. Blackburn	2171	1,305.00	Francis de H. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
Stockton	10	Tasker T. Clark	021	535.00	James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
Model	11	John Jordan	1091	437.33	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
part of	8	Thomas Holcomb		25.00	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
part of	3	J. W. Ritchie		98.00	John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 23, 1907
part of	2	Dan. & Jas. McCormick		37.78	Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
Hall store		Jefferson Downham		156.00	James B. Toman, Jr.	Elected Nov. 28, 1914
Total				\$6,800.61		

Audited and Found Correct, April 25th, 1916
 FRANCIS de H. JANVIER, } Auditing Committee
 JAMES G. SHAW, }

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

April 11, 1916.

Present: Wise, Shaw, McQuay, Deane, Loran, Taylor, Reddy,
Janni.
Mr. Wise was selected President pro tem.

Mr. Jefferson Dickinson appeared and stated that he had arranged to take over the Barber Shop of Joseph Bacon in the town hall, that he was ready to take over the business as it now was, and asked that the Board fix up the windows and the front doors so as to present a better outside appearance, as he was about to remodel the interior.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to act.

Treasurer McQuay reported receipts as follows:

Thos T. Clark, rent in full	\$ 75.51
A. Ingram	450.00
Taslu Clark	272.52
John J. Loran	200.00
Ed. Higgins	240.50

Mr. Rutledge offered to buy some more for balance due, and Mr. Biggs has sold some and payed it.
Report was accepted.

Bills were presented as follows:

White House	May fuel and fire	28.85
W. T. Higgins	Repairing	25.92
Ed. Higgins	Repairing at Jefferson	18.57
A. Ingram	Robe	1.00
Newcastle Trust Co.	Interest to Mar. 31	135.20
James B. Lancaster	Election Expenses	14.00
		<hr/> 273.54

and an ordinance for them for next year passed.

The Election Committee reported that an election was held on March 18, and resulted as follows, 286 persons voting:

James T. Challenges	received	113 votes.
James B. Lancaster	"	112 "
Andrew M. Gallagher	"	60 "
Blank		1 vote.

No person having received a majority of the votes cast, there was no person elected.

An election to fill the vacancy was ordered for Saturday afternoon, April 29 next, at the Mayor's office, to be held between the hours of one and six P.M., the same election officers to hold the election, with power in the president to fill the place of any who may be unable to serve.

A request from the Pastime Athletic Club, occupants of the room adjoining, was received, requesting permission to use the trustees' room ~~on~~ on Thursday evening, April 6, the club to take proper care of the room.
The request was granted.

Mr. Rodney called the attention of the Committee on Public Buildings to the condition of the Town Hall and the entrance to it.

Adjourned
F. Dett. Jacum
Secy.

May 2, 1916.
Present: Ferris, Hauer, Wise, Biggs, Taylor, Shaw, McGray, Rodney, Toman.
Mr. Rodney acted as Secretary pro tem.

Treasurer McGray presented his annual statement for the year ending March 25, 1916.

The Acting Committee reported much fencing needed.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that repairs to the Barber Shop at Town Hall would cost about "\$50."

The Election Committee (Mr. Wise, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Rodney) report that an election had been held on Saturday, April 29, 1916, and resulted as follows:

James T. Challinor	received	146	votes
James B. Lancaster	"	91	"
Andrew M. Gallahan	"	34	"
Total votes cast		271	

and Mr. Challinor was declared elected.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. McInnes	Election notices	3.00
Ever Evening Printing Co.	Adv.	1.50
Alfred Bros.	Roofing at Model	30.00
O. F. Sheridan	Papering at Pecon	28.90
Thos. L. Howland	Ice House & Centre Hall	72.60
W. L. Epps	Cleaning wells at Pecon & Model	20.00
New Castle Gas Light Co.		4.91
Delaware Water Imp. Co.	Work at Stockton	44.80
"	" " " " Town Hall	4.60
James M. Wise, Chairman	Election Expenses	14.00
		224.31

and an ordinance for their payment was drafted.

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 7, 1916.
Present: McGray, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs, Rodney, ~~Toman~~,
Challinor, Jacum.
Mr. Shaw was chosen President pro tem.

Treasurer McGray reported \$3417.⁸⁰ on hand.

A letter of thanks for the use of the meeting room was received from the Pastime Athletic Club.

The Acting Committee reported having put up a new fence at Haver Corner and at Stockton. Also new windmill tank at Haver Corner.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. E. Eliason	Sundry supplies to June 3	218.76
Bayer Brothers	Fencing, etc.	205.15
T. W. Cavender	Paint	1.90
Charles L. Story	Printing notices	2.25
Thomas Slack	Work on pump at Haver Corner	59.50
		487.56

and unanimously approved.

Owing to July meeting falling on July 4, it was decided to hold our meeting until the regular meeting night in August.
Treasurer to pay water rent and interest falling due.

Adjourned

F. Dett. Jacum
Secy.

August 1, 1916
Present: Ferris, Wise, Shaw, Taylor, Hauer, Rodney,
Morrison, Challinor (as pro tem.)

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bills presented as follows:

Edw. Nelson	Repairs at Pecon	34.40
Del. Water Imp. Co.	Plumbing	4.75
O. F. Sheridan	Papering (Haver Corner & Clayton)	15.80
Del. Water Imp. Co.	One year water rent	130.00
L. W. McCullough	Painting at Town Hall	3.25
Edw. Nelson	Repairs at Barber Shop	31.60
J. T. Epps	Paper & Papering	5.05
J. T. E. Eliason	Sundry supplies	78.60
		322.75

and the bills were approved.

Adjourned J. J. Jannini Sec. pro tem.

Sept. 5, 1916. No meeting for want of quorum.

Oct. 5, 1916. Present: Ferris, Hance, Wesi, Shaw, Morrison, McGray, Biggs, Rodney, Toman, Deenan, Jannini. (11)

A Committee (consisting of Mr. Prider, Mr. J. J. Shidau, Mr. Esph, Mr. McHugh) appeared to ask help of the Trustees in paving Fourth Street, stating that the Street Commission did not have full amount necessary, and that the Council was willing to help.

On motion, it was decided that the Board can not assist in the paving of Fourth Street, under the present financial circumstances.

Treasurer McGray reported receipts as follows: Royal Ins. Co. 8.00; Grant Abbott \$271.20; John Jordan \$250.00; Mrs. T. Clark \$320.33; W. B. Rutledge \$198.75; A. U. Lofland \$450.00; Tasha T. Clark \$238.00; W. B. Rutledge \$6.00; Jefferson Downtown \$78.50. Total \$1822.20

Also reported payments of bills approved at June and Aug. meetings and bills approved by Committee to a total of \$2224.24

Also those full payments on Fire Engine House had been made to City Building and Loan Association, except for a balance for fire insurance carried. Cash on hand - \$2548.46

Bills were considered as follows:

Bills approved at June meeting and paid by Treas.	487
" " " Aug. " " " "	323
Alfred Bros. Roofing - app. by Committee	22
J. H. Walls. " at Jefferson	31
John Smith. Int. on bond Whpt. 1/16	197
New Castle Trust Co. Interest	133
B. F. Lancaster. Janitor Whpt. 21	21
County Taxes 1916	1002
Total	2224

New Bills:

White Bros. Pumping Engine at Penn	58
City Council. Decorating Court House	41
R. H. Harrington. Painting House at Stockton	52
Erving Iron and Lub. Co. Advs.	2
Wm. H. Hance. Painting at Barber Shop	17
Ad. Walls Imp. Co. Plumbing at Town Hall	1
New Castle Gas Light Co. Gas at Town Hall & St. Ann Whpt.	4
City Loan Assoc. Int. on Penn. Hall	25

and an order for their payment was passed.

The Board considered that Mr. Dornham, the tenant of the barber shop, was responsible for the bill of \$17.29 to Wm. Hance above, he having ordered the work, and the Finance Committee was decided to take the matter up with him, and report at next meeting.

A bid for new pipe at 6th Street was left in hands of Acting Committee, with power to act.

Grading of barn yard at Penn was laid over until next meeting, Acting Committee to investigate.

Adjourned J. J. Jannini Sec.

December 5, 1916. Present: Ferris, Rodney, McGray, Toman, Morrison, Chalkey & Jannini. (7)

The Treasurer reported \$2383.00 on hand. Also that tenants on all the farms held over for another year.

Bills were presented as follows:

John Toman. Repairs at Town Hall	\$2.46
New Castle Gas Co. Gas	5.42
J. C. O'Brien. 75 posts at 12'	9.00
Total	16.88

and were approved.

The matter of valuing the farms for the Assessor's report was left to the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Fire Engine House having been paid for in full and it being now the duty of the City Loan Association to convey it for the benefit of the City, the following resolution was passed.

"Resolved that the City Building and Loan Association of New Castle, Ind. be requested and directed on the part of the Trustees of the New Castle Comm. to convey the Fire Engine House to the City of New Castle in its corporate capacity."

Mr. Rodney & Mr. Jannini were appointed to take the matter up with City Council and the Loan Association.

Adjourned J. J. Jannini Sec.

January 2, 1917
 Present: Wise, P. S. Pieterse, Hance, Biggs, Taylor,
 McGraw, Rodney, Toman, Challenger, Janini. (9)

Treasurer reported receipt of notes for rent to Sept. 1916, from Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Blackburn.

The Committee on Fire Engine House reported that they were awaiting action by City Council. Committee continued.

The Secretary reported an offer from E. V. Atwell of \$800. for the corner and lot at the corner of the State Road and the Newport Road, and that he had notified Mr. Atwell that the Board had no power to sell. Action of Secretary approved.

Bills were considered as follows:

Approved at meeting of Dec. 5 -	\$ 16.88
James D. McPike - Plastering at Jefferson -	5.00
Del. Water Imp. Co. - Water rent for property -	2.50
New Castle Trust Co. - Int. on notes June 30 to Dec. 30	266.46
Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Co. - 1917 Insurance	130.37
New Castle Land & Rental Ins. Co.	13.60
	\$ 434.81

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed.

The Treasurer was directed to pay \$1500. on notes at New Castle Trust Co.

Mr. Rodney was appointed to trace up the list of members and officers of the Board since the earliest times, the list now being missing.

Adjourned

J. deH. Janini, Secy.

Feb. 6, 1917

Present: Ferris, Biggs, Hance, Taylor, McGraw, Janini.

No quorum. Adjourned

J. deH. Janini

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE Trustees of New Castle Common For the Year Ending March 1st, 1917

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
on hand March 25, 1916	J. E. Smith, interest on bonds
A. N. Lofand, rent in full	County tax
A. Biggs, rent in full	School tax
T. T. Clark, rent in full	New Castle Trust Co., interest
B. Rathledge, rent in full	New Castle Trust Co., Paid on note
T. T. Clark, rent in full	Decorating Court House-Carnival
Grant Abbott, rent in full	Delaware Water Improvement Co.
M. Blackburn, rent in full	Election expenses
Holcomb, est., rent in full	Fire Insurance
W. Ritchie, rent in full	New Castle Gas Company
Jordan	Printing
Castle Trust Co. Interest	Auto Hire
at from Tenants	Building Loan, in full, Fire Hall
Meeting Room Town Hall	Coal, Colored School
Insurance Co., Tornado damage	Repairs and improvements at:
and Downham	Basin House
and James McCormick	Jefferson Farm
	Stockton Farm
	Oglethorpe Farm
	Centre Hall Farm
	Penn Farm
	Union and Byard Farm
	Clayton Farm
	Model Farm
	City Hall
	Janitor's salary
	Secretary's expenses
	Treasurer's expenses
	Acting Committee expenses
	Immanuel Church, care town clock
	Commissioners Court House
	Balance cash on hand
Total	Total

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF TRUSTEES FOLLOW.

J. E. Smith	\$ 7,900.00
New Castle Trust Company	6,321.50
Total	\$14,221.50

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

LIAM J. FERRIS, President	PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer	FRANCIS de H. JANVIER, Secretary
AS G. SHAW	ACTING COMMITTEE	
	JOHN E. TAYLOR	
	COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
LIAM J. FERRIS	JAMES M. WISE	JOHN M. HANCE

Farms Belonging to the Trustees

No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/2	\$ 543.00
2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 1/2	1,024.50
3	Wm. B. Rathledge	79 1/2	477.00
5	T. T. Clark	12 1/2	744.00
6	Albert N. Lofand	187 1/2	1,124.00
9	Geo. M. Blackburn	217 1/2	1,305.00
10	Tasker T. Clark	92 1/2	555.00
11	John Jordan	109 1/2	437.33
8	Thomas Holcomb		25.00
part of	J. W. Ritchie		96.00
part of	Dan. & Jas. McCormick		37.78
all store	Jefferson Downham		156.00
Total			\$6,524.61

Trustees of the New Castle Common

William J. Ferris	Elected May 29, 1883
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Robert R. Morrison	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
James M. Wise	Elected Feb. 25, 1893
John M. Hance	Elected Jan. 2, 1896
Francis de H. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James B. Toman, Jr.	Elected Nov. 28, 1914
James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916

audited and Found Correct, June 25th, 1917

ES T. CHALLENGER, } Auditing
 ES G. SHAW, } Committee

PATRICK McGRORY
 Treasurer

March 6, 1917.

Present: Wm. J. Ferris, Morrison, Rodney, McGray, Deemer,
Biggs, Tamm, Challenge, Jammi. (9)

Treasurer reported receipts as follows:

Mrs. Biggs	—	\$964.50	} in full
Thomas Clark	—	372.00	
Grant Abbott	—	233.77	
Thomas Clark	—	277.13	
W. B. Rathcliff	—	175.00	in account
Balance in Treasury	—	\$2484.36	

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. & L. E. Eliason - supplies	-	169.60
L. E. Eliason, adv. - Mrs. Fri Hall	-	4.68
W. B. Rathcliff, Coll. 1916 School Tax	-	37.95
J. B. Montgomery - auto hire	-	5.00
New Castle Gas Light Co.	-	3.78
J. E. Smith - hrs. to March 1, 1917	-	197.50
P. McGray - Treasurer Expense	-	100.00
F. dett. Jammi - Secretary "	-	50.00
Acting Committee "	-	50.00
Humane Church - Tom Clark	-	50.00
Traders Conv. House - Rent	-	50.00
Thomas Clark Jr. - Wash at Humane Church	-	11.00
B. F. Lancaster - Janitor to March 25/17	-	25.00
		<u>754.51</u>

And an Ordinance for their payments was duly passed.

The Annual Election was held by ballot, Mr. Rodney & Mr. Biggs being Teller, and resulted as follows:

President - Wm. J. Ferris.
Treas. for 2 years - Patrick McGray.
Secretary - F. dett. Jammi.
Acting Committee - James G. Shaw
John E. Taylor
James E. Biggs
Public Printing Committee: - James W. Wrie
William J. Ferris
John W. Hance
Janitor: - B. F. Lancaster

Mr. Challenge and Mr. Shaw were appointed a Committee to audit the Annual statement of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer was directed to pay \$1000. in account of note at New Castle Trust Co., or such larger amount as the Auditing Committee may recommend.

The Secretary was directed to extend the thanks of the Board to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Blackburn for the dinner given by them to the Board.

The Public Building Committee was authorized to get bids for painting the interior of the Town Hall, and report at the next meeting.

Adjourned

J. deff. Jammey

April 3, 1917.

Present: Deemer, Pro. Protem, McGray, Rodney, Biggs, Tomson, Challenge, Jammey.

Bills were read and left in hands of the Committee.

Adjourned

J. deff. Jammey

May 1, 1917. Trustees of Commons met at 8 o'clock Present: W. H. Haunce, Biggs, Challenge, Taylor, Shaw, W. G. Gray, Tomson, Deemer & Rodney. An motion of Mr. W. H. Haunce Mr. Challenge was made President Protem. In the absence of Secretary Jammey Rodney was made Secretary Pro tem.

The Treasurer reported that owing to his illness the books had not been prepared for audit but would be done at an early date. He reported that he had paid 1000.00 on note at New Castle Co and that he had in hand a balance of \$347.66 and that further payment on note would be made as recommended by Auditing Committee as per Resolution of March 6th. He reported the balance of the note as now being 6381.50 and that all the had paid up in full he having taken two two notes for + for (Total of 3581.50)

Committee on Public Buildings reported that they had not they were to get bids for painting Town Hall & that they would do. Acting Committee reported that some fencing would be used and the following bills

Madawaska Water Improvement Co Bill Rendered 36
Plumbers 29
65

O. J. Sheindan Papering at Model 33.24
" " Penn 9.63 42.87
108.88

An motion an ordinance was drawn for their payment

In answer to a question Mr. Rodney reported that a check for the Fire Engine House had been drawn by Mr. Jammey conveying the Hall from the Citizens Building and Loan Association of New Castle, Me. to Mayor and Council of New Castle and signed by the President & Secretary of the Association. The motion: adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary Pro-tem

June 5, 1917

Regular meeting night.

Present: Challenge, Haunce, Deemer.
No quorum.

July 3, 1917.

Present: McGray, Taylor, Challenge, Shaw, Biggs, Deemer, Jammey. Mr. Challenge acted as Pro. Protem.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. E. Eliason, Inc.	Supplies, Feb 1 to June 1	122.44
White Pine	Tramp	4.00
P. A. Moore	"	35.50
O. F. Sheindan	Papering at Elphinston Penn	29.20
T. W. Cavender	Timber at Haunce Comm	42.87
"	Model	21.85
"	"	7.35
D. L. Walls Prop. Co.	Plumbing at Elphinston Model	65.94
J. H. Waller	Glazing at Town Hall	2.78
Wm. F. Silver	416 feet at 15.4	62.48
Wm. Wilson	Fencing	41.00
Wilson. Printing Co.	Printing 1917 report	7.50
Geo. E. King Press	" 1916 "	7.50
New Castle Gas Light Co	"	2.24
New Castle Trust Co.	Interest April 1 to July 1	95.73
		548.30

The above bills were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer reported \$3450.53 in hand, including notes for \$259.45. He also presented annual report printed, but was not yet audited by Committee. Accepted subject to the Committee's audit.

The Secretary was directed to notify all tenants, as to the clause forbidding sale of straw, and that no farm will be rented to any tenant selling straw, and action will also be taken for any violation.

The Secretary and Treasurer were directed to investigate as to paying off bond for \$7900. held by J. E. Smith in Sept. and to report at next meeting.

Adjourned. J. E. H. James Secy

August 7, 1917 Present: McGray, Shaw, Deemer, Rodney, James (5)
Mr. Deemer, pres. pro tem.

Bills were read as follows:

J. T. St. orb	8.00
Wm. Wilkin	5.00
John W. Ditcher (auditor)	8.00
James Kelly	5.00
Challenger & Son	1.60
Geo. J. Mays	2.75
Gas Co.	.84

and were approved by those present.

A communication from the Board of Education in relation to Janitor service was laid over for want of quorum.

Adjourned J. E. H. James Secy

September 4, 1917 Trustees met Present James S. Shaw, S. S. Deemer, John W. Ditcher & Richard S. Rodney (4). Quorum being present they adjourned to meet on Friday evening September 7, 1917.

Richard S. Rodney, Sec Pro Tem

September 7, 1917 Trustees met - Present James W. Wise, Robert P. Morrison, James S. Shaw, Patrick McGray, John E. Taylor, James E. Biggs, James T. Challenger, Hance & Richard S. Rodney (9). James W. Wise was made President Pro Temp and Richard S. Rodney Secretary Pro Temp.

Announcement was made of the death of the President of the Board which took place at Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore on Sept 5, 1917 and a Committee consisting of Messrs Rodney, Taylor & Challenger was appointed to prepare a memorial death to present at the next meeting of the Board.

James T. Challenger was elected a member of the Committee on Public Buildings in the place of William J. Ferris, deceased.

The Motion of Mr Shaw the Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to repair or renew the roof on the Town Hall and to renovate the interior.

On motion of Mr McGray the proper officers of the Board were authorized to negotiate a loan from The New Castle Trust Company of six thousand dollars (\$6000) at five (5) per centum per annum which with \$1900⁰⁰ now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Board be used to take up the bond or bonds aggregating \$7900⁰⁰ now held by J. Ernest Smith. Carried unanimously.

Mr McGray reported the following bills in addition to those heretofore reported

J. T. & S. E. Elmer Due	61. ⁰⁰
County taxes 1917	1112. ⁸⁹
Granville Remusky	3. ⁶⁰
John Tower	6. ³⁰
Janitor (1/2 year)	25. ⁰⁰

and it was resolved that an ordinance be drawn for the payment of these as well as bills heretofore reported.

On account of the Treasurer being unable to attend on the 1st Tuesday in the month for the next three months on Motion of Mr Shaw it was resolved that during the months of October, November and December the meeting night of the Trustees be the first Friday of each month instead of the first Tuesday.

Board then adjourned
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary Pro Tem.

October 3, 1917 Present Shaw, McGray, Taaffler & Rodney (4)

No quorum. adjourned
Richard S. Rodney, Sec Pro Tem

Nov 2, 1917 Present S. S. Deemer, Shaw, McGray, Biggs & Rodney (5)

No quorum but S. S. Deemer called to chair. On motion of Mr Rodney the Secretary Pro Tem was instructed to write to all trustees "that during the year 1917 there have been 11 regular meeting nights but that on only 5 of these has there been a quorum present and that it is necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Board that the Trustees attend the meetings more regularly." It was pointed out that the failure of a quorum to be present necessitated the payment of additional interest to J. E. Smith on the bonds held by him and paid off by the Board.

On motion of Mr McGray it was resolved to meet specially on Tuesday November 13, 1917 in order to take up any questions as to change of tenants before December 1st the day for giving or receiving notices to quit.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary Pro Tem.

November 13, 1917

The Trustees of New Castle Common met in special session pursuant to adjournment. Present Messrs. Wise, Challenger, Keemer, Morrison, W. J. Biggs, Taylor, Shaw, Hauser, Thomas & Rodney (11)

The treasurer, Mr. W. J. Gray, reported that pursuant to the Resolution of September 7th the officers of the Board had negotiated a loan of \$6000⁰⁰ at 5% from the New Castle Trust Company with the proceeds of which and \$1900⁰⁰ on hand he had paid the principal of the Bonds held by J. Ernest Smith. He had also paid 195⁰⁰ interest: he reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Smith stating that the interest to September 1st was 197⁵⁰ and the additional interest to the date of payment of the principal (Sept 10th) was making 13³⁵ due Mr. Smith. This amount was ordered paid Mr. Smith and the bonds recovered. The treasurer reported on hand 343²⁰

Payment of Smith Bond and interest

The following bills were reported as approved

Boyer Bros for 1/2 division fence on Holcomb lots	18 ²⁶
Delaware Water Improvement Co (Bruce property)	2 ⁵⁰
J. T. & L. E. Zbason, Inc	316 ²⁴
John Tower (new roof on Town Hall)	325 ⁰⁰
White Bros (valve, leather &c Biggs Farm)	6 ⁵⁰
Boyer Bros (Fencing on Wooded Farm)	47 ⁵⁰
New Castle Gas Light Co (Gas in Town Hall)	2 ⁸⁵
" " " " (" " meeting Room)	45
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	719 ³⁰

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The motion of Mr. Taylor the vote of Alfred U. Sjolund for 562 dated Sept 1, 1917 at 3 months was ordered discounted and an ordinance drawn for the foregoing Bills. The motion of Mr. Shaw a bill of Delaware Water Improvement Co was held up for the Treasurer to make loans of salt owing to the difficulty of obtaining any services.

Mr. Rodney of Committee on Resolutions on death of Mr. Ferris reported the following

The resolution of Providence in the death on September 5th 1917 of William J. Ferris calls us, his associates on the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common to take some action on his death and to spread some record of his services on the Minutes of this Board. In early life to a brilliant and voracious mind, indefatigable industry was added laying the solid foundation for the splendid career acquired in after life and making his intellect a veritable storehouse of useful information.

Resolutions on death of William J. Ferris

Active in every movement for civic betterment he early was thrust into public office and during the course of his useful life was a member of almost all of the public boards of the City of New Castle.

Becoming a Trustee of New Castle Common on May 29, 1883 and President of the Board some five years ago, for over 34 years he gave to the deliberations of this Board the deep knowledge, the intelligent attention, the sober thought which characterized his every public action. His personal intercourse with the members of this Board left nothing to be desired. A kindly disposition with a uniform studious courtesy tempered with a gentle but

made social contact with him a pleasure without alloy. As a father he will be mourned; as an official and an adviser to the many who sought his advice his place cannot be filled; as presiding officer and member of this Board his sound advice and pleasant companionship will ever be missed and his memory cherished by his associates.

In appreciation, therefore, of his solid worth and of the deep sense of loss of this Board through his death your Committee moves that this minute be spread upon the Records of this Board

Resolved	Richard S. Rodney	} Committee
	John E. Taylor	
	James T. Challenger	

which motion was unanimously carried and a copy taken to the room of Mr. Ferris. Mr. W. J. Gray moved that an election be held on Saturday December 1, 1917 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Ferris and that the Acting President (Mr. Wise) and two others to be named by him shall hold said election. Carried. Mr. Wise appointed Mr. Taylor and Mr. Shaw

The motion of Mr. Rodney the Acting Committee was instructed to purchase a safe to be placed in the Meeting Room for the protection and preservation of the Records and papers of the Board.

The motion of Mr. Shaw the Committee on Town Hall Public Buildings was instructed to have the interior of the Town Hall cleaned, painted and renovated.

Mr. Keemer suggested the propriety of building a Fire Hall adjoining the Town Hall, deepening of the Hall on South St and the purchase of a new fire apparatus. On motion the matter was continued under advisement.

Mr. Rodney called attention to the fact that the report of the Committee appointed July 3, 1917 to investigate the Bonds for \$7900 held by J. E. Smith (Page 94) the report of which Committee had been made to the Board Aug 7 had never been recorded and on his motion it was ordered recorded "your Committee appointed to investigate paying off bond held by J. E. Smith for \$7900 due Sept 1, 1917 would report"

In June 1907 after requests from the Board of Trade and Citizens Meeting, the Trustees agreed to pay approximately \$8000 toward the purchase from S. S. Keemer of a site for the Tropenas Steel Company, being \$6000 for 50 acres and a contribution of \$150 per acre for about 40 additional acres. The tract of 87.95 acres was conveyed by Mr. Keemer to the Company on July 3, 1907 the consideration in the deed being \$9487⁵⁰. In December 1907 a contract was entered into by the Trustees to pay Mr. Keemer \$7900 at 5% on Sept 1, 1917 under the above arrangement, subject however to the condition that the Tropenas Steel Company erect a plant and maintain the same for 10 years employing at least 200 men.

In June 1908 on requests from City Council and the Board of Trade the Trustees agreed to give Mr. Keemer an unconditional bond for \$7900 at 5% due Sept 1, 1917 in place of the above conditional obligation the purpose being to allow Mr. Keemer to use this in financing his

proposed new steel company. In 1911 the bond was assigned by
to J. E. Smith of Wilmington and will be due on September 1, 1917.

Your Committee has found that the New Castle Trust Company
will lend the money at 5% the amount now needed being 6000

P. W. Gray

F. de K. Jaurier Committee

The Trustees have adjourned

Richard S. Rodney

Secretary Pro tem

Dec. 4, 1917

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Commons
Mr. Chalpers was in the chair and the following additional members
present: Messrs. Shaw, Taylor, McGray, Tuman and Decker.

No quorum, the minutes of previous meeting dispensed with.
F. S. Harrington's bid \$137.⁵⁰ for painting Hall walls two coats lead
paint; Mr. McCallough's \$144.⁵⁰

No quorum present, Mr. McGray moved we adjourn, so ordered.

S. S. Decker, Gray pro tem.

(Above copied and entered by F. de K. Jaurier)

Dec. 7, 1917

Present: Wesi, Taylor, Rodney, Briggs, Shaw, Jaurier (C)
Mr. Wesi, pres. pro tem.

Electin Committee reported having held election on Dec. 1, with
the following vote:

Henry E. Elicens 116 votes

James B. Lancaster 148 "

Thos. W. Cavender 90 "

A. M. Gallagher 66 "

A. B. Cooper 1 vote

Burtwell 1 "

Total 357

No election, no one having received a majority of votes cast

F. de K. Jaurier, Secy.

Jan. 8, 1918

All present, except Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Wesi - Pres. pro tem.

Minutes of meetings of Nov. 13, Dec. 4 + Dec. 7, read & approved.

Treasurer McGray reported receipt from Geo. Blackburn of \$664.⁰⁰
and \$938.⁰⁰ in treasury.

Also reported bad water service to farms for the last year.

New Castle, Delaware, December 21, 1917.

To the President and Members
of the Trustees of Commons.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned Fire Committee of
City Council, recognizing the City's need of an
up-to-date fire fighting apparatus, and realizing
that it would be useless to purchase the same un-
less it could be properly taken care of respect-
fully petition your Honorable Body to grant the
right to erect a one story addition to the Har-
mony Street end of the old Town Hall; the same to
be used to house the new apparatus -- the driveway
to conform to the present driveway under the old
Town Hall -- the expense of erecting the building
to be borne by the City out of the sale of the
present Fire House.

W. B. Lentman
Committee.
S. J. Deemer
William W. Jaurier

argued by
1, 1917.
at Corvallis

especially during the last half year, particularly as the result of the
of the Basin.

The Treasurer was continued as a Committee to investigate the
bill of Water Company and adjust the same for City of

The Public Building Committee reported having arranged for
printing from H. S. to Mr. Harney for the same amount
yet some owing to another location.

Bills were presented as follows:

G. W. Blackburn (bill paid 1917)	4.51
White Bros. Sub for pump at Basin	9
L. E. Eliam Agt. } Farm Rental Tax.	125.45
} Mr. Lamb Co.	10.00
J. W. Wini, Chairman. Election Exp.	14.00
	<hr/> 159.96

And an ordinance for their payment was reported by the same.

The Committee in buying a safe was continued for another month.

A communication from the City Committee of City Council was received
in which the Committee asked the Board to grant the right to
an addition to the same, also a copy of the same for the
same. The communication was read and filed.

On motion, it was resolved that the record from the acquisition
by the City of a machine for the same, to be cared for in the
same, but should not be changed the location of the
equipment.

An election to fill the vacancy in the Board was to be held
on Saturday, Jan. 26 next, between 1 and 2 o'clock P. M., the same
Committee to hold the election.

On motion of Mr. Wini, two tons of coal were allowed the Island
Board.

The Acting Committee was decided to direct and report the
claim of the janitor for coal supplied for the meeting.

Adjourned.

J. R. [Signature]

Approved
of 1917
the last year

February 5, 1918.

Present: Messrs. Wise, McGraw, Biggs, Torman, Challenger, Janni.
Mr. Wise was chosen President pro tem.

The Election Committee reported that an Election to fill the vacancy in the Board had been held on Saturday, ^{January 26, 1918} ~~December 1, 1917~~, from 15 to 6 P.M. and the vote was as follows, the total number of votes cast being two hundred and forty-eight. In the absence of Mr. Shaw, Mr. R. S. Rodney was appointed by the President of the Board.

James B. Lancaster	received	167	votes
Theodore W. Cavender	"	78	"
L. E. Elias	"	1	vote
Andrew M. Gallagher	"	1	"
James Taylor	"	1	"
		<u>248</u>	

And Mr. James B. Lancaster, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

James Dett. Janni
Secy.

March 5, 1918.

Present: Messrs. Taylor, McGraw, Challenger, Seciner, Rodney, Torman, Biggs, Wise, Lancaster, Janni.

Mr. Rodney was chosen President pro tem.

The minutes of the meetings of January 8th and February 5th were read and approved, and the report of the Election Committee at the last meeting was accepted, and Mr. James B. Lancaster was declared elected, and took his seat as a member of the Board.

Treasurer McGraw reported receipts as follows:

A. Kofland	\$62.00	and note for \$5.00
W. E. Abbott	271.50	
Mrs. Holcomb	25.00	
Thos. T. Clark	372.00	
Tosker Clark	277.50	
Lydia A. Biggs	1039.87	
Wm. B. Reddy	180.00	and note
John Jordan	100.00	and note

Cash on hand \$3118.28

and report was accepted.

Bills were presented as follows:

James M. Wise, Chm.	Election Expenses	\$14.00
J. T. Stoops	Paper for Basin property	4.20
F. S. Harrington	Painting Town Hall, & glass	138.48
Geo. J. Meyer	Plumbing at Ogletown	8.20
J. T. Ch. E. Elias	1 tin coal for colored school	9.75
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	Setting fence at Storleton	15.75
New Castle Gas Light Co.	Gas	8.76
John Jordan	Janitor Model (Applied to road)	26.63
Trustees Old Court House	Rents	50.00
Immanuel Church	Care of Trunk	50.00
P. McGraw	trans. Expenses	100.00
Fidelt. Janni	key	50.00
Acting Committee	Expenses	50.00
B. F. Lancaster	Janitor	25.00
		<u>\$507.77</u>

And an ordinance for their payment was regularly passed. The treasurer was instructed to pay the interest on the note at the New Castle Trust Company, and to reduce the principal of the same by \$1500.00.

An application of John Jordan, the transfer by him of his lease on Model farm was approved and his assignee, James Jordan, accepted as tenant under lease.

An application of Mrs. Biggs, the Acting Committee was authorized to arrange for a carload of lime for use on Storleton farm, she (Mrs. Biggs) paying half the cost.

The Secretary was directed to investigate the rights of the Water Company to the tract occupied by the Reservoir, and to report.

A typewritten list of officers and members of the Board since incorporation was presented by Mr. Rodney, and he was authorized to have it framed.

The Board then went into election of officers, Mr. Challenger and Biggs acting as tellers. The vote was taken by ballot and resulted as follows:

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Secretary	Richard S. Rodney
Acting Committee	{ John E. Taylor James E. Biggs James E. Biggs
Public Building Committee	{ James B. Lancaster James T. Challenger James Dett. Janni
Janitor	B. F. Lancaster

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Tascher Clark	—	277.50	
Lydia A. Biggs	—	1039.87	
Wm. B. Reddy	—	180.00	and note
John Jordan	—	100.00	and note

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J. T. Ch. E. Eliason Inc.	1 ton coal for colored school,	9.75
Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs,	Sitting fence at Stokton,	15.75
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John Jordan - Farming Model (Applied to rent)		26.63
Truett's Old Court House	Rent	50.00
Immanuel Church	Care of Tom Clark	50.00
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Public Building Committee	—	{ James B. Lancaster James T. Challenger James Dett. Jaurin
Janitor	—	B. F. Lancaster

May 7, 1918, The Trustees met in regular session - Present: President James W. Wise, James B. Toman, S. S. Keener, J. de H. Jauvier, Patrick W. Gray, John Z. Taylor, James B. Lancaster & Richard S. Rodney

Treasurer W. Gray presented his printed annual statement to March 1, 1918 and stated that a slight inaccuracy occurred therein as the sum of \$1.70 appeared therein as having been paid to New Castle Trust Co on account of interest when it should have ^{been} shown as paid on account of principal. He also reported that since the report Mr. England had paid his note of 500.00 in full. The printed report was accepted ordered filed and a copy appended to the minutes.

The following bills were allowed

- New Castle Gas Light Company 84 cents
- George C. King (Printing Reports) 7.00

and a bill of J. T. & L. E. Elham due for 248.22 was ordered paid when it received the approval of the Acting Committee.

Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Rattledge, tenant on Egglethorpe Farm, had stated that last year he had bought at his own expense 5 or 6 tons of lime and asked the Trustees this year to buy an amount to equalize the above purchase. The matter was referred to the Acting Committee.

Mr. Rodney reported that on Saturday last being the last day for subscriptions for the Third Liberty Loan it was considered advisable to have the Trustees on the list of subscribers as the list was being gotten up as a "Roll of Honor" to be printed and that he had subscribed for a \$100.00 bond ^{for the Trustees} and had made a first payment of 5.00. On motion of Mr. W. Gray it was unanimously resolved that the action be approved and a check for 5.00 be drawn in favor of Mr. Rodney for 5.00 and for the balance of 95.00 in favor of New Castle Trust Company.

Mr. Lancaster of Committee on Public Buildings reported that the name on the Town Hall had been blown over in a wind storm and that the wood work was somewhat rotten and it would be necessary to erect scaffolding and that the upper wood work might need repainting. The entire matter was left in charge of the Committee on Public Buildings with full power to act in the premises. Trustees then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 4, 1918 Trustees met in Regular Session: Present: - President W. G. Groy, Taylor, Biggs, Lancaster & Rodney (8)

Treasurer W. G. Groy reported on hand 2124.39
The following bills were approved and ordered paid
William M. Pedrick Cleaning well at Jefferson Farm 15.00
Abram Dugram work done at Centre Hall 61.00
White Bros Pump, Jack, pipe &c at Jefferson 53.95
Alvan F. Sheridan Papering at Centre Hall 48.57
" " Clayton 34 82.57
School tax for 1917 District # 48 102.40
William H. Guy Papering at Union 3.50
William B. Ralledge Fencing (Credited on 4c rent) 30.00
George D Unger Balance of bill after deducting order of checks 25.42
George D Unger Balance of bill after deducting order of checks 374.14
Vergis bill to be paid after approval of Acting Committee

Water Co The Bill of Newcastle Water Co of 130.00 for farms &c + 7.50 for Bruce house referred to Acting Committee to adjust with water Company. Mr. Janvier moved that President Wise be requested to visit Mr. Morrison and Mr. Hanes both of whom are ill and extend to them sympathy and best wishes of the Board in the name of the Board. Trustees then adjourned. Richard S. Rodney Secretary

July 2, 1918 Trustees met in regular session: Present Messrs W. G. Groy, Taylor, Lancaster, Biggs, Janvier & Rodney (7). Mr. Janvier was made President pro tempore.

Treasurer reported on hand 1650.25
Acting Committee reported they had settled with the water Company upon basis of paying 50% of the bill rendered for the farms & face of bill for Bruce. He also reported the purchase of a carload of lumber for 50.00 (included in Dugram) which lumber was partly used & remains partly on hand.

Bills approved were
J. G. Justice Co Supplies at Centre Hall 64.39
Abram Dugram carload lumber 57.00
work at Clayton for 24.00
" " H. L. Campbell 7.00 81.00
Thos Slack Pump at Hanes Corner 27.00
T. W. Cavender Repairs house on Town Hall 54.85
Illaware Water Improvement Co Farms 65.00 to July 1, 1918
" " " Bruce house 7.50 " " "
299.274

Bill of J. T. & L. E. Eliason due for 544.73 was ordered paid subject to approval of Acting Committee. This includes the bill approved at May meeting amounting to 248.22 and which has not been paid.

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to complete the painting of the woodwork on the Town Hall exterior. The Acting Committee presented a letter from Mr. W. B. Ralledge in which he complained of the condition of the fence surrounding the reservoir and asked the Acting Committee to compel the Water Company to make the repairs. The Committee reported having brought the matter to the attention of Mr. Eagle, the agent of the Company who promised to attend to it. Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

August 1918 No quorum present

September 3, 1918 Trustees met in Regular session - Present Messrs Lancaster, Janvier, W. G. Groy, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs & Rodney (7) Mr. Lancaster was made Chairman.

Treasurer (Mr. W. G. Groy) reported receipts as follows:
Thomas T. Clark 372.00
Tasker Clark 277.50
James W. Abbott 271.50
Alfred Lofland 62
" " (note) 500.00 1483.00

The County tax of 957.05 with 5% off and school tax and interest due to Newcastle Trust Company & Janus salary were ordered paid - to be approved at a future meeting.

Mr. Shaw of the Acting Committee reported that George W. Blackburn wanted to sell baled straw and give 1/2 of the proceeds to the Trustees. The Acting Committee advised against doing so and on motion the Secretary was instructed to certify Mr. Blackburn not to sell any straw.

The death of the President of the Board, Mr. James W. Wise, was reported. Mr. Janvier & Mr. Shaw were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions on his death.

An election was ordered to be held on Saturday September 28, 1918 between the hours of 1 and 6 for a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wise. Richard S. Rodney, Secretary.

October 1, 1918 Trustees met in Regular session - Present Messrs Janvier, Groy, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs, Taylor & Rodney (8) Mr. Janvier was made President pro-tempore.

Treasurer reported on hand 170.58 including payment of Charles W. Curmick of 18.50 for rental of stump on Banks farm. The Acting Committee reported that Mr. Lofland wanted his barn yard graded and on motion the Acting Committee was instructed to use its discretion in this matter.

The Committee appointed to hold an election for a successor to the late James W. Wise reported that an election was held at the Mayors office on Saturday September 28, 1918 from 1 to 6 with

Election of Clayton following Result. 311 votes were cast 2 being illegal (being da
John F. Z. Clayton received 232 votes
Theodore W. Cavender " 77 votes

Mr Clayton was therefor declared elected and being present took his

Bills were reported as follows:

J. T. & L. E. Elison	32. ²⁰
Abram Ingrum Carpenter work at Centre Hall	52. ⁰⁰
Theodore W. Cavender Roofing & timber work " "	52. ⁸⁰
" " " " " " " " " " " "	23. ³⁵
1 toward Mr. Bungey repairing fence on Holmes lot	2. ²⁵

On motion the bills were allowed and an ordinance drawn for the amount

On motion it was resolved that the action of the Treasurer in paying the approved at previous meeting which lacked the required 9 votes be ratified &

Mr Janvier and Mr Shaw the Committee reported the following Res

" The death on August 22nd 1918 of James W. Wise, our fellow member and

" friend, brings feeling of personal loss to the members of the Board.

" Wise has been since his election on February 25, 1893, a consistent

" and valued member of this Board, and since March 1918 has pres

" over its meetings with dignity and courtesy. Both as member

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" Board, and by his sound judgment, tact, consideration and

" ever-ready cheeriness, endeared himself to the members. His

" is felt not only by the Trustees as a civic body, but by the mem

" as individuals.

" As a member of this community, he had established a positive

" influence, always for good, ever striving for the higher ideal

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" sincere and earnest Christian, without being intolerant or big

" His cheering word and gentle smile will be missed by many.

" His home life was exemplary, and a large family mourn

" loss, but always with the confident feeling that he had won

" out a happy, useful and worthy life.

" Resolved that this minute be unanimously adopted by

" Trustees of the New Castle Company, and that a copy be sent to

" family and published in the Press."

Francis de H. Janvier } Committee

James S. Shaw }

Proposed lease A communication was received from the Commandant of the 4th Naval

of Town Hall to 1130 Chestnut Street Philadelphia indicating a desire of the U. S. Government

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No definite information being available it was on motion resolved that

be left with the Committee on Public Buildings to arrange such lease with the Govern

as it might consider proper and the officers of the Board were authorized to

such lease.

On motion Francis de H. Janvier was unanimously elected President

Board until the annual election in March next. Trustees adjourned

Richard S. Rodney

Secretary

November 5, 1918. This being the night - the General Election no meeting of the Trustees was held

December 3, 1918 Trustees met at 8 o'clock Present Messrs, Lancaster

Deemer, Challenger, Mr. Gray, Taylor, Biggs Clayton & Rodney (E)

On motion Mr Lancaster was made President Pro tem.

The Secretary read a letter from the President of the Board, Mr

Javier, dated Oct 25, 1918 resigning his office as President on account

of his having accepted a lieutenantcy in the Army and expressing a willingness

to resign as a trustee in case it was desired for him to do so. On

motion it was resolved that since peace has been declared since the date

of his letter and the probability of his early return his resignation was

laid on the table.

The Treasurer reported receipts as follows:

Miss Lydia A Biggs (Stockton farm)	515. ⁰⁰
George W. Blackburn (Union & Boyard)	652. ⁵⁰
William B. Ralodge (Agletts for)	238. ⁵⁰
Alfred Soffland (Peen farm)	500. ⁰⁰ 1906.00

The acting Committee submitted bid of H. C. Clark for the concrete work

necessary to be done in new stable at Peen farm according to his plan sub-

mitted for 320.⁰⁰. The acting Committee already having authority to do the

work the matter was left in its control with authority to have the work done.

The following bills were read

J. T. & L. E. Elison, Inc	107. ⁵⁴	Clayton & Stockton farms
Abram Ingrum	65. ⁷⁰	Clayton 15. ⁹⁰
White Brothers	18. ⁰⁰	Stockton 49. ⁸⁰
Alvan F. Sherridan (paper)	37. ⁰⁰	Stockton
Electric Committee	14. ⁰⁰	Agletts for
Wilmington Printing Co	7. ⁵⁰	Printing 500 posters
Evening Journal	3. ⁶⁰	Resolutions on death of Jas. W. Wise
Every Evening	3. ⁰⁴	" " " " " "
	256. ³⁸	

On motion it was resolved that the 8 members approve the payment of the

bills by the Treasurer to be ratified when 9 members are present.

Meeting adjourned. Richard S. Rodney

Secretary

January 7, 1918

Trustees met at 8 o'clock. Present: President Janvier, Deemer, Clayton, Town

Mr. Gray, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (E)

The Treasurer reported on hand \$1671.⁵⁰

The Acting Committee presented a bill of William W. Padrick for 11.⁵⁰ for fixing

lamp at Peen farm with statement that Padrick thought the lamp and work repairing

also bill of Harry C. Clark for concrete work at Peen farm for 320.⁰⁰ the Committee

withholding a bill of Mr Clark's for 90.⁰⁰ for extra concrete work until it could

Election of Clayton following Result. 311 votes were cast 2 being illegal (being done) John F. Z. Clayton received 232 votes Theodore W. Cavender " 77 votes

Mr Clayton was therefore declared elected and being present took his seat

Bills were reported as follows:

Bills	J. T. & S. E. Shason	32. ²⁰
	Abram Ingraham Carpenter work at Centre Hall	52. ⁰⁰
	Theodore W. Cavender Roofing & stucco work " "	52. ⁸⁰
	" " " " Model Farm	23. ³⁵
	Howard W. Bungy repairing fence on Holcomb lot	2. ²⁵

Action of Treasurer confirmed The motion it was resolved that the action of the Treasurer in paying the approved at previous meeting which lacked the required 9 votes be ratified & approved

Mr Janvier and Mr Shaw the Committee reported the following Resolutions

" The death on August 22nd 1918 of James W. Wise, our fellow member and friend, brings a feeling of personal loss to the members of the Board. Wise has been since his election on February 25, 1893, a conscientious and valued member of this Board, and since March 1918 has presided over its meetings with dignity and courtesy. Both as member and President, he gave himself faithfully and well to the work of the Board, and by his sound judgment, tact, considerateness and ever-ready cheeriness, endeared himself to the members. His loss is felt not only by the Trustees as a civic body, but by the members as individuals.

As a member of this Community, he had established a positive influence, always for good, ever striving for the higher ideal. He aided others by his example and kindly advice. He was sincere and earnest Christian, without being intolerant or bigoted. His cheering word and gentle smile will be missed by many. His home life was exemplary, and a large family mourns his loss, but always with the confident feeling that he had lived out a happy, useful and worthy life.

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Janvier elected President The motion Francis de H. Janvier was unanimously elected President of the Board until the annual election in March next. Trustees adjourned
Richard S. Rodney Secretary

November 5, 1918. This being the night - the General Election no meeting of the Trustees was held

December 3, 1918 Trustees met at 8 o'clock Present Messrs. Lancaster, Bleemer, Challenger, Mr. Gray, Taylor, Biggs Clayton & Rodney (S) On motion Mr Lancaster was made President Pro Tem.

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The following bills were read

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Wilmington Printing Co	7. ⁵⁰	Printing 500 posters
Evening Journal	3. ⁶⁰	Resolutions on death of James W. Wise
Every Evening	3. ⁰⁴	" " " " " "
	256.38	

On motion it was resolved that the 8 members approve the payment of the bills by the Treasurer to be ratified when 9 members are present. Meeting adjourned. Richard S. Rodney Secretary

January 7, 1918

Trustees met at 8 o'clock. Present: President Janvier, Bleemer, Clayton, Toruan, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (S)

The Treasurer reported on hand \$1671.⁵⁰ The Acting Committee presented a bill of William U. Padrick for 11.⁵⁰ for fixing pump at Penu Farm with statement that Padrick thought the pump and work such repairing. Also bill of Harry C. Clark for concrete work at Penu farm for 320.⁰⁰ the Committee withholding a bill of Mr Clark's for 90.⁰⁰ for extra concrete work until it could

investigate the matter: also a bill of Abram Ingram for fencing at farm of 25⁰⁰ & bill of J.T. & E.E. Eliason Inc of 72³⁸

The Treasurer presented a bill of L.E. Eliason for Farmers Mutual of New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co Premiums for 1919 of 133²⁷ the motion an ordinance was drawn for the following

Bills approved at December meeting	256 ³⁸
William W. Pedrick (Penn Farm)	11 ⁵⁰
Nancy C. Clark (" ")	320 ⁰⁰
Abram Ingram " " "	25 ⁰⁰
J.T. & E.E. Eliason Inc " "	72 ³⁸
L.E. Eliason Insurance	133 ²⁷
Total	\$828.53

Jordan The motion the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Jordan to call with the terms of his lease by clearing up his hedgerows

the motion of Richard S. Rodney a committee of three was appointed to call on Robert Morrison a member of this Board now at the County Hospital with a view of ascertaining his condition and relieving wants. The President appointed Messrs Shaw, Rodney & Toman, it was determined that as many of the Board as possible should call on Mr Morrison Sunday afternoon leaving at 3 P.M. Trustees then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

February 4, 1919

attendance Trustees met at 8 P.M. Present President Janvier, Messrs Challenger, Clayton, Toman, W. Gray, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney

Treasurer Report The treasurer reported on hand 1134⁶⁴

The Acting Committee reported a bill of Joseph Reumter of 8¹⁰ a line fence between his land & land tenanted by George W. Blackburn a bill of J.T. & E.E. Eliason Inc of 56⁶⁵ including a ton of coal for colored

Bills An ordinance was ordered drawn for Joseph Reumter 8¹⁰ J.T. & E.E. Eliason Inc 56⁶⁵ 64⁷⁵

Coal for school The action of the Acting Committee in donating a ton of coal to school was approved & it was authorized to donate another ton to give the school two tons during the year

Support to Trustees An invitation was received from Mrs George W. Blackburn for the Trustees to supper. The motion it was resolved to accept invitation for Thursday February 20th and the acting committee was instructed to make the arrangements and notify Mrs Blackburn

Committee on Safe The committee appointed to purchase a safe for the Board (being the acting committee) was enlarged by the addition of Mr Rodney

Trustees then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1919

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Hand, March 1, 1918	New Castle Trust Company, Interest
A. Biggs, Rent in Full	Fire Insurance
at Abbott, Rent in Full	County Tax
T. T. Clark, Rent in Full	School Tax, 1917
M. Blackburn, Rent in Full	School Tax, 1918
T. Clark, Rent in Full	New Castle Gas Company
W. Currinder, Rent in Full	New Castle Water Co., in full July 1, 1919
m Downham, Rent in Full	Election Expenses
N. Lofland, Rent in Full	Printing and Resolutions
B. Ratledge, Rent in Full	Coal for Colored School
Jordan, On Account	Art & Gift Shop
Ritchie, On Account	Liberty Bond
New Castle Trust Co., Interest	New Castle Trust Company, Note
from Tenants	Repairs and Improvements:
Insurance Company	Basin House
re & Atlantic Telephone Company	Jefferson Farm
Holcomb Estate, in Full	Stockton Farm
	Oglethorpe Farm
	Centre Hall Farm
	Penn Farm
	Union and Bayard Farm
	Clayton Farm
	Model Farm
	Holcomb Est., Part No. 8, Farm
	City Hall
	Janitor's Salary
	Secretary's Expenses
	Treasurer's Expenses
	Acting Committee's Expenses
	Immanuel Church, Town Clock
	Commissioners, Court House
	Cash on Hand
Total	Total

Outstanding Obligations of Trustees follow: New Castle Trust Company \$9,500.00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD	ACTING COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Francis de H. JANVIER, President	Patrick McGrory, Treasurer	James T. Challenger
James G. Shaw	John E. Taylor	James B. Lancaster
Francis de H. JANVIER	Richard S. Rodney, Secretary	
	James E. Biggs	

ARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES	TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON
No. 1 W. Grant Abbott	Patrick McGrory
No. 2 Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	Robert R. Morrison
No. 3 William B. Ratledge	John M. Hance
No. 4 T. T. Clark	Francis de H. Janvier
No. 5 Albert N. Lofland	James G. Shaw
No. 6 Geo. M. Blackburn	James E. Biggs
No. 7 Tasker T. Clark	Selden S. Deemer
No. 8 Francis Jordan	John E. Taylor
No. 9 Thomas Holcomb	Richard S. Rodney
No. 10 Hudson Walker	James B. Toman, Jr.
No. 11 Charles W. Currinder	James T. Challenger
No. 12 John Reese	James B. Lancaster
	John F. Z. Clayton
Total	

and found correct, April 24, 1919 T. CHALLENGER, Auditing R. LANCASTER, Committee PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer

STATEMENT

OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1923

RECEIPTS.	
Cash on Hand March 1, 1922	\$3,402.26
W. Grant Abbott, Rent in Full	678.75
Thomas T. T. Clark, Rent in Full	930.00
Tasker T. Clark, Rent in Full	693.75
Lydia A. Biggs, Rent in Full	1,280.63
Edw. S. Megginson, Rent in Full	1,631.25
Wm. Steel, Rent in Full	56.00
Chas. W. Currinder, Rent in Full	84.37
Elizabeth H. Holcomb, Rent in Full	30.00
John A. Reese, Rent in Full	150.00
James H. Hatton, Rent in Full	150.00
Alfred N. Loffland, Rent in Full	1,397.50
Wm. B. Ratledge, on Account	401.06
John Gross, on Account	400.66
A. O. U. Workmen, Rent in Full	25.00
Democrat Hd. Committee	4.00
Girls' Reserve Society	.50
Cash, Geo. M. Blackburn Sale	495.79
Notes, Geo. M. Blackburn Sale	1,951.42
Interest, Geo. M. Blackburn Sale	78.51
Interest from Tenants	29.90
Interest, New Castle Trust Co.	18.77
Earned Premiums, Canceled Policy on Bldgs., Union and Bayard Farm	266.89
Sale of Hay, Model Farm	44.45
Total	\$14,201.46

DUE FROM TENANTS.	
Wm. B. Ratledge	\$493.31
John Gross	830.00
Total	\$923.31

EXPENDITURES.	
New Castle Trust Co., Notes	\$5,000.00
New Castle Trust Co., Interest	379.50
New Castle Trust Co., Stamps on Notes	.52
County Taxes	1,151.88
Insurance	173.18
Gas, Meeting Room and Town Hall	14.71
Coal, Meeting Room	4.50
Repairs, Furniture, Meeting Room	7.36
Electric Lights, Meeting Room	15.00
Board Water and Light Commission	130.00
Printing Statements and Resolutions	17.60
Election Expenses	12.00
Francis Jordan, Mortgage, Expense	12.00
Repairs and Improvements at:	
Jefferson Farm	\$182.53
Stockton Farm	271.61
Oglethrope Farm	124.90
Centre Hall Farm	173.60
Penn Farm	542.26
Union and Bayard Farm	1,804.63
Clayton Farm	269.60
Model Farm	341.38
	3,710.51
Razing Old Bldgs. on Union and Bayard Farm	445.19
Town Hall	35.25
Treasurer, Expenses	100.00
Secretary, Expenses	50.00
Acting Committee, Expenses	50.00
Commissioner of Court House	50.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00
Janitor's Salary	50.00
Balance Cash on Hand	2,742.26
Total	\$14,201.46
Outstanding Obligations:	
New Castle Trust Co.	\$2,500.00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.
FRANCIS de H. JANVIER, President **PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer** **RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary**

ACTING COMMITTEE.
JAMES G. SHAW **JOHN E. TAYLOR** **JAMES E. BIGGS**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
JAMES T. CHALLENGER **JAMES B. HANCE** **GEORGE T. HEWLETT**

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES.				
Name	No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
Jefferson	1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/2	\$ 678.75
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3/4	1,280.63
Oglethrope	3	William B. Ratledge	79 1/2	596.25
Centre Hall	5	T. T. T. Clark	124	930.00
Penn	6	Albert N. Loffland	186 1-3	1,397.50
Union	8			
Bayard	9	Edw. S. Megginson	216 1/4	1,623.75
Clayton	10	Tasker T. Clark	93 1/2	701.25
Model	11	John Gross	109 1-3	601.32
Lot, part of	8	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00
House and lot, part of	8	Wm. Steel		96.00
Lot, part of	2	Charles W. Currinder		56.25
City Hall Store		John A. Reese		150.00
City Hall Store		James H. Hatton		150.00
Ancient Order United Workmen				25.00
Total				\$8,316.70

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON.	
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis de H. Janvier	Elected Apr. 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Desmer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James B. Toman, Jr.	Elected Nov. 28, 1914
James T. Challenger	Elected Apr. 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
James B. Hance	Elected May 24, 1919
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
James T. Morrison	Elected Mar. 25, 1922

Audited and found correct, April 26, 1923.

JAMES T. CHALLENGER, Auditing
JAMES G. SHAW, Committee.

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer.

Rebate allowed for rent due Mar 1/24
 and Treasurer credited with amount

TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE COMMON
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1925

Name = No =	Resident	Acre =	50 cts per acre	Rebate	
Jefferson = 1	W Grant Abbott	9 0 1/2	45	25	
Stockton = 2	Mrs Lydia A. Biggs	17 0 3/4	86	37	
Aglettope = 3	Wm C. Rattidge	7 9 1/2	39	75	
Lanter Hall = 5	J. J. Clark	12 4 -	62	00	
Green = 6	Albert N. Lippold	18 6 1/3	93	16	
Union = 8	Edw S. Mepperson	21 6 1/2	108	25	
Bayard = 9	J. J. Clark	9 3 1/2	46	75	
Delayton = 10	J. J. Clark	9 3 1/2	46	75	
Ordeal = 11	John Gross	10 9 1/3	54	66	\$535.19

The Board then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year the President appointed Messrs Shaw and Touman as Tellers. The result

Election of Officers

For President	Mr Janvier received 8 votes
" Mr. Gray "	1 " Mr Janvier
For Secretary	Mr Rodney " 8 " " Rodney
" Treasurer (2 years)	Mr W. Gray " 8 " Mr
" Shaw "	1 " Mr W. Gray
Acting Committee	Mr Shaw " 8 "
" Taylor "	9 "
" Biggs "	8 "
" Mr. Gray "	1 "
" Lancaster "	1 "

Messrs Shaw, Taylor and Biggs, ^{Shaw} were elected

Committee on Public Buildings Mr Janvier received 7 votes

" Challenger "	8 "
" Lancaster "	9 "
" Clayton "	2 "
" Taylor "	1 "

Messrs ^{Lancaster} Janvier, Challenger and ^{Janvier} Lancaster were elected

For Janitor Mr Bennett J. Lancaster was elected.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

April 1, 1919

attendance The Trustees met at 8 P.M. Present President Janvier, Messrs, Shaw, Touman, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs, Clayton, Mr. Gray & Rodney (11)

Committee work The Treasurer reported his annual report in course of preparation, The Acting Committee reported bill of Harry C. Clark for concrete at Penn Farm amounting to 90⁰⁰ which was ordered paid.

ROVW to lease 3rd floor of Town Hall Committee on Public Buildings reported an application from the ROVW to lease the 3rd floor of Town Hall. The Committee suggested the rent fixed at 50⁰⁰ a year the tenant to furnish lights, heat, janitor & repairs. Committee was authorized to lease the room on these terms. The Board then adjourned.

The minutes of previous meeting corrected to show Mr Lancaster chairman of Committee on Public Buildings & Mr Taylor, chairman of Acting Committee

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Tuesday May 6, 1919

attendance The trustees met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Taylor, Challenger, Shaw, Touman, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs and Rodney (11)

Treasurer Report In the absence of President Janvier from Messrs Mr Taylor was made President pro tempore.

The treasurer presented his financial annual report showing balance on hand of 2058³⁶ and in addition to this the treasurer reported his funds a Liberty Loan Bond of 100⁰⁰

The Committee on Town Hall reported it had rented the third floor of the Town Hall to the ROVW for 50⁰⁰ per year (payable quarterly) they to furnish their own lights, heat and janitors service.

It was ordered that the Secretary prepare a Resolution on the death of John W. Hauce and send a copy to the family of the deceased.

The following bills were approved

John T. Stroops	2 60	
George D. Vuger	18 15	
C. Wm R. Bradford	1 20	for letter files
J. B. Van Seiver Co	48 40	for safe
J. T. & L. S. Eliason	38 58	February account
" "	118 93	March "
" "	247 63	April "

James T. Challenger 5 00 Flowers for funeral John W. Hauce
480 49 and an ordinance was drawn & payment

It was on motion ordered that an election for a successor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John W. Hauce be held on Saturday May 24, 1919 between the hours of 1 and 6 P.M. and the Polls be appointed as the election Committee Messrs Mr. Gray, Shaw & Touman

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 3, 1919

Trustees met at 8 P.M. Present President Janvier, Touman, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (7)

The Committee on Election reported that an election was held on Saturday May 24, 1919 to fill vacancy caused by death of John W. Hauce with result that there were 264 votes polled. Necessary for election 133

James B. Hauce received	136 votes
John J. Sheridan "	95 "
George W. Futre "	28 "
William O. Henry "	5 264

Mr Hauce was declared elected and being present took his seat. The treasurer Mr W. Gray being absent sent a verbal report that no receipts had been had during the past month.

The death of Robert R. Morrison was reported and an election to fill the vacancy caused by his death was ordered held on Saturday June 28, 1919 from 1 to 6. The President appointed Messrs Mr. Gray, Shaw & Touman to hold the election.

On motion the President appointed Committees to prepare Resolutions on the deaths of John W. Hauce and Robert R. Morrison. Committee for John W. Hauce - Messrs Rodney, Shaw & Clayton. Committee for Robert R. Morrison - Messrs Taylor, Mr. Gray & Lancaster.

A Committee consisting of Messrs Lancaster, Biggs & Touman were appointed to meet with City Council, if necessary, to see what new hose was needed for the Fire Company.

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Entrance door It was suggested that the entrance door into the meeting Room of the Trustees might be changed and use made of the door near North East wall: so that the coal box might be placed in alcove leading to the present entrance door. This matter was left in the hands of Mr Shaw, one of the Commissioners having charge of the building. Trustees then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

July 1, 1919

Attendance Trustees met at 8 P.M. owing to the absence of the janitor the meeting was held in the Directors Room in New Castle Trust Company - Present: President Janvier, Challenger, Lancaster, Taylor, Shaw, Hauser, Toman, Biggs & Rodney. The treasurer being absent there was no report.

Report of election (No election) The Election Committee reported that an election had been held June 25 to fill the Robert R. Morrison vacancy and 349 votes were cast. George T. Hewlett received 123 votes. John F. Sheridan " 123 " John Ries " 103 " No election.

Resolutions on John W. Hauser The Committee appointed to draft Resolutions on the death of John W. Hauser presented the following: John W. Hauser was elected a Trustee of New Castle Community on January 2, 1896; he died on April 3, 1919. For over 23 years he gave liberally of his time, unparagonably of his services and ungrudgingly his attention to the duties of this Board. Such a long period of service demands and deserves the recognition of this Board - the beneficiary of his labors.

Therefore be it resolved that the Trustees of New Castle Community feel that by the death of John W. Hauser an active, zealous and trustworth member has been removed - whose ever temper made service within a pleasure and whose knowledge made his services of the utmost value.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution be spread on the walls a copy sent to the family of the deceased and published in the public press.

Richard S. Rodney
James G. Shaw
John F. Z. Clayton

Resolutions on Robert R. Morrison The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions of the death of R. Morrison presented the following: Our fellow member Robert R. Morrison died on May 12, after a long and useful life. He was in his 90th year a lifelong resident of this Community, he was for many years active and valued member of this Board, although bodily infirm prevented his regular attendance toward the end of his life. The citizens by whom he was elected to membership in the Board can well that their confidence in him was fully sustained by his acts as a member.

His long and vigorous life was well and usefully spent and he had the respect of the people of this Community and the friendship and esteem of all of his co-trustees.

Resolved that this Memorial be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to the family of our deceased member and be published in the public press.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to see as to the needs of the Fire Company as to hose read a letter which had been sent to City Council by the Fire Company indicating the need of 1000 feet. The Committee was continued with full power to act and assist City Council in obtaining the hose this Board agreeing to guarantee the purchase price of 1/2 of the 1000 feet.

The following bills were presented, approved and passed

James Tibney	Brick work in Town Hall	93. ⁰⁰
Allen F. Sheridan	Papering at Jefferson Farm	19. ⁰⁰
T. W. Cavender	Tin work at Stockton	37. ⁰⁰
Chas. Lancaster	Covered Pats on Clayton Farm	62. ⁰⁰
" " " "	" " " " Penn. "	31. ³⁸
Abram Ingram	Carpenter work at Centre Hall	94. ⁴⁰
J. T. & L. E. Elason, Inc	Supplies	238. ⁴²
Allen F. Sheridan	Papering Stockton Farm	9. ⁰⁰
Harry Bowen	Lumber	13. ⁵⁰
Lewis W. Bullen	Carpenter work at Horse Corner	99. ⁶⁰ 697. ³⁰

An ordinance for 697.³⁰ was ordered drawn in payment with the provision that as the Bullen bill was contracted about a year ago and the facts not fresh in the minds of the Acting Committee that it be approved by the tenant George W. Blackburn.

It was, on motion, ordered that an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert R. Morrison be held on Saturday July 26 between 7 and 6 and the President appointed Messrs. Shaw, Toman and W. Gray to hold such election.

The trustees then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

August 5, 1919

The trustees met in regular session, Present: President Janvier Clayton, Hauser, W. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Lancaster, Rodney & Hewlett. Treasurer reported on hand 571.⁶⁷

The committee on election reported that an election had been held on Saturday July 26, 1919 to fill the vacancy caused by death of Robert R. Morrison at which 407 votes were cast with the following result:

George T. Hewlett	232 votes
John F. Sheridan	174 "
Not counted	1 407

Mr. Hewlett being present took his seat. The Acting Committee reported the bills as shown on page Page

Bills

The Franklin Plant Company	35 ⁶³	
James G. Shaw freight on fruit	3 ⁴¹	
R.H. Cattan posts for fences	75 ⁰⁰	
	114 ⁰⁴	
Expenses of these elections	36 ⁰⁰	
	150 ⁰⁴	
School tax	327 ²³	537 ²⁷

and an ordinance was drawn in payment

Richard S. Roddy Secretary

September 2, 1919

Fire loss

Taxes

Trustees met. Present President Jannier, W. G. Groy, Taylor, Biggs, Hance, S. Lancaster was made Secretary Pro-tem. Theodore W. Cavender was reported that the hose couplings on the fire hose were defective and the motion the President and Treasurer were authorized to borrow in case of emergency to meet the county taxes

The Treasurer reported that Thomas T. Clark had paid rent in full to Sept. 1919 to Grant Abbott although some were not present the following bills were approved to later approval at a meeting when some members should be present

Theodore W. Cavender	11 ³⁰	
George D. Unger	4 ²⁵	
Fred Zehl	8 ³⁵	23.90

(Signed) James B. Lancaster

October 7, 1919

Trustees met. Present Jannier, W. G. Groy, Hance, Hewlett, Taylor, Biggs, Lancaster, Challenger, Touman & Roddy (11)

Treasurer reported payment in full to Sept. 1919 by Tasker Clark 277⁵⁰ Syden A. Biggs 512²² for 6 months rent by QOUW 25

The Treasurer reported the payment of the bills approved at last together with the following

New Castle Trust Co Interest	282 ⁵⁰	
B. B. Lancaster Janitor	25 ⁰⁰	
W. W. Seach County taxes	911 ²²	

and that there remained in the hands of the Treasurer 250⁵³

The Acting Committee reported the water pipe leading to Woodshed being put deeper in the ground. The motion it was left in the hands of the Acting Committee reported the following bills

James Tiley chimneys at Centre Hall	49 ⁰⁰	
Abram Ingram work at Centre Hall	10 ⁰⁰	
J. T. & L. E. Elason Due June, July, Aug & Sept	167 ²⁵	220

the motion an ordinance was ordered drawn for all

water pipe at Woodshed

as follows:

Theodore W. Cavender Paired at Sept meeting	11 ³⁰	
George D. Unger	4 ²⁵	
Fred Zehl	8 ³⁵	
James Tiley	49.00	
Abram Ingram	10.00	
J. T. & L. E. Elason	167.25	
New Castle Trust Co interest	282.80	
B. B. Lancaster Janitor	25	
W. W. Seach, County taxes	911.22	
	1469.70	

Considerable discussion was had about the increase from the farms and the raise of the rents and upon motion of Mr. Groy it was resolved that beginning March 1, 1920 the rent of all the farms be increased \$1.50 per acre. This motion was unanimously carried there being no dissenting votes

Richard S. Roddy Secretary

November 4, 1919

The Trustees met this evening. Present: President Jannier, W. G. Groy, Clayton, Hance, Touman, Taylor, Shaw, Biggs & Lancaster (9) In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Lancaster was made Secretary Pro-tem

The reading of minutes of last meeting was dispensed with. The Treasurer reported on hand 34²⁵ and rent still due from Mr. Jordan, Rattledge, Blackburn & Sofland and that all tenants had expressed a desire to re-rent their farms except Mrs. Biggs who had not been heard from

Bills were presented & approved as follows

United States Rubber Co Fire loss	600 ⁰⁰	
John T. Stroops wall paper	5 ⁹⁰	
R.H. Cattan Co 65 posts for Rattledge @ .30	19 ⁵⁰	
Narry Bowen Painting at different farms	123 ⁶⁰	
T. W. Cavender (Materials furnished Bowen)	7 ⁷⁰	
Abram Ingram (work at Centre Hall)	39 ⁰⁰	
J. T. & L. E. Elason Due (Bill for Oct)	38 ⁰⁴	
	833.74	

The President and Treasurer were authorized to execute a note at New Castle Trust Co for an amount not exceeding 1000 to cover bills said note to be renewed by the Treasurer as the rent money comes in.

A Resolution was adopted declining to rent the second floor of the Town Hall to anyone permanently, the room to be held for public purposes. Complaint having been made about the signs erected on the Hares Corner farm to Levy Court & through it to the Trustees it was resolved that all signs now erected be removed and that no other signs be erected.

Farms were re-rented to Thomas T. Clark, Tasker T. Clark, W. G. Abbott and Albert Sofland at increased rent. The renting of

The other farms was continued until next meeting. On motion it was resolved that the next meeting be on Tuesday (November 25th instead of the first Tuesday in December)
Richard S. Rodney, Sec

November 25, 1919

Board met. Present, President Janvier, Hance, Clayton, Nicolett, Towne, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Taylor, Biggs, Searcester & Rodney (11)

Treasurer reported that pursuant to Resolution of Board he had 1000 from New Castle Trust Co on demand note: that the following rents have

Albert N. Soffland	562 ⁰⁰
George W. Blackburn	652 ⁰⁰
Interest from Soffland	8 ⁴⁰

and that he had on hand 1372⁰⁰. The Treasurer was ordered to pay 500⁰⁰ on account of the demand note New Castle Trust Company.

The matter of the signs on the Hance corner farm coming up for discussion the Secretary was instructed to notify the persons who erected said signs to remove them within ten days.

The farms now tenanted by Mr. Rattledge, Mr. Blackburn & Mr. Ford were ordered re-rented upon the increased rentals and on motion Stockton farm was ordered re-rented to Mrs. Biggs at increased rate if she notifies the Treasurer that she desires said farm by December 1st. The Treasurer was instructed to notify all tenants tenanted on March 1st (this being necessary to raise the rent) but that said notice be accompanied by a memorandum to the effect that all the farms be re-rented to same tenants at increased rent.

The bid of Albert N. Soffland to grade the barn yard at Penn farm accepted by the Board said work to be approved by the Acting Committee that the Acting Committee have power to erect or rebuild the shed Penn farm.

Mr. Francis Jordan requested permission to sell 15 tons of hay & proceeds to be applied to his rent. On motion the matter was left with Acting Committee who should have power to allow the sale (up to 12 tons at such times and in such amounts (up to 12 tons) as it should deem

Mr. Clayton suggested the possibility of part of the Wood farm being wanted for a site for a new school. The matter was discussed no action taken.

Bills were approved as follows:
John Rover (work at Biggs farm) 12⁰⁰
George H. Hogue (postal cards) 3⁵⁰ 15⁰⁰

On motion the Secretary was instructed to notify the New Castle Company that the actions of the officers in the country paper to amount of 9500⁰⁰ been fully authorized by the Board.

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to have entrance room opened & new lock with at least 4 keys put on it.
Richard S. Rodney Secretary

Jan 6, 1920

This being the regular meeting the following members were present President Janvier, Mr. Gray, Searcester, Towne & Biggs. (5). There being no quorum present no meeting was held.

February 3, 1920

Board met in regular session Present: President Janvier, Hance, Clayton, Mr. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Searcester, Biggs, Towne & Rodney (10)

The treasurer reported that at last meeting several bills were approved by those present and had been paid by him as follows:

New Castle County Mutual Ins Co	14 ³⁵
James Mutual Ins Co	114 ⁴¹
Abram Ingraham Jane Hance Cover	18 ⁹⁹
E. Challenger & Son	40
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	6 ²⁶
	<u>154⁴¹</u>

Bill of A. N. Soffland to be applied to Rent 62⁹⁰ and that he had a balance on hand of 615⁵⁷

Bills of this month were reported as follows:
James B. Towne serving notices 5⁰⁰
George D. Unger (Town Hall) 4⁰⁰
J. T. & L. E. Eliason 56⁵⁵
65⁵⁵

On motion the bill of New Castle Water Company from July 1/19 to July 1/1920 for farms & Town Hall (130⁰⁰ & Bruce house 5⁰⁰) of 135⁰⁰ be paid subject to the deduction of the cost furnished to Centre Hall farm because of poor water pressure.

Mr. Mr. Gray reported that tenant of Bruce property had left and on motion Treasurer was authorized to rent the property to Harry Mr. Hally at 8⁰⁰ per month with the understanding that rent would be raised when the Acting Committee had made improvements.

Mr. Taylor reported an invitation from Mr & Mrs George W. Blackburn to a dinner at a time to be fixed by the Board. It was moved to accept for Monday February 16, 1920
Richard S. Rodney Secretary

March 2,

Alfordland Board met at 8 P.M. Present President Janvier, Hance, Challenger, Clayton, Toman, W. S. Gray, Taylor, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (10)

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting as follows:

Lydia A. Biggs	512.25	in full to March 1, 1920
Hudson Walker	48.00	" " " "
Tasker Clark	272.50	" " " "
W. Grant Abbott	271.50	" " " "
Thos Holcomb Estate	25.00	" " " "
Thomas T. Clark	372.00	" " " "
William B. Ralledge	100.00	on account of Rent
Francis Jordan	400.00	" " " "
2001.25 and that he had		

Receipts

from Albert N. Lofland a note for 499.50 and that Ralledge was willing to give a note: that of the 400.00 paid by Jordan 380.32 rep was on account of rent and 19.62 interest and that as Treasurer he had on hand 2614.

Bills + Expenses

Bills reported were	John B. Montgomery Auto hire	6.00
	Royal Insurance Co (5 year tornado damage)	169.25
+ Regular Expenses of	Janitors salary 6 months @ 9/100	25.00
	Treasurers Expenses	100.00
	Secretary's	50.00
	Acting Committee Expenses	50.00
	Immanuel Church (Care Town Clock)	50.00
	Commons Court House (Rent)	50.00
		500.25

Payment of Demand Note

Bills + Expenses ordered paid and order was drawn for amount. On motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay at once 500.00 of the demand loan at New Castle Trust Company (that being the balance thereof) and also to make such payment on account of the indebtedness of the Board at said Trust Company as should be commended by the Auditing Committee.

Auditing Committee

The President appointed Messrs Challenger & Shaw as the Auditing Committee. It was moved and carried that in view of the complaints of the tenants relative to the water supply and their claim for reimbursement for expense and loss by reason of their having been and being compelled to haul the same that the Treasurer be instructed to withhold from the Water Company the check which had been heretofore authorized to be paid.

Water Committee

A general discussion of the water situation in the City held and the President appointed as a Committee Messrs Shaw, Rodney, W. S. Gray, Clayton & Janvier to consider the water in the Town as a matter of public interest and to recommend possible some plan to remedy the same.

The Board then went into election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result: Mr Challenger left before the balloting took place.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1920

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
hand, March 1, 1919	\$2,058.36	New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note	\$1,000.00
Biggs, Rent in full	1,024.50	New Castle Trust Co., Interest	550.25
W. Grant Abbott	543.00	Fire Insurance	128.76
T. T. Clark	744.00	Tornado Insurance (5 years)	169.25
W. S. Lofland	1,124.00	School Tax	386.81
T. Clark	555.00	County, Road and Poor Tax	911.72
Blackburn, on account	652.50	Steel Cupboard, Meeting Room	48.40
B. Ralledge on account	333.50	Box Files, Meeting Room	1.20
Jordan, on account	380.32	Postal Cards and Writing Material	3.90
W. Currinder, in full	37.78	C. H. Gebhart, Flowers	5.00
Reese, Rent in full	156.00	Election Expenses	36.00
Holcomb Estate, Rent in full	25.00	Franklin Paint Co.	39.04
Walker, Rent in full	96.00	Catlin & Co., Fence Posts	75.00
New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note	1,000.00	Coal for Colored School	12.15
New Castle Trust Co., Interest	21.49	500 Ft. Hose	600.00
Janitors, Interest	38.62	Serving Dispossess Notices	5.00
Order United Workmen	25.00	Auto Hire	6.00
		Repairs and Improvements at:-	
Total	\$8,815.07	Jefferson Farm	\$130.18
		Stockton Farm	179.47
		Oglethorpe Farm	148.35
		Centre Hall Farm	440.96
		Penn. Farm	346.80
		Union and Bayard Farm	329.81
		Clayton Farm	162.94
		Model Farm	21.60
			1,760.11
		City Hall	112.55
		Janitor's Salary	50.00
		Secretary's Expenses	50.00
		Treasurer's Expenses	100.00
		Acting Committee's Expenses	50.00
		Immanuel Church, Town Clock, Care of	50.00
		Commissioners, Court House	50.00
		Balance Cash on Hand	2,613.93
		Total	\$8,815.07

DUE FROM TENANTS		INVESTMENTS	
Ralledge	\$143.50	Third Liberty Loan	\$100.00
Jordan	275.68	Outstanding Obligations of Trustees follow:	
Blackburn	662.28	New Castle Trust Company	\$8,500.00
Total	\$1,081.46		

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD			
de H. JANVIER, President	PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer	RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary	
ACTING COMMITTEE			
JAMES G. SHAW	JOHN E. TAYLOR	JAMES E. BIGGS	
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS			
de H. JANVIER	JAMES T. CHALLENGER	JAMES B. LANCASTER	

TENANTS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent	Trustee	Elected
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/4	\$678.75	Patrick McGrory	Dec. 31, 1892
2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 1/4	1,380.63	Francis de H. Janvier	April 15, 1903
3	William B. Ralledge	79 1/2	596.25	James G. Shaw	Sept. 26, 1903
5	T. T. Clark	124	930.00	James E. Biggs	Jan. 26, 1907
6	Albert N. Lofland	186 1-3	1,397.50	Selden S. Deemer	Jan. 26, 1907
8				John E. Taylor	Dec. 28, 1907
9	Geo. M. Blackburn	217 1/4	1,631.25	Richard S. Rodney	Sept. 27, 1913
10	Tasker T. Clark	92 1/4	693.75	James B. Toman, Jr.	Nov. 28, 1914
11	Francis Jordan	109 1-3	601.32	James T. Challenger	April 29, 1916
8	Thomas Holcomb		30.00	James B. Lancaster	Jan. 26, 1918
lot	3 Harry McNally		96.00	James B. Lancaster	Jan. 26, 1918
	2 Charles W. Currinder		56.25	John F. Z. Clayton	Sept. 28, 1918
Store	John Reese		156.00	James B. Hance	May 24, 1919
Order United Workmen			25.00	George T. Hewlett	July 26, 1919
Total			\$8,272.70		

found correct, April 21, 1920.
CHALLENGER, } Auditing
SHAW } Committee
PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer

For President Mr Jauwer Received 8 votes
Mr. Gray " 1 "

Election of Mr Jauwer made unanimous
For Secretary Mr Rodney Received 8 Votes
Mr Toman " 1 vote

Election of Mr Rodney was made unanimous

Acting Committee was voted for as follows

Mr Taylor received 9 votes
" Shaw " 9 " } Elected
" Biggs " 9 "

Committee on Public Buildings was voted for as follows

Mr Challenger received 9 votes
" Jauwer " 8 "
" Lancaster " 7 "
" Hance " 2 "

Mr Challenger, Mr Jauwer, & Mr Lancaster were elected.

Mr Bennett J. Lancaster was unanimously elected janitor
for the ensuing year

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

April 6, 1920

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: President Jauwer, Hance, Clayton
Newlett, Mr. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (10)

Minutes of former meeting read and approved

Treasurer reported 2114³³ on hand

Treasurer also reported the following amounts due from tenants

George W. Blackburn	Rent	652 ⁵⁰	
	Interest	9 ⁷⁸	662. ²⁸
William B. Rattidge			143 ⁵⁰
Francis Jordan			275 ⁶⁸
Albert N. Pofland			449 ¹⁰
			<u>1580.⁵⁶</u>

It was moved that the sum of 58⁰⁰ due for rent from John W.

Pitelie be dropped from annual statement

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Elison	94 ²⁴	
William Rainey	12 ⁰⁰	for posts
Nary Bowen	63 ⁰⁰	Painting Town Hall
New Castle Gas Light Co	11 ⁴³	Utility Room & Town Hall
John A. Reese	1 ⁸³	Glass in Town Hall
Bennett J. Lancaster	2 ⁴⁰	Repairing chair
	<u>227⁴⁰</u>	

over

For President Mr. Jauvier received 8 votes
 W. P. Gray " 1 "

Election of Mr. Jauvier made unanimous
 For Secretary Mr. Rodney received 8 votes
 Mr. Touman " 1 vote

Election of Mr. Rodney was made unanimous

Acting Committee was voted for as follows

Mr. Taylor	received	9 votes	} Elected
" Shew	"	9 "	
" Biggs	"	9 "	

Committee on Public Buildings was voted for as follows

Mr. Challenger	received	9 votes
" Jauvier	"	8 "
" Lancaster	"	7 "
" Hance	"	2 "

Mr. Challenger, Mr. Jauvier, & Mr. Lancaster were elected.

Mr. Bennett J. Lancaster was unanimously elected janitor
 for the ensuing year

Richard S. Rodney
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Bennett J. Lancaster	2 ⁴⁰ Repairing chair
	227 ⁴⁰

over

Water Committee

Mr Lancaster Chairman of water Committee reported for and that there would be a joint meeting with City Council on Wednesday evening April 14th at 8 o'clock in the Trustees Room

Water Bill

On motion it was ordered that the bill of the water Co ordered paid (of 135⁰⁰) at the February meeting be now paid after first deducting the cost of the pump 42⁵⁰ which was placed on Centre Hall farm by reason of the water failure

Orders of

State Road

Hares Corner

Buildings

A letter was received from J. D. Boyle Esq representing the State Highway Department regarding the widening of the Road from Hares Corner to Wilmington the plans of which would widen the road from 60' to 80' and would take a 10' from the barn on the Hares Corner farm and 10' from the Hotel property. On motion it was decided to meet a representative of the State Highway Department at Hares Corner on Saturday next (the 16th) at 3 P.M.

Blue print & letter filed under letter "H" for Hares Corner

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

May 4, 1920

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: President Janvier, Hanes, Hewlett, Clayton, Tomau, Wm. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Challenger, Biggs & Rodney
 Treasurer reported on hand 2294.⁰³
 Dues on Liberty Bond 771
 2361⁷⁴ and

the printed annual report was presented and a copy is here placed. Mr Shaw moved that a copy of the report be mailed to each

Bills were presented as follows

Bills

T.W. Cavender Hares Corner Farm	26 ⁶⁵
" " Seland	40 ³²
George D Unger	40 ⁴¹
William Ramsey ports	12 ⁰⁰
George L. King (Printing Reports)	13 ²⁵
O. F. Sheridan papering (abbot)	8
	140

Payment to Trust Co

The Treasurer was instructed to pay 1000⁰⁰ to New Castle Trust account of indebtedness leaving 7500⁰⁰ due

Highway

The matter of the State Highway came up for discussion with to the damages at Hares Corner. A Committee appointed of Messrs Janvier & Rodney was appointed to meet State Highway Commission and report meeting to be called if necessary

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

June 1, 1920

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: President Janvier, Biggs, Shaw, Wm. Gray, Hewlett, Challenger, Lancaster & Rodney

Treasurer reported balance of 1161¹¹

Bills were presented as follows

J. T. & L. E. Elason due	143 ³⁷
Theo W. Cavender	62 ²⁴
Charles & Stroy printing bases	14 ⁵⁰
	220 ¹¹
John Slaver	54 ⁰⁰

The bills were allowed and ordinance drawn for payment with Slaver Bill to be subject to approval of acting Committee.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

July 7, 1920

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: President Janvier, Hanes, Challenger, Biggs, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster & Rodney (8)

The Treasurer being absent no report was presented

The Acting Committee reported the following bills

Alven F. Sheridan papering at Penn farm	65 ²⁵
	300
John T. Stoops paper	68 ²⁵

There being no quorum for passage of bills the foregoing bills were approved to be passed at next meeting.

A letter was received from Edgar M. Hoopes, for who had been consulted about the water situation the letter being filed under letter "W". It was resolved that the Board meet with City Council at a time to be fixed by Council

Richard S. Rodney, Secy

August 3, 1920

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Hanes, Hewlett, Clayton, Wm. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported on hand 473²³

The Acting Committee presented the following bills

George D Unger (windmill repairs at Union farm)	45 ⁷⁰
Lewis M. Bullen (7 hrs @ 55 roof on Clayton granary)	60 ³⁵
George D Unger (Repairs to house at Union farm)	34 ⁴⁹
" " " (Spigot at Ralldge)	2 ⁰⁰
J. T. & L. E. Elason May Bill	272 ¹¹
" " June "	378 ⁸³
School taxes for 1920	382 ⁵⁴
	1176 ⁰²

and the following bills were approved which had been paid

John R. Taylor (carpenter's measurement at Ralldge of which 21 ⁰⁰ had been paid Taylor & Shaw)	100 ⁰⁰
" " Fence at Ralldge	30

William Rainey posts 15⁰⁰
1321.02

County tax The above bills were understood to include all to date except the County Tax amounting to 921.⁶⁸

Borrow money On motion the Treasurer was instructed to borrow 800⁰⁰ demand note from New Castle Trust Co to meet the above bills to be repaid by him from the first available funds in his hand.

Water Mr Stoops, President of City Council, asked the trustees to meet with City Council on Wednesday August 4th to consider water situation.

On motion the meeting adjourned
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Tuesday October 5, 1920

The Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Hanes, Hewlett, Haul, Touman, W. Groy, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney

The Treasurer reported that he had received the following

Receipts	From New Castle Trust Co on demand note	800. ⁰⁰
	W Grant Abbott	339. ³⁸
	Tasker Clark	346. ⁸⁸
	Albert N. Soffland	698. ⁷⁵
	That he had paid New Castle Trust Company for interest had a balance on hand of 1511. ²⁹	

The following bills were ordered paid

Bills	Levio N. Bullen	44. ²⁰
	John F. Touer	7. ⁰⁰
	Levit & Geist	5. ⁰⁰
	Albert N. Soffland for fence	25. ⁰⁰
	J. T. L. & Shanon July bill	78. ⁶²
	" " Aug "	48. ⁸⁹
	" " Sept "	18. ²⁶
	Abraham Ingram	12. ⁹⁰
	County taxes	921. ⁶⁸
		1461. ⁵⁶
	Interest to New Castle Trust Co	241. ⁸⁵
		1403. ⁴¹

Costs meeting Mr John G. Elkinton came before the Board and asked for to rent the archway of Town Hall to enclose and make a store the division back wall to reach to doorways in rear. Upon motion unanimously carried that the request be disallowed.

Town Hall Upon motion it was ordered that the tenants of the Town Hall be notified that beginning March 1st 1921 the rental of each be 12.⁵⁰ per month and that the stores be rented separately.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 29, 1920

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening. Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Hanes, Touman, W. Groy, Taylor, Shaw, Biggs, Lancaster, Challengers & Rodney (11)

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the notification of any tenants to leave the farms as might be decided on.

The Treasurer reported the indebtedness of tenants as follows:

	To March 1/1920	To Sept 1/1920	Total
Francis Jordan	275. ⁶⁸	300. ⁶⁶	576. ³⁴
George W. Blackburn	662. ²⁸	815. ⁶³	1477. ⁹¹
William B. Ralldge	143. ⁵⁰	298. ¹³	441. ⁶³ pd
Thos T. Clark		465. ⁰⁰	465. ⁰⁰ pd
Sydia A. Biggs		690. ³²	690. ³² pd
			3651. ²⁰

after considerable discussion it was on motion ordered that all tenants be notified to leave who are more than six months rent in arrear. This would include Blackburn Jordan & Ralldge.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 7, 1920

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Hanes, Clayton, Hewlett, Haul, Touman, W. Groy, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Challengers, Biggs & Rodney (13)

Treasurer reported a balance of 1697.⁷³ and paid by Wm B. Ralldge 300 469.⁷³

The following bills were presented

Therese W. Cavender Reparat Stove in meeting room	5. ¹⁰
James B. Campbell Sewing dispossess notice	5. ⁰⁰
White Bros, Cement, & Fuel at Oglettspe	65. ⁰⁰
Charles E. Lancaster Cement trough at Centre Hall	30. ⁰⁰
	105. ¹⁰

On motion it was resolved to rent the stores in the Town Hall to the present tenants James Hutton for SE store & John Reese for NW store each at a rental of 12.⁵⁰ per month.

On motion the Union & Bayard farms were re-rented to George W. Blackburn for the ensuing year.

On motion the Oglettspe farm was re-rented to William B. Ralldge.

Francis Jordan made a full statement of his financial condition and of the needs and repairs necessary for the farm Model farm. On motion the Model farm was re-rented to him.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

March 1, 1921

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jauvier, Clayton, Hoolell, Howe, Toumau
W.S. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Biggs, Challenger, Lancaster & Rodney (12)

The Treasurer Reported balance on hand	6"
Receipts Thomas Holcomb Est	30 ⁰⁰
A.O.U.W	25 ⁰⁰
Sydia A Biggs	1280 ⁶³
" " " Interest	19 ²¹
Tasker Clark	246 ⁸⁷
William B. Rettedge	300 ⁰⁰
Thomas T. Clark	930 ⁰⁰
" " " Interest	13 ⁹⁵
W. Grant Abbott	339 ³⁷
Harry W.S. Hally	64 ⁰⁰
	3255 ¹⁴

Mr Jordan reported that he would have about 400⁰⁰ to pay about March 15th

Mr T.T. Clark reported that he would have about 12 tons of hay which he would not need and desired permission to sell it.

Such permission was given subject to the approval of the acting committee after investigation.

Bills of New Castle Gas Light of 14⁶³ for meeting Room and Town Hall were ordered paid to Jan 25/1921

Mr Buck representing State Highway Department attended the meeting relative to the fences and buildings at Hares Corner on Right of Way desired. He informed the Board that as to the fences either the Commission would put up the new fences on the new line or would pay the Board 2⁷⁵ per Rod and the Trustees to assume the erection. The motion it was left in hands of acting committee to decide an answer to be given in a few days.

As to the damages it was considered advisable for the entire Board to meet on the ground on Saturday afternoon next at 2³⁰

The following orders were drawn

New Castle Gas Light Co	14 ⁶³
B.F. Lancaster Janitor	25 ⁰⁰
Richard S. Rodney Secretary	50 ⁰⁰
P.W.S. Gray Treasurer	100 ⁰⁰
Acting Committee	50 ⁰⁰
Samuel Church, Clock	50 ⁰⁰
Trustees of Court House Rent	50 ⁰⁰
	339 ⁶³

The President appointed Messrs Challenger & Shaw as an auditing committee.

The Board then went into an election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result

President	For President Mr Janvier Received 11 votes Elected
	" " Mr Gray " 1 " "
Secretary	For Secretary Mr Rodney " 11 " Elected
	Blank " 1 " "
Treasurer	For Treasurer ^{2 years} Mr Gray " 11 " Elected
	Mr Janvier " 1 " "
Acting Committee	Acting Committee was voted for as follows
	Mr Taylor Received 12 votes Elected
	" Shaw " 11 " Elected
	" Biggs " 11 " Elected
	" Toman " 1 " "
	" Janvier " 1 " "
Public Buildings	Committee on Public Buildings
	Mr Challenger Received 10 votes Elected
	" Lancaster " 10 " Elected
	Janvier " 7 Elected
	Clayton " 3 "
	Hewlett " 3 "
	Hance " 2 "
	Toman " 1 "

Janitor Mr B. F. Lancaster was unanimously elected Janitor

Payment on Loan On motion it was Resolved that in addition to paying off temporary loan of 800⁰⁰ that the Treasurer be instructed to pay of 1500⁰⁰ on the present indebtedness which will reduce it to 6000⁰⁰.

On motion Board adjourned to meet Tuesday next
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Monday, 1921

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening, Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Toman, Hewlett, Hance, Mr Gray, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (12)

The Acting Committee reported that in its judgment it is advisable to accept from the State Highway Commission the \$2⁷⁵ for rod for the new fences along the State Road & erect the fence by the Board. On motion it was resolved that the Secretary notify Mr Buck of this decision the measurements & his work when fence is made.

Mr Gray spoke about the acceptance of a note from Soffland for the amount of his rent so that his rent might be paid on the statement. In formal discussion followed with the result it was not deemed advisable to do so.

The Board then went into a discussion of the amount of damages to be asked the State Highway Commission for the buildings at Hares Corner, after each member putting down his estimate and averaging them it was Resolved that the Secretary notify the State Highway Commission that in the judgment of the Board it sustains damage at least in the extent of 7000 for the account of the barn, house and flock sheds & stables, water supply and ground all along the fence (exclusive of the cost of re-setting the fences. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Buck.

The Board then went into an election of a member of the Board of Light & Water Commission under a bill passed in April 1922 under the Act of Assembly recently passed. It was resolved that no nominations be made and a majority of the Board present necessary to a choice.

The result of the first ballot was William E. Rothwell 5
John R. Lambson 4
William Shadye 1
Wm. A. Carnick 1
Charles Kluginger 1

Result of the second ballot was
William E. Rothwell 7
John R. Lambson 5

and Mr Rothwell was declared elected. Mr Rodney and Mr Toman were appointed a committee to wait on him to see if he would accept. Upon the return of the committee Mr Rothwell accompanied them and formally accepted the appointment.

Mr Hobbs came before Board relative to painting of the roofs of the farm buildings which had been painted in 1919. On motion the matter of buying liquid asbestos paint for the roofs was left in the hands of the Acting Committee.
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

April 5, 1921

Board met at S. P. M. Present Janvier, Mr Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Taylor, Hewlett, Hance, Lancaster, Toman, Clayton (10) & Challenger (11)

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr Rodney, Mr Lancaster was chosen Secretary Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer reported the receipt from Mr Soffland of 648⁷⁵ in full to March 1st.

The Acting Committee reported the need of fencing especially on the Model Farm, Penn Farm & Holcomb lots and that Mrs Clark wants one room and Mrs Soffland 3 rooms papered. On motion the Acting Committee was instructed to have the necessary fencing done and that such papering as might be absolutely necessary.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that the Civic Club desired to use the second floor of the Town Hall

Civic Club and desired the Trustees to have benches or chairs placed there. The motion the Club was allowed the use of the room and the question of placing benches or chairs therein was left until the next meeting. Mr Janvier made a report on the Commission appointed by the State Highway Commission. The motion the following bills were allowed and ordered drawn for their payment.

Bills	Alvord F. Shendan	13.00
	George D. Unger	9.50
	J. T. & L. E. Eason, Inc	12.22
	William Leahyue	4.85
	Total	39.57

The motion Board then adjourned.
 J. H. [Signature]
 Secretary Pro Tem

May 3, 1921

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, U.S. Groy, Challenger, Hewlett, Hance, Touman, Taylor, Shaw, Biggs, Lancaster & Rodney. The Acting Committee reported progress as to Hares Corner fences. A report was made as to the fence Commission which assessed at Hares Corner farm. A letter was received as to award as follows

Wilmington, Delaware
 April 29, 1921.

Damages at Hares Corner

Hon. Alden R. Benson, Chairman,
 State Highway Department,
 Dover, Delaware.

The Trustees of New Castle Common,
 Francis deH. Janvier, Chairman,
 Ford Building,
 Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sirs:

This is to certify that we, the Commissioners appointed by the Hon. Herbert L. Rise to view the premises of the Trustees of the New Castle Common and to assess the damages which the said owner will sustain by reason of the taking of a part of the said lands and premises for the purposes of a State Highway, did on the Twenty-ninth day of April, A. D. 1921, file our return with the Prothonotary of New Castle County, and did, as shown by said return, award to the said The Trustees of the New Castle Common, the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) as damages by reason of the taking of the said lands and premises for the purpose aforesaid.

Yours very truly,

Willard A. Speakman
 Frank N. Overdeer
 Harry C. Clark
 John W. Carrow
 Frank Collins

[Signature]
 Attorney for State Highway Department.

The motion it was resolved that the finding of the Commission be accepted.

The motion it was resolved that the Board go to Hares Corner Farm in a body on Saturday afternoon next leave at 2 P.M. to consider a new site for a barn & that Harry C. Clark be requested to meet the Board there.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the statement to each tenant.

The following bills were approved & ordered paid

Robert H. Harney	19.00
John T. Williams cleaning Town Hall	2.00 pd by J.T.C.
William Wilson	13.50
New Castle Water Co	181.29
Total	135.79

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

June 7, 1921

Board met at 8 P.M. Present U.S. Groy, Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Hance, U.S. Groy, Taylor, Biggs, Lancaster, Hance & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer Mr U.S. Groy reported on hand 1294.73. The Treasurer also reported a rumor that Mr Blackburn had sold his wheat: that he had seen Mr Blackburn & had been told that Mr Blackburn had been indebted to certain parties who had brought suit & that the wheat had been sold & their claims paid. The indebtedness from Blackburn was discussed & the matter was left with Mr Janvier, U.S. Groy & Rodney to take such action as would best protect the interests of the Board.

The Committee on Town Hall reported that the Civic Club had purchased 40 chairs for the Town Hall and desired the Board to pay for 20. The motion it was resolved to pay this sum with the understanding that the chairs should be the property of the Board.

The following bills were presented & ordered paid

Charles Warner Co	3.60
Andrew Whitehead freight	3.65
J. T. & L. E. Eason April Bill	62.29
" " " May "	270.00
Thos. L. Howland (Stockton)	45.50
Imperial Fibre Products Co	101.95
William Rainey (abbott)	12.60
A. F. Shendan (Biggs)	32.25
" " (Ratliff)	25.30
" " (Lofland)	41.80
New Castle Civic Club (chairs)	30.00
Total	629.44

A communication was received from City Council relative to the placing of benches in Green, at beach, on wharf it being suggested that City Council

Park benches would defray 1/3 of the expense, Trustees of the Common 1/3 and the Trustees of Market Square 1/3. The entire cost to be about 660.⁰⁰ On motion it was resolved that the Trustees would meet their share of expense of the matter was completed. Mr. Challenger & Mr. Bloomer were appointed the Committee to act on behalf of the Board. The acting committee was instructed to obtain estimates for a new barn at Hares Corner & report to next meeting. Board adjourned to meet June 28, 1921
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 28, 1921

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Hewlett, Hauee, W. G. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Lancaster, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney & Challenger (11)
Mr. W. G. Gray reported balance on hand of 635.²⁹
Mr. Shaw reported that Boyce Brothers had erected almost all of the new fences, together with some other fencing at Biggs & Taylor. The present amount being due amounting to 1573.²⁴ and that Boyce Brothers would appreciate a payment on account. On motion it was resolved to pay 500.⁰⁰ on account at once and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance on approval of the Acting Committee after receipt of the fence money from the State Highway Department.
Mr. Janvier for the Committee appointed to see George W. Blackburn reported a conference with him; that the Committee found that Blackburn had sold his wheat and applied the proceeds of approximately 800.⁰⁰ account of two judgments; that the Committee had obtained from Blackburn a chattel mortgage to cover all arrearages and rent coming due Sept 1st, and had recorded the same; that this chattel mortgage would take priority over one judgment but not over the other of about 250.⁰⁰ due on the W. G. Collier judgment but as to this judgment the trustees would have priority as to one year's rent at the motion the report was accepted and Committee discharged.

The following bills were allowed and orders drawn for their payment in addition to the 500.⁰⁰ to Boyce Brothers
Joseph Keegan fencing at Pease Farm 17.⁴⁰
Andrew Mitchell hauling .50
J. de H. Janvier, Recording Blacklin Chattle Mgtg 2.⁷⁵

Hares Corner Barn
The Acting Committee submitted the following estimates for building a barn at Hares Corner the barn to be similar to that on the Pease Farm but 4 feet longer
H. H. Puff of Wilmington 5500.⁰⁰
Harry C. Clark, Delaware City 6867.⁰⁰
A. S. Reed & Bro. Weymouth 7697.⁰⁰

Considerable discussion was had relative to the barn and on motion it was resolved that the building of the barn at Hares Corner be left to the Acting Committee with the addition of Messrs Hewlett & Lancaster.

authority to arrange for the barn at a cost not exceeding 6800.⁰⁰ and for as much less as the Committee can arrange"
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

August 2, 1921

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Hewlett, Hauee, Touman, W. G. Gray, Taylor & Lancaster (9)

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Lancaster was made Secretary Pro Tem. The Treasurer reported the receipt of 5500.⁰⁰ from the State Highway Commission for damages to buildings and that he had paid note of 4800.⁰⁰ and interest out of the same.

Received of State Highway Department	5500
Pd note & interest at New Castle Trust Co	4906. ⁴⁰
	593. ⁶⁰
Cash balance	114. ⁶⁴
Total balance in hand	708. ²⁴

The report and action of the Treasurer were approved.

The Acting Committee made no report.

The Public Building Committee reported an application from the School Board to rent room on second floor of Town Hall for school use. The matter was left in the hands of the Committee with power to rent the same and fix rental.

The Committee on new Barn reported that arrangements were being made with Harry C. Clark for a little over 6800.⁰⁰. The report was accepted and same Committee was authorized to go on with the work & superintend the same.

The following bills were ordered paid

City Council - Share of Benches in Parks	166. ²³
Water Commission April 1 - Oct 1	65. ²⁰
A. F. Shandee Papering at Clayton farm	9. ⁶⁰
Thos Slack Stockton farm	5
	246. ⁵³

The tax bill & Edison bill were laid over but next meeting. The Treasurer was instructed to notify Harry W. Gally that amount of rent (about one year at 8¢ per month) must be promptly reduced. He was also directed to notify Francis Jordan that wheat proceeds must be applied to rent.

The resignation of W. E. Rothwell as a member of the Water and Light Commission appointed by this Board was read. On motion it was laid over until next meeting and Mr. Rothwell was requested to continue until his successor is appointed.

Secretary Pro Tempore

September 6, 1921

Board met at 8 P. M. Present, Jawier, Hewlett, Touman, W.S. Gray, Taylor, Biggs, Shaw, Lancaster, Challenger & Rodney (10)
The Treasurer reported receipts as follows: Tarker Clark 346.⁸⁸
W. Grant Abbott 339.³⁸

Receipts 686.²⁶

And that with this amount he had on hand 1147.²⁷; that Mr Jordan has his wheat to Jesse L. Sheplund and will not be able to pay more than 200.⁰⁰ of wheat, 300.⁰⁰ from Hay, 50.⁰⁰ from Corn, + 50.⁰⁰ from poultry; that W.S. Hall promised to pay but has not done so and owes 88.⁰⁰ to Sept 1 & has paid nothing since October 1, 1920; that Thomas Clark still has his wheat and that W. Rattledge has arranged to sell his wheat and will pay 350.⁰⁰ in two weeks.

Barn The Acting Committee reported progress on the new barn - that floors were laid and that they were awaiting lumber.

Painting of Town Hall for School Board whereby the large room on second floor of Town Hall is to be used for school purposes, the Board of Education furnishing light, heat & janitor service & to pay an annual rental of 50.⁰⁰. It was expressly agreed that the room would be available for community meetings outside school hours upon 72 hours notice to the Board of Education. The action was approved.

Highway fences A check was received from State Highway Department for 1361 the fencing along the right of way @ 27.⁵⁰ per Rod. The check was accepted with the understanding that any errors in computation of rods would be corrected & the officers of the Board were authorized to execute a deed of conveyance for the fences conditional in order that the proceedings might be in the Recorder of Deeds office.

It was ordered that 1000.⁰⁰ be paid on account of bill of Boyce Bros for

The following bills were approved and ordered paid

John J. Walls Town Hall	20. ⁰⁰	
Robert Hammyton " "	4. ⁸⁰	
Miss Castle Trust Co Int to Sept 1	39. ⁸⁷	
John J. Walls work at Centre Hall	25. ⁷⁰	
J. T. & L. E. Eliason due June bill	13. ⁰⁵	
" " " July "	3. ²⁵	
" " " Aug "	5. ⁶¹	
E. Challenger & Son	3. ²⁰	
Harry Bowen painting 200 lbs @ 50¢	100. ⁰⁰	
William Rainey 25 lbs @ 20¢	5. ⁰⁰	
Thomas A. Rice fencing	40. ⁷³	
B. F. Lancaster janitor	25. ⁰⁰	
Boyce Brothers fencing	1000. ⁰⁰	1286. ⁹¹

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the County taxes before October 1st due rebate.

Resignation Action on the resignation of W. E. Rothwell as member of the Light & Water was postponed with a special meeting to be held September 20, 1921
Richard S. Rodney Secretary

September 20, 1921

Board met in extra session. Present: Jawier, Challenger, Hewlett, Hawie, Touman, W.S. Gray, Taylor, Biggs, Shaw, Lancaster, and Rodney (11)

The resignation of Mr Rothwell as a member of the Board of Light and Water Commissioners was accepted

On motion it was decided after discussion to take a ballot without nominations. The ballot resulted as follows

James P. W.S. Gray	1	=	1
John P. Leonard	1111	=	4
Horace L. Sheahyue	111	=	3
Wm L. R. Holcomb	1	=	1
Jacob Speicher	1	=	1
Philip L. Laird	1	=	1

2nd ballot

John P. Leonard	6
Jacob H. Speicher	3
Horace L. Sheahyue	2

Mr Leonard was declared elected & the meeting adjourned

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

Oct 4, 1921

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Jawier, W.S. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Touman, Taylor, Lancaster, Clayton, Hewlett & Rodney (11)

The Treasurer reported the payment of taxes 1193.⁸² & balance of 29.⁰⁶ & Receipt from W. B. Rattledge of order of Boyce Bros & interest

Credit on Rattledge %	348. ²⁹	
W. B. Rattledge " "	12. ⁰⁰	
" " " check	65. ⁷⁸	
" " " cash	24. ⁹¹	450. ⁹⁸
+ Receipt from Francis Jordan		150. ⁰⁰

Acting Committee reported satisfactory progress on Hares Corner lanes

The following bills were ordered paid

Boyce Brothers balance of fencing (credit on Rattledge %)	348. ²⁹
W. B. Rattledge " " "	12. ⁰⁰
J. T. & L. E. Eliason due	29. ⁹⁹
George E. Key Piers annual statements	13. ⁵⁰
W. S. Guley & Frymoyer printing portals	2. ⁵⁰
Wm Wright work on Town Hall	6. ⁵⁰
	412. ⁷⁸

The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr Boyce atty for State Highway Department & that relative to the balance due from the State for fencing and that it appeared from the Highway Department's records that the fronting of Centre Hall fence in State Highway had not been credited to this Board and that the Department would have this measured and accounted for.

New Road

An motion the officers of the Board were authorized to execute legal papers necessary to vest in the State such part of the Highway had not been condemned and included in the former deed.

A Report was received from the Light & Water Commission covering the months July, August & September 1921. An motion it was ordered and it was requested that a copy for the preceding quarter be obtained.

The Treasurer reported that Blackburn had sold his wheat had not yet been paid and would pay the Board from 700 to 800 for it.

The Treasurer also reported that Mr Blackburn had informed that it would be necessary for him, Mr Blackburn to give up the Corner Farm. An motion it was unanimously resolved that this be leased from March 1, 1922 to Edward S. Wiggins at a rate to be determined.

The Treasurer was instructed to notify all tenants who were in arrears to the Board as of March 1, 1921 and to inform all other tenants that their farms would be re-rented to them.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 1, 1921

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Challenger, Haues, W. Groy, Hewlett, Biggs, Shaw, Lancaster, Toman, Clayton & Rodney (12)

Jordan's Rent

Mr Francis Jordan appeared before the Board and said he could not make up all the rent due and could not even pay anything on years rent unless the Trustees gave him permission to take & sell his

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of 217.26

Cow stalls

An motion it was resolved that the new style of cow stalls be in the new barn at Hares Corner at an additional cost of not over 70

in new barn

The following bills were approved

J. T. & L. E. Eliason	9.88
J. T. Stoops	6.20
Water & Light Commission	Oct 1/22 to Nov 22 65
	81.08

Model farm

An motion it was resolved to meet in special session on the 15th for the purpose of receiving applications for renting the Model Farm and the Treasurer to publish the renting notice 4 times in the Evening & Evening Journal.

Richard S. Rodney

November 15,

Board met in special session: Present: Janvier, Lancaster, Biggs, Taylor, W. Groy, Toman, Haues, Hewlett, Clayton D. In the absence of the Secretary Lancaster was made secretary Pro tem

Electric lights in Town Hall

Mr Bacon representing A. O. U. W. asked permission to install electric in the room they rent in the Town Hall. This permission was given subject to method being approved by the Public Building Committee

Model Farm

Mr John Gross made application by letter for the Model Farm, Mr. Niles guaranteeing the first years rent.

The Board then went into an election, Mr Gross and Mr Francis Jordan being the applicants. An motion it was resolved that the farm be rented to Mr Gross according to his application at the present rental, together with the guarantee of Mr Niles

The Treasurer reported the receipt of the additional amount of 425.?? being the balance due for fencing from the State Highway Department making a total from that Department of 7287.??

The communication from the Highway Department as to removal of old barn was laid over to the December meeting.

An motion it was resolved that notices to quit be served on Mr Blackburn and Mr W. Gally

Mr Hewlett brought up the matter of water for the new barn on the Hares Corner farm. The Committee in charge of this barn was instructed to arrange for the water & other things which might be necessary.

November 26, 1921

Board met in special session: Present: Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Haues, Toman, W. Groy, Taylor, Biggs & Rodney & Shaw (10)

This meeting was called because it had been learned that Francis Jordan the tenant of Model Farm, who gives up the farm the ensuing year had removed his cattle, horses, & implements from the farm.

An motion it was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the President, Secretary & Treasurer to take all necessary steps to protect the interests of the Board.

Richard S. Rodney

December 6, 1921

Board met in Regular session - Present: Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Hewlett, Toman, W. Groy, Shaw, Lancaster, Biggs & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand 582.15
Received from Harry W. Gally 16.
598.15

The following bills were ordered paid

Every Evening Printing Co advertisements of renting farms	3.36
Serving drafts notices to quit	3.00
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	24.07
Matthias G. Watson	12.00
John Hever	12.54.43

Mr Janvier reported a conversation with Mr Jordan relative to the removal of his personal property and an motion the officers were authorized to attempt to find out what became of Jordan's property.

Mr Blackburn's arrears of rent was left in the hands of the officers together with the Acting Committee.

Mr W. Groy reported an applicant for the house near the Reservoir but the matter was left until the January meeting

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

MINUTE IN MEMORY OF JAMES B. LANCASTER ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON HELD TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 7, 1922.

James B. Lancaster, a member of this Board since January 28, 1918, died on January 30, 1922, after a short illness.

He was a member of this Board for a comparatively short period, but during this time he made himself a particularly valued and useful member. His interest in the affairs of the City and of this Trust was always lively and helpful, especially in the recent acquisition of the Water and Light System by the City. His experience for years in the water supply of the City was always available for the advantage of the City.

As a member of this Board, he had both the respect and the affection of every member of the Board.

As a man and citizen, he was always kindly, efficient, helpful and with charity towards all.

As a husband and father, his life was above reproach.

In his death, while still almost in the prime of his strength, a distinct loss has been suffered not only by his family and his friends but by this Board and by the community generally.

Resolved, that a copy of this Minute be spread upon the minutes of the Board, be published in the press, and be sent to the family of the deceased.

March 7, 1922

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: James, Shaw, Taylor, Mr. Gray, Thomas Hanes, Hewlett, Biggs, Clayton & Challenger (10) In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Challenger was made Secretary Pro-Tempore

The Treasurer reported the following balance & payments - Balance 130.61

Harry W. Gally	8.00
Cybeleus Ins from Royal Dues Co	18.00
Thomas Holcomb Estate	30.00
John Gross on Phosphate (Credit Jordan)	20.00
A. O. U. W. Rent	25.00
Board of Education	50.00
W. Grant Abbott in full	339.37
Teacher T. Clark in full	346.87
	<u>967.85</u>

Mr. W. Gray made a report of the George W. Blackburn sale; that the total sale amounted to about 2757.00 with notes of 1815.00 & cash of about 882.00 & uncollected bills of about 47.00. He advised the payment of the bills & was left with the affairs.

The Acting Committee reported that the wheat in the ground at the Model farm which had been bought at the Jordan sale had been sold to John Gross and that the Model farm was in a very bad condition. On motion it was resolved that the Committee make the house tenable, 4 rooms paper & other repairs made, the Committee reported the old buildings at Hones Corner being torn down.

The following bills were ordered paid:-

New Castle Trust Co Int on 1200 from Sept to Mar/22	36.20
" " 7500 " 1/5/22 to 3/1/22 (104.25)	68.75
William Freeberg Union & Bayard Farms	20.00
New Castle Gas Light Co Meeting Room	6.85
" " " " Town Hall	16.35
" " " " " "	13.58
" " " " " "	2.00
J. T. & J. E. Shanon	6.30
Evening Journal Co. North Route J. B. Lancaster	25.00
B. T. Lancaster 6 months salary as janitor	50.00
Richard S. Rodney Secretary's Expenses 1/2	50.00
Patrick W. Gray Treasurer " "	100.00
Acting Committee's Expenses	50.00
Commissioners of Court House - Rent	50.00
Manual Club. Care Town Clerk	50.00
	<u>495.05</u>

On motion it was resolved that the 100.00 Liberty Bond be sold at the market price and the same be deposited to the credit of the Board. An application was received from James H. Hallow and John Reese the tenants of the two Town Hall stores for a reduction in their rents to 10.00 a month each. On motion the application was refused.

Election Called

On motion it was resolved that an election be held to fill vacancy caused by the death of James B. Lancaster on Saturday the 25th & that a committee consisting of Messrs W. Groy, Hewlett & Tom hold said election.

Auditing Committee

The President appointed Messrs Shaw & Challenger as an Auditing Committee

Water Commission

The Board then went into the election of a Water Commissioner for a term of three years. Mr Leonard received 8 votes; Mr Horace Blackby 1 vote & John B. Hancock 1 vote. Mr Leonard was declared elected.

The Board went into the election of officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President J. de H. Janvier 9
P. W. Groy 1

Secretary Richard S. Rodney 10

Officers

Acting Committee James G. Shaw 8
John E. Taylor 8
James E. Biggs 7
John F. Clayton 3
George T. Hewlett 2
James T. Challenger 1
James B. Hance 1

Committees

Messrs Shaw, Taylor & Biggs were declared elected.

Committee on Public Buildings

	1st	2nd	3rd
James T. Challenger	8		
James B. Hance	7		
George T. Hewlett	4	5	6
John F. Clayton	4	3	4
James G. Shaw	1		
James E. Biggs	1		
James B. Tommas	2	1	
J. de H. Janvier	3	1	

Messrs Challenger, Hance & Hewlett were declared elected.

Bennett J. Lancaster was elected Janitor.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

April 4, 1922

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Shaw, Taylor, W. Groy, Tommas, Hewlett, Biggs & Clayton (8)

Mr Lofland tenant on Penn Farm appeared and asked

- ① That a shed be erected from lumber at Union & Bayard farms
- ② " " hay or straw barnack, ...
- ③ That the ditch between the Penn and Model farms be cleaned out to protect the wheat ground from back water.

The Committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James B. Lancaster reported that the election was held on Saturday March 25 and that 412 votes were cast as follows:

James T. Morrison received 248
John J. Sheridan received 164
412

Mr Morrison appeared and took his seat.

The Treasurer reported on hand \$1863.²⁷ and that some tenants were expected to pay very shortly.

Patrick W. Groy who had been appointed to represent the Trustees at the sale of George W. Blackburn reported as follows:

Total amount of sale as per sale bills	2903. ⁵⁵
Less uncollected bills	33. ²⁰
	2870. ³⁵
Interest received, notes & stamps	8. ⁶⁴
	2878. ⁹⁹

Received 9 months notes	1951. ⁴²	
" Cash	927. ⁵⁷	2878. ⁹⁹

Cash Received	927. ⁵⁷
Expenses as per vouchers for advertising, auctioneer & clerical help	81. ⁷⁸
	845. ⁷⁹

9 months notes 1951.⁴² 2797.²¹

The report was accepted

The Acting Committee reported repairs to the house at Model farm; that the old shed and Barn at Hares Corner had been torn down; that a shed at Tasker Clark's had been put up and that the well at Hares Corner (Union & Bayard) farm was in working order.

The President was instructed to enter suit against Francis Jordan for the balance due the Trustees.

The Auditing Committee was authorized to pay on account of the loan to the Castle Trust Company such amount as might seem to be proper after the audit was made.

The matter of moving the hay barnack at Hares Corner and of using the old lumber for barnacks at Penn farm was left

Election Called

On motion it was resolved that an election be held to fill vacancy caused by the death of James B. Lancaster on Saturday the 25th & that a committee consisting of Messrs Messrs Groy, Hewlett & Tom hold said election.

Auditing Committee

The President appointed Messrs Shaw & Challenger as an Auditing Committee

Water Commission

The Board then went into the election of a Water Commissioner for a term of three years. Mr Leonard received 8 votes; Mr Horace Shapley 1 vote; John B. Hancock 1 vote. Mr Leonard was declared elected.

The Board went into the election of officers for the ensuing year

President J. de H. Janvier 9
P. Messrs Groy 1

Secretary Richard S. Rodney 10

Officers

Acting Committee James G. Shaw 8

John E. Taylor 8

James E. Biggs 7

John F. Clayton 3

George T. Hewlett 2

James T. Challenger 1

James B. Hance 1

Committee

Messrs Shaw, Taylor & Biggs were declared elected.

Committee on Public Buildings

	1st	2nd	3rd
James T. Challenger	8		
James B. Hance	7		
George T. Hewlett	4	5	6
John F. Clayton	4	3	4
James G. Shaw	1		
James E. Biggs	1		
James B. Tomass	2	1	
J. de H. Janvier	3	1	

Messrs Challenger, Hance & Hewlett were declared elected.

Bennett J. Lancaster was elected janitor.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

April 4, 1922

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Shaw, Taylor, Messrs Groy, Tomass, Hewlett, Biggs & Clayton

- Mr Lofland tenant on Penn farm appeared and asked
 - That a shed be erected from lumber at Union & Bayard farms
 - " " hay straw barnack,
 - That the ditch between the Penn and Wood farms be cleaned out to protect the wheat ground from back water.

The committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James B. Lancaster reported that the election was held on Saturday March 25 and that 412 votes were cast as follows:

James T. Morrison received 248
John J. Sheridan received 164
412

Mr Morrison appeared and took his seat.

The Treasurer reported on hand \$1863.²⁷ and that some tenants were expected to pay very shortly.

Patrick Messrs Groy who had been appointed to represent the Trustees at the sale of George W. Blackburn reported as follows:

Total amount of sale as per sale bills	2903. ⁵⁵
Less uncollected bills	33. ²⁰
	2870. ³⁵
Interest received, notes & stamps	8. ⁶⁴
	2878. ⁹⁹

Received 9 months notes	1951. ⁴²	
" Cash	927. ⁵⁷	2878. ⁹⁹

Cash Received 927.⁵⁷

Expenses as per vouchers for advertising, auctioneer & clerical help 81.⁷⁸
845.⁷⁹

9 months notes 1951.⁴² 2797.²¹

The report was accepted.

The acting committee reported repairs to the house at Wood farm; that the old shed and barn at Hares Corner had been torn down; that a shed at Tasker Clark's had been put up and that the well at Hares Corner (Union & Bayard) farm was in working order.

The President was instructed to enter suit against Francis Jordan for the balance due the Trustees.

The Auditing Committee was authorized to pay on account of the loan to Messrs Carter Trust Company such amount as might seem to be proper after the audit was made.

The matter of moving the hay barnack at Hares Corner and of using the old lumber for barnacks at Penn farm was left

with the acting committee,

The following bills were approved

	R. W. Harmyten & Son	113.60
	F. A. Wright	42.25
	Thomas Reese	28.83
	Abram Degraau	45.38
	E. F. Heber	35.70
	Abram Degraau	115.13
	Stephen Gattis	44.00
	Christiana Clay Products Co	54.00
	Electric Committee	12.00
	Harris Eugene Co	2.25
		<u>493.14</u>

Bills

May 2, 1922.

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Hewlett, Hance, Toman, Mr. Gray, Taylor, Biggs & Rodney (10)

Statement

The treasurer reported that the annual statement as of March 1st was printed and ^{they} was laid on the table for distribution.

The acting committee reported progress on building fixtures & repairs.

Street Commission requests use of room

A communication was received from the Street Improvement Commission asking permission, in case of necessity, to have the use of the meeting room on such terms as the trustees might fix. The motion the Commission granted the use of the room, if needed, free of rent.

The following bills were approved

Bills

	J. T. E. Eliason March bill	252.70
	" " April "	206.13
	Christiana Clay Products Co (Sand)	13.11
	N. S. Watson	47.92
	William W. Armstrong	89.00
	Delaware Electric & Supply Co	28.53
	Abram Degraau	145.70
	Lucien F. Sheidau	11.70
	James H. Reese Pibre	23.50
	William Cheskyue	4.50
		<u>752.79</u>

The foregoing bills were approved & an ordinance drawn for their payment. On motion of Mr. Hewlett passed that no signs of any kind be erected on any of the farms without the approval of the acting committee and the revenue derived from signs be paid over to the trustees. The motion latter part of the motion was omitted as to revenue being paid to the trustees and on like motion the original motion as amended was adopted.

Signs on farms

The motion the treasurer was authorized to pay 1000.00 on account of the indebtedness to New Castle Trust Co.

Payment of indebtedness

The treasurer was instructed to cancel the insurance on the buildings.

Insurance

Houses cover which were torn down & take out insurance on new buildings which have been insured.

Richard S. Rodney

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1922

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
on Hand March 1, 1921	County Taxes
Beth H. Holcomb	New Castle Trust Co., Paid Note
Grant Abbott, Rent in Full	New Castle Trust Co., Interest
as T. T. Clark, Rent in Full	New Castle Trust Co., Stamps on Notes
at N. Loffland, Rent in Full	Fire Insurance
er T. Clark, Rent in Full	H. C. Clark, New Barn—Union and Bayard
A. Biggs, Paid in Full	Boyer Bros., New Fence
A. Reese, Rent in Full	Paint, and Painting Roofs of Buildings
H. Hatton, Rent in Full	Delaware Water Improvement Co.
U. Workmen, Rent in Full	New Castle Water Commission
W. Currinder, on account	New Castle City Council—Park Benches
B. Rathidge, on account	New Castle Civic Club—Chairs
is Jordan, on account	L. C. Jones, Constable
McNally, on account	Printing Annual Statements
Highway Department	Printing Advertisements and Notices
Castle Trust Co., Note	Printing Postal Cards
rd Liberty Loan Bond	Serving Notices
y Loan Bond, Interest	Coal—Meeting Room
st from Deferred Payment on Rents	Gas—Meeting Room
Board of Education	Gas—Town Hall
Meeting Room, Town Hall	Recording Mortgage
Ins. Co., Tornado Insurance	Repairs and Improvements at:
	Town Hall
	Basin House
	Jefferson Farm
	Stockton Farm
	Oglethorpe Farm
	Centre Hall Farm
	Penn Farm
	Union and Bayard Farm
	Clayton Farm
	Model Farm
	Janitor's Salary
	Secretary's Expenses
	Treasurer's Expenses
	Acting Committee's Expenses
	Commissioners, Court House
	Immanuel Church, Town Clock, care of
	Balance Cash on Hand
	Outstanding Obligations:
	New Castle Trust Co.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.
 FRANCIS DE H. JANVIER, President PATRICK MCGRORY, Treasurer RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary
 ACTING COMMITTEE.
 JAMES G. SHAW JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS
 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
 F. CHALLENGER JAMES B. HANCE GEORGE F. HEWLETT

LANDS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES.

No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/4	\$ 678.75
2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3/4	1,280.63
3	William B. Rathidge	79 1/2	596.25
4	T. T. Clark	124	930.00
5	Albert N. Loffland	186 1-3	1,397.50
6			
7			
8			
9	Edw. S. Megginson	217 1/2	1,631.25
10	Tasker T. Clark	92 1/2	693.75
11	John Gross	109 1-3	601.32
12	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00
13	Harry McNally		96.00
14	Charles W. Currinder		56.25
15	John A. Reese		150.00
16	James H. Hatton		150.00
17	Order United Workmen		25.00
18	Board of Education		50.00
			<u>\$8,364.70</u>

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON.

Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis de H. Janvier	Elected Apr. 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 23, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James B. Toman, Jr.	Elected Nov. 28, 1914
James T. Challenger	Elected Apr. 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
James B. Hance	Elected May 24, 1919
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
James T. Morrison	Elected Mar. 25, 1922

and found correct, April 24, 1922.
 F. CHALLENGER, } Auditing
 G. SHAW, } Committee.
 PATRICK MCGRORY, Treasurer.

June 20, 1922

An adjourned meeting was held this date Present: - Janvier, Mr. Gray, Challenger, Shaw, House, Torrance, Hewlett, Biggs & Clayton (?)

The minutes of last meeting were, on motion, dispensed with.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1133.73

The acting Committee reported that the roof on the Stockton farm house and the chimney on the Ralldge house needed repairing. Mr. Mr. Gray remarked on the excellent condition of the Abbott farm and suggested that the house be painted. The acting Committee was authorized on motion of Mr. Mr. Gray to purchase 1000 chestnut posts at a cost not to exceed 25¢ apiece.

The following bills were approved

J. T. & L. E. Shason, Inc

N. G. Watson

Every Evening

Thomas A. Reese

George E. King

F. de K. Janvier

O. F. Sheridan

White Brothers

E. Challenger & Son Paint

C. C. Whannville

T. W. Cavender Spout

O. F. Sheridan at Biggs farm

" " " " Ralldge "

Mr. Mayant Raising Posts

Frank A. Wright

Abram Ingrain

Water & Light Commission

279.37

41.85

4.10

18.90

13.50

12.00

107.00

79.77

4.65

83.39

2.35

45.80

23.50

15.00

9.75

148.50

~~85.49~~

65.00

954.43

On motion it was resolved to adjourn until the regular meeting in August.

Richard S. Roden
Secretary

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August 1, 1922

Board met in regular session; Present: Jaworski, Challenger, Hauke, Toruan, W. G. Gray, Taylor, Shaw, Morrison, Biggs, Hewlett, Clayton Rodley
 Treasurer reported a balance on hand transferred from special account from Blackburn's sale after 350⁰⁰ had been paid. D. Boyer by atty for W. G. Abbott, who held a license an execution prior to our attachment for rent

The motion the report was accepted and signed upon the minutes at the Penn Farm. The following bills were approved:

J. T. & L. E. Eliason	97. ⁷¹
Charles Warner Company	4. ⁰⁰
E. Challenger & Son paint	3. ²⁵
John J. Walls	17. ⁸⁰
U. G. Watson	187. ⁶⁵
A. F. Shindan	9. ⁰⁰
Thomas Slack	5. ⁰⁰
John A. Reese	7. ⁰⁰
Abram Dugran on 1/2 of his bill	200. ⁰⁰
	<u>\$531.</u>

The bills were approved and an ordinance drawn for their payment. The Secretary was instructed to draw the attention of the State Highway Commission to the fact that the old cistern is on their right of way opposite the old hotel at Harris Corner and may prove the cause of an accident and also request the proper fixing of the gutters and drains on both sides of the road.

The acting committee reported that Mr. E. S. Wagginsou had said he would paint the new hay barns if the trustees would furnish the paint. The Treasurer reported that Harry W. Holly had paid no rent the house at corner of New Port Road since March. The motion he is authorized to have a notice to quit the premises on Oct 1st served on Mr. Holly and the premises vacated unless satisfactory arrangements made for the payment of the rent due.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Sept 5, 1922

Board met, Present: Shaw, W. G. Gray, Biggs, Toruan, Hewlett & Mr. Shaw was made temporary Chairman and since being no quorum the meeting adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

October 4, 1922

Board met: Present: Jaworski, Challenger, Toruan, Hauke, W. G. Gray, Morrison, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney
 The Treasurer reported that before notice to quit had been served on Harry W. Holly that he had left the premises; that with the approval of most of the trustees the property had been rented to William Steel at \$⁰⁰ per month. The motion the action of the Treasurer was approved.

The Treasurer reported the following receipts:

Balance on hand	143. ⁶⁸
Sydia A. Biggs	640. ³²
W. G. Abbott	339. ³⁸
John Reese	37. ⁵⁰
James H. Hutton	37. ⁵⁰
William Steel	16. ⁰⁰
John Gross	190. ⁰⁰
Charles S. Currier	28. ¹³
Thomas T. Clark	465. ⁰⁰
Tasker Clark	346. ⁸⁸
Edward S. Wagginsou	815. ³³
George Russell (lay)	25. ⁰⁰
	<u>3084.⁷²</u>

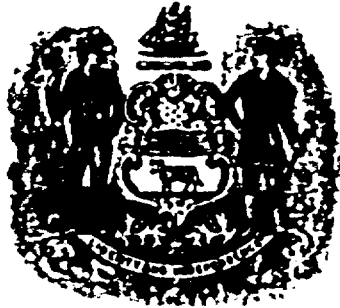
The following bills were approved & drawn for their payment:

J. T. & L. E. Eliason July Bill	414. ⁵³
August "	3. ⁰⁰
Sept "	11. ⁹⁵
Carly C. Mammle	105. ⁸⁵
W. W. Seach County Taxes 1922	1151. ⁸⁸
John B. Biggs roofing	4. ⁸⁰
James Memorial Sewer Co	3. ²⁶
Thaddeus W. Coover (2 bills)	93. ⁴⁹
Simon Cheney	20. ⁸⁵
New Castle Trust Co (Onno interest)	210. ³³
B. F. Lancaster (6 mos salary)	25. ⁰⁰
Abram Dugran (balance due)	254. ²³
P. W. Gray stamps on notes	. ⁵²
	<u>2299.⁶⁹</u>

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

ALDEN R. BENSON, CHAIRMAN
JOSEPH E. HOLLAND
F. V. DUPONT
NEWTON L. GRUBB
JAMES HALL ANDERSON

The State of Delaware



C. D. BUCK
CHIEF ENGINEER

I. PAUL JONES
SECRETARY

State Highway Department Dover, Delaware

February 9, 1924

Hon. Richard S. Rodney
New Castle, Del.

Dear Dick:-

Thanks for yours of February 6th, with copy of resolution recently adopted by the Board of Trustees of New Castle Commons.

I feel that this is one important step toward securing an improved road for New Castle which I am satisfied will mean much to the town if built where it should go, and in the selection of the route, within the town limits, I am personally of the same opinion that you are. I cannot and will not recommend the construction of a road which will cross a railroad at grade when an equally advantageous line can be had where the crossing is separated, as in this case, by an overhead bridge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. D. Buck".

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o/binder/file

November 1922

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney (7)

Treasurer reported receipts from John Gross 70.³⁶

On motion the Trustees decided that no changes be made in the guaranty for the first years rent to the lease.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to deposit all the Blackburn sale notes in the Bank for collection when due.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Gross Rent
Blackburn
Sale Notes

December 5, 1922

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Hewlett, Hance Tomau, Mr. Gray, Morrison, Biggs, Challenger & Rodney. The President having retired Mr. Challenger took the chair.

The Treasurer reports as follows

Rec'd Blackburn notes	1873. ⁴²
" Interest	75. ⁶⁰
John Gross	25. ⁰⁰
" "	15. ³⁰
William B. Rathledge	410. ⁰⁰
John A. Reese	37. ⁵⁰
William Steele	8. ⁰⁰
Shenandoah Hundred Committee (gas)	4. ⁰⁰
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	2448. ⁸²
Balance on hand last meeting	785. ⁰³
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	3233. ⁸⁵

Notes
Guaranty

The Treasurer also reported having received from Harry the guaranty of the first years rent of John Gross. Ordered to be paid.

The following bills were ordered paid

George T. Hewlett	155. ⁴⁰	Hance Corner
Robert H. Harnington	3. ³⁰	
" " "	58. ⁷²	
Board of Light & Water Commissioners	65. ⁰⁰	
Joseph Keegan	19. ⁷⁵	
J. T. & L. E. Elsom Oct 7/2	8. ⁰⁶	
" " " Nov 7/2	69. ⁸⁸	
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	380. ³⁵	

Payment on Note

The question of water on Union farm was left in hands of acting Com. On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay off 2000.⁰⁰ on 7/2 of Bond leaving a balance due on said loan of 4500.⁰⁰

Mr. Tomau & Hance were appointed a Committee to see into needs of Farm of a visiting nurse. Mr. Challenger was appointed a Committee to the matter and report at the next meeting.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Fire Work
Visiting Nurse

January 2, 1923

Resolutions: Janvier, Challenger, Biggs, Mr. Gray & Rodney usually February 6, 1923

Present Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Tomau, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Biggs & Rodney (8)

Treasurer reported from

James H. Hallen	37. ⁵⁰
William Steele	16. ⁰⁰
Find Mr. Elsom	81. ⁵¹ including last Blackburn notes 100. ⁰⁰
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	135. ⁰¹ + a balance of 988. ⁵⁷

Acting Committee reported that Mr. Waggoner has 6' of water in his new well.

Public Building Committee reported that the School had left the Town Hall & that a table in 3rd floor had been repaired.

The following bills were approved

Stephen Gattis digging well at Hance corner	60. ⁵⁰
Abram Ingram	63. ⁵⁸ + 75. ⁴³ 139. ³¹
J. T. & L. E. Elsom Dec bill	62. ⁸²
" " " Jan "	45. ¹⁴
Samuel Huxley fixing hole in Town Hall	24. ¹⁵
James H. Hallen	4. ¹⁰
Insurance James H. Hallen	59. ²³
" " "	52. ³⁰
U. Castle Co "	17. ¹⁹
Royal Ins Co	40. ⁷⁶
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	506. ⁰⁴

On motion it was instructed that Mr. James V. Campbell who attended the meeting in the interests of the Fire Company, was authorized to purchase 500 ft of fire hose at a price not exceeding 400.⁰⁰

On motion the Acting Committee was instructed to take up with the tenants of Hance corner & Shenandoah farm the matter of taking the lot of land occupied by the old Hance corner farm buildings on N.W. side of State Road from Hance corner farm & add them to Shenandoah farm.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 14

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney

Gross Rent Treasurer reported receipts from John Gross 70³⁶
 On motion the Trustees decided that no changes be made in the guaranty for the first years rent to the lease
 On motion the Treasurer was instructed to deposit all the Blackburn Sale notes in the Bank for collection when due.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 5, 1922

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Hewlett, Hance Touman, Mr. Gray, Monahan, Biggs, Challenger & Rodney. The President having retired Mr. Challenger took the chair.

The Treasurer reports as follows

Rec'd Blackburn notes	1873 ⁴²
" Interest	75 ⁶⁰
John Gross	25 ⁰⁰
" "	15 ³⁰
William B. Pothledge	41 ⁰⁰
John A. Reese	37 ⁵⁰
William Steele	8 ⁰⁰
Memorabilia Hundred Committee (gas)	4 ⁰⁰
	<u>2448.82</u>
Balance on hand last meeting	785.03
	<u>3233.85</u>

Helmer Guaranty The Treasurer also reported having received from Harry Helmer his guaranty of the first years rent of John Gross. Ordered to be filed
 The following bills were ordered paid

George T. Hewlett	155 ⁴⁰	Hans Corn
Robert H. Harnington	3 ³⁰	
" " "	58 ⁷²	
Board of Light & Water Commissioners	65 ⁰⁰	
Joseph Keegan	19 ⁷⁵	
J. T. & L. E. Elman Oct 7/2	8 ⁰⁶	
" " " Nov 7/2	69 ⁸⁸	
	<u>380.35</u>	

Payment on Note The question of water on Union farm was left in hands of Acting Com
 On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay off 2000⁰⁰ on 7/2 of Bond
 Leaving a balance due on said loan of 4500⁰⁰
 Mr. Touman & Hance were appointed a Committee to see into needs of Farm
 Suggestion having been made of the request for aid in obtaining the aid
 of a visiting nurse Mr. Challenger was appointed a Committee to
 the matter and report at the next meeting.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January
February 2, 1923

No quorum: Janvier, Challenger, Biggs, Mr. Gray, Rodney no meeting
February 6, 1923

Present Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Touman, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Biggs & Rodney
 Treasurer reported from

James H. Halton	37 ⁵⁰
William Steele	16 ⁰⁰
Find Mr. Elman	81 ⁵¹ making last Blackburn's notes 100% <u>135.01</u> + a balance of 988 ⁵⁷

Acting Committee reported that Mr. Weggins has 6' of water in his new well
 Public Building Committee reported that the School had left the Town Hall & that a toilet in 3rd floor had been repaired.

The following bills were approved

Stephen Gatter digging well at Hans Corner	60 ⁵⁰
Abram Ingram	63 ⁵⁸ + 75 ⁴³ = 139.31
J. T. & L. E. Elman Dec bill	62 ⁹²
" " " Jan "	45.14
Samuel Wright fixing hole in Town Hall	24.15
James H. Halton	4 ¹⁰
Insurance James W. W. W.	59.23
" " "	52.30
U. Castle Co "	17.19
Royal Ins Co	40.76
	<u>506.04</u>

On motion it was instructed that Mr. James V. Campbell who attended the meeting in the interests of the Fire Company, was authorized to purchase 500 ft of fire hose at a price not exceeding 400⁰⁰
 On motion the Acting Committee was instructed to take up with the tenants of Hans Corner & ^{Clayton} ~~Shelton~~ James the matter of taking the lot of land occupied by the old Hans Corner farm buildings on N.W. side of State Road from Hans Corner farm & add them to ^{Clayton} ~~Shelton~~ farm.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

March 6, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Hewlett, W.C. Gray, Shaw, Biggs & Rodney (5)
The Treasurer reported

	Balance on hand	482.53
	Received from Genl. reserve Society	.50
	Charles W. Currinder	28.12
	Sydia A. Biggs	640.31
	John A. Reese	37.50
	W. G. Abbott	337.37
	A. O. U. W.	26.00
Receipts	E. S. Megginson	815.62
	Thos. T. Clark	465.00
	Tasber Clark	346.87
	James H. Hatton	37.50
	Total	3218.32

The acting committee reported that the tenants of both etc. U. W. & the Clayton farms were agreeable to have the transfer made of the lot where the old farm buildings stood. It was resolved that transfer be made as of March 1st.

The Secretary was instructed to request the State Highway Department to put any dirt removed from ditches in the lot the old barn yard.

The following bills were approved

	Wilmington Gas Co	14.71
	Hany Lurigate	9.20
	New Castle Trust Co. mt to Mar 1	169.17
Bills	W. H. Proud, electric light	15.85
	J. T. & L. E. Thayer	10.85
	Treasurer's expenses	100.00
	Secretary's "	50.00
	Acting Committee "	50.00
	Commissioner of Court House	50.00
	Manuel Church	50.00
	B. B. Lancaster Janitor	25.00
	Total	543.00

The President ruled that according to an examination by W.C. Gray it only required 7 votes instead of 9 to transact all business.

On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer pay the New Castle Trust Company the sum of 2000 on account of the Board's indebtedness leaving a balance due of 2500.00.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1923

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
New Castle Trust Co., Notes	\$5,000.00
New Castle Trust Co., Interest	379.50
New Castle Trust Co., Stamps on Notes	.52
County Taxes	1,151.88
Insurance	173.18
Gas, Meeting Room and Town Hall	14.71
Coal, Meeting Room	4.50
Repairs, Furniture, Meeting Room	7.36
Electric Lights, Meeting Room	15.00
Board Water and Light Commission	150.00
Printing Statements and Resolutions	17.60
Election Expenses	12.00
Francis Jordan, Mortgage, Expense	12.00
Repairs and Improvements at:	
Jefferson Farm	\$182.53
Stockton Farm	271.61
Oglethorpe Farm	124.90
Centre Hall Farm	173.60
Penn Farm	542.26
Union and Bayard Farm	1,804.63
Clayton Farm	269.60
Model Farm	341.38
Total	\$7,110.51
Razing Old Bldgs. on Union and Bayard Farm	445.19
Town Hall	35.25
Treasurer, Expenses	100.00
Secretary, Expenses	50.00
Acting Committee, Expenses	50.00
Commissioner of Court House	50.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00
Janitor's Salary	2,742.26
Balance Cash on Hand	
Total	\$14,201.46
Outstanding Obligations:	
New Castle Trust Co.	\$2,500.00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.
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ACTING COMMITTEE.
 JAMES G. SHAW JOHN E. TAYLOR JAMES E. BIGGS
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
 JAMES T. CHALLENGER JAMES B. HANCE GEORGE T. HEWLETT

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES.				TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON.	
No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent	Name	Elected
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/4	\$ 678.75	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 1/4	1,280.63	Francis de H. Janvier	Elected Apr. 15, 1903
3	William B. Ralledge	79 1/4	596.25	James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
4	T. T. T. Clark	124	930.00	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
5	Albert N. Lofland	186 1-3	1,397.50	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
6	Edw. S. Megginson	216 1/4	1,623.75	John E. Taylor	Elected Dec. 28, 1907
7	Tasber T. Clark	93 1/2	701.25	Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
8	John Gross	109 1-3	601.32	James B. Toman, Jr.	Elected Nov. 28, 1914
9	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00	James T. Challenger	Elected Apr. 29, 1916
10	Wm. Steel		96.00	John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 23, 1918
11	Charles W. Currinder		56.25	James B. Hance	Elected May 24, 1919
12	John A. Reese		150.00	George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
13	James H. Hatton		150.00	James T. Morrison	Elected Mar. 25, 1922
14	Order United Workmen		25.00		
Total			\$8,316.70		

Audited and found correct, April 26, 1923.
 JAMES T. CHALLENGER, Auditing Committee.
 JAMES G. SHAW, Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1923

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES. Includes entries for 'RECEIPTS' and 'EXPENDITURES' with corresponding dollar amounts.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD: PATRICK McGRORY, President; GEORGE S. HENNING, Treasurer; JAMES E. HIGGS, Secretary; JOHN W. CHAPMAN, Acting Committee.

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OFFICERS OF THE BOARD: PATRICK McGRORY, President; GEORGE S. HENNING, Treasurer; JAMES E. HIGGS, Secretary; JOHN W. CHAPMAN, Acting Committee.

The Board went into election of officers with the following result

President Mr Jauvier 7
Blank 1

Treasurer Mr W. S. Gray 7
Blank 1

Secretary Richard Roday 7

Acting Committee

James G. Shaw 7
John E. Taylor 8
James E. Biggs 7
John F. Clayton 2

Messrs Shaw, Taylor & Biggs were declared duly elected.

Public Buildings Committee

James T. Challenger 7
George T. Hewlett 7
James B. Howe 6
John F. Clayton 2
E. de V. Jauvier 2

Messrs Challenger, Hewlett & Howe were declared elected.

William F. Sawaslar was elected Jauvier

May 1, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jauvier, Shaw, Biggs, W. S. Gray & Thomas, Haines & Challenger

In the absence of the Secretary Mr Challenger was made Secretary Pro Tem

The Treasurer submitted the printed annual account. The Treasurer also reported the receipt of \$100.00 from John Gross since publication of report. He also reported the transfer between the Union & Clayton farms had been completed to the satisfaction of both tenants.

The acting committee reported a letter from Miss Ralldge concerning papering & carpenter work which was left to the judgment of the Committee. The committee also reported purchasing hats at 18 cents per foot.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr S. S. Weaver to put in proper condition his part of the division fence between the Penn Farm & his property.

A letter was received from the Pyllan Sisters asking permission to use in 3rd floor of Town Hall and asking terms. A motion was passed allowing the A. O. U. W. to rent the room to Temple #5.

The following bills were ordered paid

Meeting of the Trustees of New Castle held on Tuesday, the 19, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary.

Wm. J. Shendan Paper	26
" " abbot & Jamis	10
" " Tarker Clerk	10
Paper	
E. Challenger & Son Paint	5
Electric Light Meter / 50 & services - 75	2
Wilmington Gas Co	1
J. A. Wright Carpenter work	9
J. T. & L. E. Elison Due	41
Chas. E. Lancaster Gale Post	18
	117

On motion it was resolved to continue meetings on ^{advanced} Standard time

June 5, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Daylight Savings Time. Present: Janvier, Newlett, Towne, Mr. Groy, Shaw, Morrison, Biggs & Rodney

The Secretary was instructed to alter the minutes of last meeting to make the time of meetings to be on advanced time.

The Treasurer reported that he had paid on account of the purchase of fire hose pursuant to Resolution of this Board the sum of

The Treasurer reports the receipts as follows

From use of Gas in the Town Hall 2.00

From William Steele 8.00

and a balance on hand of \$2304.24

The Acting Committee reported a leak in roof of barn at Biggs farm & also

The Committee was authorized to have proper bills repairs made.

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Elison Due April 1/2	16.67
" " May 1/2	37.55
Boyce Bros ware fence	93.05
Thos. W. Cavender Hares Corn	14.51
W. J. Shendan Tarker Clerk	10.34
J. Z. Clayton Lime	25.01
C. W. Applaby 430 posts @ 18	77.40
Six months water Rent	65.00
Electric Light April & May	1.50
Gas Light for Town Hall	6.76
" " " Meeting room	2.00
	349.19

On Motion it was resolved that the July meeting be held on July

Richard S. Rodney, Sec

July 10, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Challenger, Newlett, House, Mr. Groy, Biggs, Shaw, Morrison & Rodney

The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$- from William Steele and a balance of 1954.85

The following bills were ordered paid

J. Shuman Betty flowers for John E. Taylor	8.00
J. T. & L. E. Elison	12.07
John Z. Clayton	5.00
Wilmington Gas Co	1.34
W. J. Shendan papering at Rattlesford Farm	12.80
	39.21

a letter of appreciation for the flowers sent to the funeral of John E. Taylor was received from Mrs Taylor

On motion a Committee was appointed to draft resolutions on Mr Taylor's death and forward the same to Mrs Taylor. The resolutions are appended to this night's minutes. The Committee consisted of President Janvier, Challenger & Morrison

On motion the following Resolution was adopted unanimously

Whereas the proper management of the property belonging to the Trustees of New Castle Common in the interests of the Citizens of New Castle requires regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees which each Trustee by his election impliedly agrees to attend insofar as it may be convenient and possible for him to do so

And whereas it is manifestly unfair that the burden of the management of the Trust committed to our care should devolve upon a few

Therefore be it Resolved that it is the sense and feeling of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common that any Trustee who shall be unwilling or unable to attend the meetings of the Trustees at least 3 (three) times in each calendar year should resign his office as such Trustee in order that a successor may be elected who will or can attend said meetings

And be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each member of the Board of Trustees.

A communication was received from Mr J. Rogers Holcomb inquiring if the Trustees would rent the Woodl Farm with a field of Centre Hall and a field of Penn Farm for a long term of years for the purpose of laying out and a golf course and forming a Country club. On motion it was

Resolved that it is the sense of the Board that it would rent the Woodl Farm for a Country Club at the present rent for a period of 15 years with a ten year renewal privilege subject to repossession on failure to pay any instalment of rent and subject to the payment by the Club of any increase in taxation by reason of improvements placed on the premises by the Club, without the right to sublet except with the consent of the Trustees and that a Committee of three be appointed to discuss with Mr Holcomb the details of the matter and report to the Board at a Special meeting at the call of the Committee.

A quarterly statement of Light & Water Commission was received & filed

August 7, 1923

Board met at S. P. W. Present Janvier, Clayton, Morrison, W. G. Gray, Hauck, Biggs, Tomson, Hewlett, Shaw & Challenger (10)
 In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Challenger was made Secretary pro tem
 The Treasurer reported the receipt of \$8.00 from William Steele & with this payment a balance of 1915.64

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Eliason	280. ¹⁴	
U. S. Watson	181.56	
Wilmington Gas Co	134	463.04

On motion it was ordered that an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John E. Taylor be held on Saturday Sept 1, 1923 between the hours of 1 and 6 at the lawyers office & the President appointed Messrs W. G. Gray, Morrison & Hewlett to hold the election.
 The meeting then adjourned

Secretary Pro

Sept 4, 1923

Board met at S. P. W. Present Janvier, Clayton, Heuser, Hewlett, Hauck, W. G. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Morrison & Rodney (10)
 The Treasurer reported receipts as follows

Tarker Clark	350. ⁶³	
W. Grant Abbott	339. ³⁸	
E. S. Ulagquason	811. ⁸⁸	
William Steele	8. ⁰⁰	1509.89

and a balance on hand including these receipts of 2962.49

The Acting Committee reported making extensive repairs to the house tenanted by William Steele & the Committee was authorized to pay the house.

On motion it was resolved that the Trustees visit the farms on Thursday Sept 27, 1923 leaving Court House at 2:00 o'clock Standard Time

The following bills were ordered paid

Wilmington Gas Co	134	
New Castle Trust Co (interest)	79. ⁰⁰	
Taxes	1210. ⁰⁸	
Expenses Election Committee	12. ⁰⁰	
Abram Ingram	132. ⁹⁰	
David Boulden	13. ⁵⁶	
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	87. ⁴⁸	1536. ³⁶

The Committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John E. Taylor reported an election held on Sept 1 at lawyers office with following result

Harry J. Heber	received	140	votes
Mr Lewis Booker	"	93	"
Elmer Ulagquason	"	83	"
		316	and four votes

were not counted there being two ballots in each instance
 No one having received a majority of the votes cast there was no election

New Election ordered

the election it was ordered that a new election be held on Saturday September 29, 1923 at the Mayor's Office between the hours of 1 to 6 Standard time & that the same committee hold said election
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

October 2, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Mr. Gross, Morrison, Biggs, Shaw, Clayton & Rodney
The Committee appointed to hold the election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John E. Taylor reported that an election was held at the Mayor's Office in the Court House on Saturday Sept 29th that at each

Election

New Castle, Delaware.

Sept 29th 1923

Trustee of New Castle Commons, City -
Gentlemen:-

Your committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John E. Taylor, begs to report that 649 votes were cast, as follows:-

Mr. Lewis Booklet	Received 436 votes
" Harry J. Miller	" 209 "
" _____	" _____ "
" _____	" _____ "
" _____	" _____ "
" _____	" _____ "

TOTAL..... 645

Respectfully submitted,

3 double ballots thrown out

Batman Ingersoll
Geoffrey Hewlett
James Morrison
Howard L. Wilhelm - Clerk.

and that
Treasurer of
Agitation for
the City
at meeting the
Road had
152
all placed
votes
" "
" "
Oct 5 at
S. Rodney
Secretary

November 6, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Mr. Gross, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, Booker & Rodney
The Treasurer reported the following receipts since last meeting:

From High School	.50	
" William Steele	8.00	
" William B. Ralldge	200.00	208.50 and
a balance including these payments of \$1556. ⁸⁵		The Treasurer
also reported the following amounts due as of Sept 1, 1923		
Miss Lydia Biggs	640. ²²	
T. T. Clark	465. ⁰⁰	
John Gross	538. ²⁴	
Albert N. Lofland	698. ⁷⁵	
William B. Ralldge	606. ²⁴	2948. ⁵⁵

Mr. William B. Ralldge appeared before the Board relative to his mortgage and stated that he had paid the Treasurer 200.00 and would pay a further sum of 100.00 by November 25th and thought he could pay an additional sum of 200.00 before Monday and that he desires to stay on as a tenant of the Agitation Farm

The following bills were approved

Wilmington Gas Co	.70	
B. F. Lancaster Janitor Service	25.00	
Boyer Brothers	287. ³²	
J. T. & E. Shasen Due	81. ⁸⁰	
Abraham Dugraue	65. ⁷⁰	460. ⁵²

Mr. Shaw reported that it was being arranged that the road from New Port to New Castle should be rebuilt as a "State-aid" road it being intended to bring the road in as far as the Vandyke Amenity. On motion it was agreed that in case this plan is carried out that the Trustees will permit the condemnation of the necessary land to make a 60' road without further compensation than the replacement of first class fences.

The following communication was received:

To the Trustees of New Castle Common: In view of the fact that farm commodities have greatly declined in value for the last three or four years until it is nearly impossible under present conditions to make a paying proposition of farming. Therefore we the undersigned tenants of New Castle Common most respectfully petition the Trustees of New Castle Common for a reduction of rent more in keeping with the present value of farm products. (Signed) Edward S. Waggesson, Tasker T. Clark, Thomas T. Clark, Lydia A. Biggs, John Gross, Albert N. Lofland, W. Grant Abbott, Wm B. Ralldge

The consideration of this communication together with any matter as to renting the farms was continued to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday November 13, 1923

Richard S. Rodney
Secy

the motion it was ordered that a new election be held on Saturday September 29, 1923 at the Mayor's Office between the hours of 1 to 6 Standard time & that the same committee hold said election

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

October 2, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challenger, Newell, W. G. Gray, Morrison, Biggs, Shaw, Clayton & Rodney

The Committee appointed to hold the election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John E. Taylor reported that an election was held at the Mayor's office in the Court House on Saturday Sept. 29th that at said election 648 votes were cast with the following result

Mr Lewis Booker received 436 votes
Harry J. Meier " 209 "
3 Double ballots overthrown

Mr Booker being present the customary oath, was administered and he was seated as a member.

The Treasurer reported the following receipts

John Reese 37.50
James H. Hatten 37.50
William Steele 8.00 and that

with these amounts there was a balance of 1509.13. The Treasurer reported that Wm B. Ralldge would pay his arrearage on the Ogletton farm before the next meeting. The motion it was resolved that the Acting Committee find out what arrangements are to be made about renting the Ogletton farm and report to a special meeting if necessary.

The Acting Committee reported the State House on New Port Road had been

The following bills were ordered paid

Election Committee 12.00
Wilmington Gas Co .70
R. N. Harrington 96.00
Geo T. Newell (Grainy roof) 32.00
J T & L. E. Shason 11.08 152.78

An election was held for a member of the Acting Committee to fill place of Mr Clayton with the following result.

Mr Clayton received 6 votes
" Morrison " 2 "
" Challenger " 1 "
" Booker " 1

and Mr Clayton was declared elected

It was resolved to visit the farms on Thursday Oct 5 at 2

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

November 6, 1923

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Newell, W. G. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, Booker & Rodney

The Treasurer reported the following receipts since last meeting:

From High School .50
" William Steele 8.00
" William B. Ralldge 200.00 208.50 and

a balance including these payments of \$1556.85. The Treasurer also reported the following amounts due as of Sept 1, 1923

Mrs Lydia Biggs 640.32
T. T. Clark 465.00
John Gross 538.24
Albert N. Lofland 698.75
William B. Ralldge 606.24 2948.55

Mr William B. Ralldge appeared before the Board relative to his arrearage and stated that he had paid the Treasurer 200.00 and would pay a further sum of 100.00 by November 25th and thought he could pay an additional sum of 200.00 before March 1st and that he desired to stay on as a tenant of the Ogletton farm.

The following bills were approved

Wilmington Gas Co .70
B. F. Lancaster Janitor service 25.00
Boyer Brothers 287.32
J T & L. E. Shason due 81.80
Abram Ingraham 65.70 460.52

Mr Shaw reported that it was being arranged that the road from New Port to New Castle should be rebuilt as a "State-aid" road it being intended to bring the road in as far as the Vandyke Amway. The motion it was agreed that in case this plan is carried out that the Trustees will permit the condemnation of the necessary land to make a 60' road without further compensation than the replacement of first class fences.

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The consideration of this communication together with any matter as to renting the farms was continued to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday November 13, 1923

Richard S. Rodney Secy

November 13, 1923

Special meeting of the Trustees was held at S.P. Co. Present Janvier, Maciner, Challenger, Hewlett, Touman, W.S. Gray, Booker, Biggs, Shaw, Morrison, Clayton & Rodney

The Treasurer reported that he had received from W. B. Ralldge the \$100.00. This was the amount Mr. Ralldge had agreed to pay on or before Nov.

Rents of farms

Considerable discussion was had upon the petition of the tenants for a reduction of rent. Upon motion made it was unanimously resolved that all rented properties belonging to the Trustees, with the exception of the Wood Farm tenanted by John Gross and the House & Lot at Corner of State Highway and New Port Road tenanted by William Steele be re-rented to the same

Raise of Steele's Rent

tenants with the rents remaining as at present. It was further resolved that the house tenanted by William Steele be advanced from 8.00 to 10.00 per month commencing January 15, 1924 and that the Wood Farm be re-rented to John Gross the rent being reduced to 4.50 per acre

Reduction of Gross Rent

4.50 per acre. The motion it was resolved, by a majority of the Trustees, that in view of the decline in value of farm products, that all the tenants of the farms belong

Rebate of 50% for 1923

to the Trustees be given a rebate for the current year of 50 cents per acre. The Treasurer, W.S. Gray, addressed the Board and showed that the property of the Trustees brought in a comparatively small interest upon the assessed value of the farms. He presented a Resolution which recited the deed from the heirs of William Penn and the various acts of Legislature relative to the authority of the Board of Trustees to lease or

Proposed Sale of farms

the Trust property and urged that the officers of the Board of Trustees be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell the trust property in whole or in part as provided for by the Act of the General Assembly passed at Dover April 15, 1885.

This entire matter was referred to a committee of 3 to report on phases of the question at the March meeting 1924. The President formed as such committee, W.S. Gray, Rodney & Maciner.

December 4, 1923

Board met at S.P. Co. Present Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Hewlett, W.S. Gray, Biggs, Booker, Morrison & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported receipts from Wm. Steele 8.00
" " Thomas Clark 465.00 473.00

and a balance including this amount of 1569.83

The acting committee reported the following bills

J. T. & L. E. Charon 202.84
Abram Dupray & helper 114.00
Wm. Kealyne coal & wood 4.75
321.59

The Board then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney Secy

Jan 1, 1924

Present: Challenger, Maciner, Clayton, W.S. Gray, Hewlett & Rodney (6) No quorum

February 5, 1924

Board met at S.P. Co. Present: Janvier, W.S. Gray, Clayton, Hewlett, Hauser, Booker, Shaw, Morrison, Biggs & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported Receipts as follows:

John Raers	37.50	
James H. Haller	37.50	
William Steele	8.00	
John Gross	76.00	
John Gross	50.00	209.00

and a balance with these payments of 1457.24

The following Bills were ordered Paid

Cleves F. Steendian	43.68
Weathercraft Co	57.40
John F. Clayton	4.85
J. T. & L. E. Charon Inc	183.47
Abram Dupray	141.90
Wm. H. Wright	3.00
Chas. E. Evans	112.65
James Whit Dus Co	143.84
W. C. Co Whit Dus Co	15.28
Royal Dus Co	40.70
Robert Wall's Ports	25.20
Water & Light Board	65.00
New Castle Trust Co Bldg	50.00
Wilmington Gas Co	4.88
	891.62

The matter of tornado insurance on the buildings at Hares Corner Barracks, sheds & Barn was left in the hands of the acting committee in conjunction with the Treasurer with power to act.

Considerable discussion was had with reference to the proposed State Aid Road and it was reported that an attempt was being made to have the road brought in Washington Avenue to 7th & Washington Avenue instead of in to 6th & Delaware Sts. The Board passed a Resolution a copy of which appears on the next page & ordered that copies be forwarded to the State Highway Commissioner, the Levy Court of New Castle County and the City Council of New Castle.

Board met at 8 P.M., Present Jauris, Challenger, W. Gray, Shaw, Biggs & Rodney (2)
 Treasurer reported balance of 1687.³²
 Iron Wm. Steele (Buddiana) 10 1697

The following bills were approved
 Robert Walls 100 posts @ 25¢ 25.⁰⁰
 Wm. Leahy 1/4 ton coal 4.⁷³

Richard S. Rodney, Sec

May 6, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jauris, Challenger, Hewlett, Hanes, W. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker, Reamer & Rodney (2)
 The Treasurer reported as his report the Printer & Stationery which was ordered filed.

The following bills were ordered paid
 J. T. & E. E. Shoran March Bill 155.⁹⁶
 " " April " 155.⁰¹
 White Brothers (4 gates) 23.²⁵
 John J. Walls 12.⁰⁰
 Wilmington Gas Co 2.⁶⁸
 Abram Ingram 158.¹⁰

Bills for painting

The Acting Committee was authorized to obtain bids for painting certain farm buildings to be selected by said committee and the said bids to be opened at next meeting.
 It was moved that Acting Committee be instructed to paint a hall & room at Penn Farm. The motion was lost.
 Richard S. Rodney Sec'y

June 3, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jauris, Reamer, Booker, Hewlett, Womnain, W. Gray, Shaw, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney (1)
 The Treasurer reported 10.⁰⁰ from Wm. Steele & a balance of 17

Bills

The following bills were approved
 E. T. Weaver 22.¹⁶
 J. F. Z. Clayton 47.⁰⁵
 Theo Slack 4.⁰⁰
 White Brothers 1.⁵⁵
 Boyce Brothers 228.⁸³
 J. T. Stroops 19.³⁰
 Socie Incense 2.³⁴
 Wilmington Gas Co 1.⁰⁰
 326.²⁶
 News Journal 2.¹⁶
 E. Challenger & Son 5.⁸⁰
 334.²²

It was reported that the Commission to condemn land for widening the Pot Road had awarded 752.⁵⁰ damages. It was moved that the award be accepted.

Bids were opened for painting 3 barns (Penn Farm, Algle-Harpe & Center Hall) & 2 houses (Clayton Farm & Jefferson Farm) with the following result

	Abram Ingram	W. H. Hampton	H. C. Clark	Cole & Glavin
House on Clayton Farm	135	122	174	163. ⁵⁰
" " Jefferson "	135	134	174	159. ⁴⁰
Barn on Algle-Harpe "	175	157	174	311. ⁰⁰
" " Center Hall	235	187	165	265. ²⁵
House & Barn on Penn Farm	335	271	360	490. ²⁵
Total	1015	871	1047	1390. ⁴⁰

Mr Hampton's bid if successful for all the bids was for 850.⁰⁰
 On motion the contract was awarded to Mr Hampton if was determined that his bid included gutters & spouts & flashing.
 On motion it was determined that the Acting Committee paint the buildings yellow with white triming.
 Richard S. Rodney

July 1, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jauris, Shaw, Booker, W. Gray, Womnain, Challenger, Clayton, Hewlett & Biggs (2)
 In the absence of the Secretary Mr Challenger was made Secretary Pro Tem.
 The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of 1406.⁸³
 The Acting Committee reported the erection of two fences - one on the Penn & the other on the Bayard Farm.

The following bills were approved
 J. T. & E. E. Shoran Due May 54.²⁸
 Abram Ingram work on Penn Farm 91.⁵⁰
 " " Algle-Harpe 17.⁰⁰ 108.⁵⁰
 George E. King Prod (Statements) 13.⁵⁰
 J. F. Z. Clayton Lime & Bricks 6.⁰⁵
 Boyce Bros on 1/2 of Bill Mudders +
 Subject to adjustment 500.⁰⁰ 682.³³

On motion the matter of trough & drainage pipe on Bayard Farm were left to Acting Committee.

August 5, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Shaw, Booker, W.S. Gray, Haul
Newlett, & Challenger (D). Mr. Challenger was made Secretary Pro Tem.

Gas station
on New Port
Road

Mr. Walker of 1015 W. 8th St. Wilmington appeared before the Board with
reference to obtaining a site at corner of New Port Road & State Highway
a gasoline station. Mr. Walker was notified to submit his proposition
writing to the Board.

Receipt of
damages for
widening
New Port Road

The Treasurer reported money, 10⁰⁰ from Wm. Steele & 752⁵⁰ from
State Highway Department as the award for damages in the widening
the Road to New Port & a balance of 652³⁴ exclusive of State Highway
The acting committee reported that some pipe for drainage at
Farm was given by New Castle County.

The following bills were approved:

J. T. & L. E. Shanon Inc	June bill	52 ⁰³	
"	July "	99 ²⁷	151.30
Boyce Brothers	Janey at Tasker Clarks	413 ⁸⁷	
"	" Soffland	317 ⁶⁰	
"	" Biggs	103 ²⁰	
"	" Waggaman	232 ⁴⁰	
		1067.07	

Bills

	Orbits	228 ⁸³	
		500	728.83
			338.24
White Brothers	Soffland fence		1.00
J. J. Walls	Ratlidge	31 ⁷⁵	
"	Thos Clark	6 ⁵⁰	38.25
			65 ⁰⁰
Light Heater Board	Apr 1 to Oct 1		31 ⁵⁰
John Z. Clayton	for Penn Farm & Bayard		24
Jos Keegan	fencing Model Farm	24	24
"	" "	30 ⁵⁰	30.50
"	" "	16.	16.
A. Duquane	Painting at Waggaman	31 ⁸⁵	81.85
Wilmington Gas Company			1.34
			729.28

Thanks to
Mr. Janvier
for his services
with Highway
Dept

A Resolution was unanimously adopted extending to Francis de H.
the President of the Board, the thanks & appreciation of the Board for
And legal services in securing the satisfactory settlement with the
Highway Department.

Sept 2, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Waggaman, Challenger, Hewlett
W.S. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (D)

The Treasurer reported receipts as follows:

From William Steele	10 ⁰⁰	
W. G. Abbott	339. ³⁸	
Tasker Clark	350. ⁶³	
E. S. Waggaman	811. ⁸⁸	1511.89

making a balance in hand of 2253⁵¹

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Ratledge had stated that he
would have about 700 bushels of wheat to sell and from this he would
have to pay his phosphate and would pay the balance on his indebted-
ness to the Board but desired to hold it for a time from advance in price.

The following bills were approved

Joe Keegan	fencing at Gross	26	
"	" "	24	50 ⁰⁰
			1260. ⁰⁴
County taxes			307. ²⁰
Boyce Brothers	fencing		14. ²⁵
Charles E. Evans			2. ⁰⁰
Wilmington Gas Co			1633.49

It was reported by Mr. Shaw that Mr. Appleby of State Highway
Dept had said that the Department intended removing the fence in
front of the Hall farm extending from State Road toward New Castle
and cutting down two trees. On motion the Secretary was instructed
to notify the Department that the south side of the New Port Road at
its intersection with the State Road was not covered by the com-
demination & that this Board did not desire the fences touched.

Board then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secy

October 7, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, Morrison,
Hauer, Biggs, W.S. Gray, Booker, Clayton & Rodney (D)

The Treasurer reported receipts as follows

John Gross	280	
John Rees	37 ⁵⁰	
William Steele	10 ⁰⁰	327 ⁵⁰ and a balance

including these payments of 947⁸²

The Treasurer also reported that the printed statement of the Treasurer was
inaccurate in showing an annual rental of 601³² for Model Farm
tenanted by John Gross when it should be 492 the statement not having
been corrected in this respect after the rent was lowered.

The Treasurer also reported that the County tax bill of 1260⁰⁴ was
passed at last meeting but that the amount actually paid was
3⁸⁸ less than that sum at 1256¹⁶

The following bills were ordered paid

Robert H. Harrington painting	926 ⁰⁰
J.T. & L.E. Ellison August bills 42 ⁹⁰	
" " Sept " 141 ⁸⁵	1844 ⁸
White Brothers	59 ⁷⁸
Nary Bowen	82 ²⁰
Abraham Ingram	141 ⁹⁶
B.F. Lancaster Janitor service	25 ⁰⁰
	1419 ⁵⁹

Bills

Borrowing money

The bills were ordered paid and the proper officers were authorized to borrow the sum of 500⁰⁰ from New Castle Trust Company to meet the

Highway

The Secretary presented a letter from Highway Department in answer to one from him giving views of Commissioners who condemned land to New Port Road to the effect that they had included in their award land and fences mentioned in the minutes of Sept 2nd.

Highway

condemnation

The President reported the receipt of a notice of the appointment of Commissioners to condemn land necessary to widen Road to New Port - west State Highway. The President appointed Ulysses Booker, Biggs & a committee to act with him in meeting the Commissioners.

Sale of Bruce lot

A letter was received from William E. Payne of 1008 Linden St. Wilmington offering 3000⁰⁰ for the triangular lot at intersection of New Port Road with State Highway - called the Bruce property. An motion was made to meet to see especially on October 14th to consider offer as well as any other that might be made for this property also to take steps to ascertain the right & power of Trustees to meet.

The following letter was received

1110 West 4th St
Wilmington Del Oct 4th

Town's

Resignation

Hon Richard S. Rodney

Sec. Trustees of Common, New Castle Del

Dear Sir: On account of leaving New Castle I hereby tender resignation as a Trustee of New Castle Common

Respectfully yours

James B. Touman

An motion the letter was ordered filed & the Resignation accepted and the time for calling an election for a successor was to be up at next Regular meeting.

An motion it was resolved that the next Regular meeting of Board be held on Tuesday November 11, 1924 on account of the election falling on Tuesday Nov 4th.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

October 14, 1924

Board met in special session: Present: Janvier, Humer, Challenger, Hewlett, Morrison, Hance, W.C. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Biggs, Booker, Rodney
(12) all present.

The matter of the suggested sale of the Bruce property was taken up and a poll of the Trustees was taken with the result that 3 members favored a sale and 9 members opposed a sale at this time especially without a referendum of the Citizens of the Town.

An motion it was resolved that the acting committee be authorized to rent the Bruce property for a term not exceeding 10 years at a rental of not less than 300⁰⁰ with such other terms as shall protect the trustees and with the provision that the tenant shall pay any additional taxes which may be levied on the property by reason of any improvements erected thereon.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Telephone Company asking permission to remove a tree in front of Centre Hall farm on New Port road so that the telephone poles could be next to the new line made necessary by reason of the widening of the New Port Road. Permission was refused.

An motion the acting committee was authorized to erect a fence on Centre Hall farm along New Port Road.

An motion it was resolved that Trustees visit farms on Saturday October 18th next leaving New Castle at 2 P.M.,
Richard S. Rodney
Secy

November 11, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Clayton, Hance, Morrison, W.C. Gray, Booker, Hewlett, Biggs & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported having received following

Housing loan from New Castle Trust Co	500 ⁰⁰
William Steele	10 ⁰⁰
Condemnation money State Highway Dept	82 ²⁰
W. B. Ralldge, Adm'r W B Ralldge	596 ²⁵ and

a balance including these sums of \$716¹⁸

A written notice was received from W. B. Ralldge Jr, adm'r of W. B. Ralldge notifying the Board that the Aglathope farm would be vacated on March 1st 1925. The Treasurer stated that the Administrator desired to have a sale of farm stock and implements as soon as possible & also to sell some hay or straw. An motion it was resolved that this Board does not consent to a sale being had now unless such a number of live stock as may be satisfactory to the acting committee be left upon the premises during the winter and that no hay, straw or fodder be sold without the express consent in writing of the acting committee.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the State Highway Department that the contractor of the New Port Road had injured our New fences by grading & blasting & the acting committee was instructed to take up the matter with the contractor.

The following bills were ordered paid

J. & L. E. Ekeason	197 ²²
Boyer Brothers	318 ⁴⁰
	<u>515.62</u>

Reut of
Buell
house & lot

The Acting Committee not having rented the New Port Cross Road the Buell house it was on motion resolved that it be leased to W. Steele for a term from Jan 1, 1925 to March 1, 1930 at the rental of \$ per month payable in advance. It was agreed that the lease should contain the provision that the premises could not be sub let in any manner and that in default of the payment of Rent any unexpired term of Rent for the space of 30 days then the whole of the unexpired term could, at the option of the Trustees be forfeited & the Trustees receive into possession.

Leasing
of
Agletthorpe
Farm

The matter of leasing the Agletthorpe Farm was then considered and applications were read from

Frank Nufual	from Buck Farm	New Castle	Humber
W. Frank Silver	"	Cook	"
Maxey Bland	Holly Oak		
J. R. Cunningham	New Port Hill	P.O. Box 11	
Howard P. Williams	Newark Hill	Rd #1	
C. H. Coe	Call New Port		Del.

On motion the renting of the farm was continued for one week in order that the members might determine as to their choice of tenant. It was resolved that an election be called for Saturday Nov 29th between the hours of one & 6 at the Mayors office in the Court House for the election of one trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James B. Touman. The President appointed Messrs Morrison, Hewlett & Hauser a Committee to hold said election. The trustees then adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov 18th.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 18,

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jannin, Reuser, Challenger, Hewlett, Hauser, W. G. Gony, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker, & Rodney (12)

The Board went into an election for a tenant of Agletthorpe Farm

	1	2	3
William F. Silver			
Howard P. Williams			
Maxey Bland			
Frank Nufual			
Whiteman			

Model
Farm

On motion the farm was rented to W. F. Silver. On motion it was resolved that a notice to quit be served on John Gross to vacate Model Farm and that Model Farm be advertised for rent for a period of one week & Board meet in special session on call of Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that the Acting Committee obtain prices of cutting doors on Peun farm & report at next meeting.

Richard S. Rodney
Secy

December 2, 1924

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Jannin, Morrison, Hewlett, Clayton, Hauser, W. G. Gony, Biggs, Shaw, Challenger, Booker & Rodney (11)

The committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James B. Touman reported that the election was held on Saturday Nov 29th at Court house. That at said election 116 votes were cast.

William Weggemann received 108 votes
John T. Sloofes " 8 " 116

Mr Weggemann having received a majority of votes cast was declared elected and appeared and took his seat.

The treasurer reported receipts as follows

William Steele	10 ⁰⁰	
John Reese	37 ⁵⁰	47 ⁵⁰ and a

balance including these payments of \$247⁰⁶

The treasurer also reported the following amounts due to Sept 1, 1924

John Gross	656. ⁷³	
Thos T. Clark	465. ⁰⁰	
Sydney Biggs	640. ³²	
Albert N Soffland	798. ⁷⁵	
Wm B. Rattidge	504. ⁶¹	3065. ⁴¹

The following bills were presented:

Boyer Brothers fence	983. ³⁶	
George T. Hewlett	154. ⁰⁰	
John J. Walls	21. ⁰⁰	
Election expenses	12. ⁰⁰	
Serving notice to quit	1. ⁰⁰	
Every Journal (advertisement)	3. ⁸⁴	
Every Evening (")	3. ⁷⁸	1178. ⁹⁸

The above bills were ordered paid including also one due to Charles S. Sheridan upon approval of Acting Committee. The proper officers of the Board were authorized to borrow 1000⁰⁰ from the Newcastle Trust Company and to give their note therefor in order to meet the above bills.

An estimate was presented by the Acting Committee from James T. Morrison for new doors (interior) at the Peun farm of labor & materials amounting to 80³⁰. On motion the work was authorized to be done.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Jan 6, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Weggenman, Hewlett, Morrison, Hance, W. G. Gray, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (11)
 A Representative of Sinclair Oil Co appeared before the Board and stated that he intended to install a gasoline station for William Steele on the Bruce property at the corner of the State Highway and New Port Road and requested that the Trustees, as landlord, execute a disclaimer on the agreement with Steele to the effect that the Sinclair Company might remove the fixtures of the filling station in case it was necessary to do so and indicating that the Trustees would not be liable for such fixtures for rent. On motion it was resolved that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to execute such agreement and matter of approving such signs as might be placed at such station left with the officers of the Board of Trustees.

Signs at Gasoline Station

The Treasurer reported the execution of the lease with Mr S and presented the lease which was read
 The Treasurer also reported the following receipts

From William Steele on 1/2 of old lease 5.00 to Jan 1, 1925
 " " " " " " of new " 50.00 to Mar 1, 1925
 and a balance including these payments of \$124.08

The following bills were ordered paid

Wilmington Gas Co	1.00
Water Rent	66.00
Insurance Farmers Mutual Ins Co	140.48
" New Castle Co " " "	15.28
" Royal Ins Co	40.70
Geo E. King Press	8.50
J T & L. E. Season Nov 1923	
	Dec 3 23
	23.45
Chas F. Sheridan 1570 48 46	24.16
James T. Morrison	105.10
William Chesapeake Coal	6.80
New Castle Trust Co (Int)	11.67
	442.14

Bills

From Bank

On motion the proper officers of the Board were authorized to cash the sum of 325.00 from the New Castle Trust Company and to note therefor.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

January 26, 1925

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening at the home of the President; Present Messrs Janvier, Shaw, Detmer, Weggenman, Hance, Hewlett, W. G. Gray, Morrison & Rodney (9)

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering an offer for the Wooded Farm for the ensuing year. William Cross of Wilmington offered the sum of \$450 per year for the farm the rent being paid quarterly. On motion it was resolved that the proper officers be authorized to enter into a cash lease with Mr Cross on these terms it being understood that the place should be rented and operated as a farm.

It was suggested that the regular meeting on Feb 3 be dispensed with
 Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

March 3, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Challenger, Weggenman, Hewlett, Morrison, Hance, W. G. Gray, Biggs, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (12)
 The treasurer made the following report

Balance on hand	6.94
Receipts Elizabeth H. Holcomb	30.
A. O. U. W	25.
William Steele	25.
Thomas T. Clark	943.95
W. G. Abbott	339.37
Tasker T. Clark	350.62
James H. Hatten	37.50
Edward S. Weggenman	811.87
John Reese	37.50
	2607.75

The following bills were ordered paid

J T & L. E. Season	49.28
H. R. Marsh	27.90
J. T. Morrison	9.35
W. F. Sheridan	8.25
Wilmington Gas Co	4.00
Royal Insurance Co	189.50
Water & Light Board	9.00
	297.28
Dumand Cleveland Care of Clock	50.00
Trustees of Court House Rent	50.00
Treasurer expenses	100.00
Secretarys "	50.00
Advisory Committee	50.00
Janitor	25.00
	622.28

The treasurer was instructed to pay as much as the funds in his hands will permit on the principal and interest of the notes of the Board at New Castle Trust Co now amounting to 1825.00

A.O.U.W
Rent

The Committee on public buildings reported certain repairs had been requested by the A.O.U.W. on 3rd floor of Town Hall. It was reported the rent paid was 25⁰⁰ per year. The minutes of May 6, 1919 showing the rent was to be 50⁰⁰ per year. The matter of the rent together with the suggested repairs was left with the Committee to report at next meeting.

Steele repairs

A letter was received from Mrs. William Steele relative to some repairs desired at the house tenanted by her. On motion it was left with Acting Com.

Election of officers

The Board then went into election of officers with the following results:

President 1 yr. Frances de H. Janvier

Treasurer 2 yr. Patrick W. Groy

Secretary 1 yr. Richard S. Rodney

Acting Committee: Shaw 12 votes, Biggs 11, Clayton 11, Hance 1, Morrison 1 + Wess Shaw, Biggs & Clayton were elected

Public Buildings: Challenger 11 votes, Hance 10, Hewlett 10, Morrison 2, Weggenman 2 + Wess & Challenger, Hance & Hewlett were elected

Mr. Bennett J. Lancaster was re-elected as janitor.

The Board then went into an election for a member of the Light Water Board for a term of 3 years commencing April 1st the term of Mr. P. Leonard expiring at that time. The following were voted for:

Election of member of Light Water Board

Herace Mackayue

John P. Leonard

Wm. T. Booth

Mr Lewis Booker

Frank E. Bridgewater

James E. White

Edward V. Platt

James T. Morrison

John R. Lambson

Blank

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Herace Mackayue	2	1	2	1	1		
John P. Leonard	2	1	1				
Wm. T. Booth	2	5	4	5	5	4	
Mr Lewis Booker	1						
Frank E. Bridgewater	1	3	5	6	5	7	Elected
James E. White	1	1					
Edward V. Platt	1	1					
James T. Morrison	1						
John R. Lambson					1	1	
Blank	1						

The election of Mr. Bridgewater, on motion, was made unanimous. Richard S. Rodney Secretary

April 7, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Booker, Shaw, Clayton, Biggs, W. Groy, Hance, Hewlett & Challenger

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Challenger was made Secretary & the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Mr. Lofland was present and made a statement relative to the fence from the School House lane to the middle of the field. The matter was left up.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of March 1st of 1925 with all rents paid except Mrs. Biggs, Rattidge & Gross

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1925

RECEIPTS		LIABILITIES	
21, to Cash on Hand	\$2,257.80	New Castle Trust Co., Demand Notes	\$1,825.00
Abbott	678.75	New Castle Trust Co., Interest	30.74
Biggs	1,280.63	New Castle County Taxes	1,256.15
T. Clark	930.00	Fire and Tornado Insurance	385.96
Clark	701.25	Gas, Town Hall	6.02
Megginson	1,623.75	Gas, Meeting Room	6.00
Lofland	1,497.50	Electric Light Meeting Room	9.00
Hledge Est.	596.25	Coal and Wood, Meeting Room	11.55
Currinder Est.	280.00	Board of Water and Light Commissioners	130.00
Beth Holcomb	56.25	Printing and Advertising	33.70
Wm. Steele	30.00	Dispossession Notices	1.00
Wm. Cross	170.00	Election Expenses	12.00
Wm. Cross	150.00		
Wm. Cross	150.00	Repairs and Improvements at:	
Wm. Cross	25.00	Basin House	\$90.88
Wm. Cross	50	Jefferson Farm	353.02
Wm. Cross	60.02	Stockton Farm	692.40
Wm. Cross	19.73	Oglethorpe Farm	582.35
Wm. Cross	834.50	Centre Hall Farm	877.17
Wm. Cross	1,825.00	Penn Farm	789.69
		Union and Bayard Farm	777.54
		Clayton Farm	796.95
		Model Farm	776.00
		Currinder, Part No. 2	142.32
	\$13,166.93		
			5,877.32
		Treasurer, Expenses	100.00
		Secretary, Expenses	50.00
		Acting Committee, Expenses	50.00
		Commissioners of Court House	50.00
		Care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor, Salary	50.00
		Balance Cash on Hand	3,232.47
		Total	\$13,166.93

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
 H. JANVIER, President PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary
ACTING COMMITTEE
 JAMES G. SHAW JAMES E. BIGGS JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS
 CHALLENGER JAMES B. HANCE GEORGE T. HEWLETT

LANDS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent	Trustee	Term
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/4	\$678.75	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3/4	1,280.63	Frances de H. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
3	W. F. Silver	79 1/4	596.25	James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
5	T. T. Clark	124	930.00	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
6	Albert N. Lofland	186 1/3	1,397.50	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
9	Edw. S. Megginson	216 1/4	1,623.75	Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
10	Tasker T. Clark	93 1/4	701.25	James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
11	Wm. Cross	109 1/3	450.00	John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
8	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00	James B. Hance	Elected May 24, 1919
3	Wm. Steele		300.00	George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
2	C. W. Currinder Est.		56.25	James T. Morrison	Elected Mar. 25, 1922
	John A. Reese		150.00	Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
	James H. Hatton		150.00	Wm. Weggenman	Elected Nov. 29, 1924
	United Workmen		50.00		
			\$8,394.38		

and found correct, April 7, 1925.
 CHALLENGER, } Auditing
 BOOKER, } Committee.
 PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer.

The following bills were approved & ordered paid

J. T. & E. Charles Due	114. ⁴⁵
U.S. Watson repairs at Model farm	55. ⁰⁰
W. R. Marsh Abbott Farm	22. ⁹⁰
Frank A. Wright " "	3. ⁰⁰
Frank Sheridan Model Farm	22 ²³
Jefferson " "	23 ⁶⁵
Basin " "	23 ⁶⁴
W. G. Abbott well paper	69. ⁵²
	8. ⁴⁰
	<u>273.²⁷</u>

The action the following improvements were authorized to be made by the acting committee

Loftland fence at School House Lane
 Milk cooling shed at Aglethope
 Cement trough at Bayard Farm
 New Barn floor & outside house at Model Farm

The Motion the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Keemer to repair his part of the division fence between his land and the Peun farm by May 1st so that the tenant of the Peun farm can use the pasture field

The quarterly report of the Board of Light & Water Commissioners was received and filed.

The meeting then adjourned

May 5, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janner, Keemer, Weggenman, Hewitt, Mr. Groy, Clayton, Biggs, Booker, Clayton & Rodney (10)

The treasurer reported that after the last meeting the sum of \$1299⁵⁴ in full for rent had been received from Mrs. Biggs and that with the approval of the auditing committee he had included that sum in his printed annual statement. This action was ratified by the Board.

The treasurer also reported the receipt of the printed copies of the report which were distributed and ordered filed. The balance on hand to date was reported as 2984²⁰

Mr. Cross the tenant of Model farm appeared before the Board relative to obtaining lime for two fields. This lining was approved by the Board and the matter left in the hands of the acting committee.

Mr. Jolie Biggs also appeared before the Board relative to the condition of the Barn on the Stockton Farm. The acting committee was requested to visit the farm with a builder and see what can be done with the barn in the nature of repairs or whether a new one is necessary.

The treasurer was requested to communicate with Mr. Gross and with the administrator of Mr. Ralldge to find out their intention as to the application of the proceeds of the wheat crops now in the ground to the arrears of rent.

The following bills were approved

	Given Z. Shandau papery at Tasker Clarke	12.15
Bills	George E. King forers Statemnt	13.50
	Wilmington Gas Co	1.70
	James T. Morrison Carpenter work at Silvio's	8.25
	J. T. & L. E. Shason, Due	128.59
		164.19

The following communication was received
New Castle, Del

Trustees of New Castle County:
Gentlemen: Being desirous of erecting a tea house on the S.W. corner of the Basin Road and State Highway, I hereby offer a sum of Two hundred dollars per year for 99 years for two acres of ground
Anna Day Justice
New Port, Delaware

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Board look in favor on the general proposition and that a Committee be appointed to see if proper arrangements can be made with suitable safeguards for the Trustees. All present were in favor of this motion except Mr. Meener. The President appointed Mr. W. G. Gray, Mr. Meener and Mr. Booker on this Committee to report at a special meeting or at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 2, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janner, Booker, Shaw, Clayton, Biggs, W. G. Gray, Hewlett, Weggemans, Hance & Challenger. Treasurer Reported the following receipts:

William Cross to June 1	112.50
William Shale to July 1	25.00
Business Men's Loan	10.00

Model farm wheat and a balance inclusive of these amounts of 2936.91. A communication was received from Mr. Cross turning over the Model Farm to the Trustees.

Ratlidge Rent. A communication was received from Mr. Ratlidge about the amount due from his deceased father and on motion it was resolved that Treasurer employ legal counsel to secure, if possible, such a receipt.

lime on Model farm. The acting Committee reported they had procured and had 15 tons of lime on Model Farm.

New Barn on Oglettope. In Motion it was resolved to build a new Barn on the State Farm tenanted by Mrs. Biggs which should be a duplicate of the Barn on the Model Farm according to the plans of H. C. Clark provided such barn should not exceed 5713.00.

The motion Mr. Meener was given permission to erect a sign at corner of New Port Road & State Highway directing traffic to Meeners Beach.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that it had had the Town Hall & gutters cleaned. The matter of carpenter repairs and painting of the outside woodwork was left with the Committee with power to act.

The following Bills were approved

J. T. & L. E. Shason	445.26
Boyer Brothers	412.79
C. E. Lancaster cement trough	85.
Water Rent to Oct 1	65.
John J. Walls plumbing at Weggemans	75.20
John Z. Clayton Sun & Bunkies	58.40
E. Challenger & Son paint	3.10
A. F. Shandau papery Steels	17.14
Harry Bowen painting	5.85
Wm. Huber cleaning	7.00
	1174.94

July 7, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Janner, Meener, Challenger, Weggemans, W. G. Gray, Hewlett, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney.

The minutes of preceding meeting were dispersed with. The Treasurer reported from Wm. Shale 25 & a balance of 1851.68.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that Nathaniel Watson was to do carpenter work on Town Hall & that it had let the contract for painting to Harry Bowen for 105.00.

The acting Committee desired some expression as to the new Barn & on motion it was resolved that it was the sense of the Board that Stanchions should be used in place of wooden stalls and that wooden shingles be used for the roof provided that the shingles are of good quality and that galvanized nails are used.

The action of parties in making alterations to the wharf was discussed and it was resolved that a letter be forwarded to City Council setting forth that since the Trustees had paid such a large part of the cost of the wharf that they felt free to suggest that the city should be protected by a bond from loss by reason of the blasting and alterations.

The Treasurer reported that pursuant to the directions of the Board he had consulted John Pearce Casey, Esq. relative to the rights of the Board in the estate of Wm. B. Ratlidge and had understood Mr. Casey to state that the Board would have no further priority because the Administrator had already paid an amount equal to one year's rent. He further reported that he was attempting to get this in the form of a written opinion. In Motion the Treasurer was authorized to distrain on the wheat on the Oglettope farm for the balance due to the Trustees.

June 2 1925

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Pres. James Booker Dead Clayton

Biggs McGrouy Hewitt

Wiggenmann ~~Wiggenmann~~

Challenge

Minutes stand approved as
read. Receipts ^{to} Wm Cross 112.50

June 1 1925

Wm Steele ^{to 7/1/1925} 25.00

ok from Business Wm. Assoc. 10.00
for use of room

Balance forward 2936.91 including
above. Not received the following

Report from Mr. Ralledge that
he expected to settle with the
Trustees in August.

Mr. Cross ~~reported~~ his letter to Board
turning over what to Trustees. The
Mr. Cross moved that the

Board ~~was~~ that the
~~Board was~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~formed~~ ~~on~~ ~~July~~ ~~1st~~ ~~1925~~

STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1925

RECEIPTS	LIABILITIES
March 1, 1924, to Cash on Hand	New Castle Trust Co., Demand Notes.....
W. Grant Abbott	New Castle Trust Co., Interest
Lydia A. Biggs.....	New Castle County Taxes
Thomas T. T. Clark	Fire and Tornado Insurance
Tasker T. Clark	Gas, Town Hall
Edward S. Megginson	Gas, Meeting Room
Albert N. Lofland	Electric Light Meeting Room.....
Wm. B. Ratledge Est.	Coal and Wood, Meeting Room
John Gross	Board of Water and Light Commissioners....
Chas. W. Currinder Est.	Printing and Advertising
Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb	Dispossess Notices
William Steel	Election Expenses
John A. Reese	Repairs and Improvements at:
James H. Hatton	Basin House
A. O. U. Workmen	Jefferson Farm
Rent, Meeting Room, Town Hall	Stockton Farm
Interest from Tenants.....	Oglethorpe Farm
Interest, N. C. Trust Co.	Centre Hall Farm
State Highway Department	Penn Farm
Demand Note, N. C. Trust Co.....	Union and Bayard Farm
	Clayton Farm
	Model Farm
	Currinder, Part No. 2.....
Total.....	5,877.32
	Treasurer, Expenses
DUE FROM TENANTS	Secretary, Expenses
Wm. B. Ratledge Est.	Acting Committee, Expenses
John Gross	Commissioners of Court House
	Care of Town Clock
	Janitor, Salary
	Balance Cash on Hand.....
\$1,739.41	3,232.17
	Total.....
ADVANCE PAYMENTS	\$13,166.93
William Steel	
\$25.00	

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS
JAMES T. CHALLENGER **JAMES B. HANCE** **GEORGE T. HEWLETT**

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Name	No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent	
Jefferson	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1/2	\$678.75	Patrick McGrory
Stockton	2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3/4	1,280.63	Frances de H. Janvier
Oglethorpe	3	W. F. Silver	79 1/2	596.25	James G. Shaw
Centre Hall	5	T. T. T. Clark	124	930.00	James E. Biggs
Penn	6	Albert N. Lofland	186 1/3	1,397.50	Selden S. Deemer
Union	8				Richard S. Rodney
Bayard	9	Edw. S. Megginson	216 1/4	1,623.75	James T. Challenger
Clayton	10	Tasker T. Clark	93 1/2	701.25	John F. Z. Clayton
Model	11	Wm. Cross	109 1/3	450.00	James B. Hance
Lot, part of...	8	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00	George T. Hewlett
House and lot, part of	3	Wm. Steele		300.00	James T. Morrison
Lot, part of...	2	C. W. Currinder Est.		56.25	Dr. Lewis Booker
City Hall Store		John A. Reese.....		150.00	Wm. Weggenman
City Hall Store		James H. Hatton....		150.00	
Ancient Order United Workmen				50.00	
Total				\$8,394.38	

Audited and found correct, April 7, 1925.

JAMES T. CHALLENGER, } Auditing
DR. LEWIS BOOKER, } Committee.

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer.

New Castle, Del. April 30th 1925
Trustees of N.C. Common -
Gentlemen:-
being desirous of erecting a
Jura House on the S W Corn of the Basin
Road and State High-way. I hereby offer the
sum of Two Hundred ^{dollars} per year for 99 years,
for Two acres of ground

Anna Day Justice,
Newport,
Delaware.

STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1925

RECEIPTS		LIABILITIES	
March 1, 1924, to Cash on Hand	\$2,257.80	New Castle Trust Co., Demand Notes	\$1,825.00
W. Grant Abbott	678.75	New Castle Trust Co., Interest	30.74
Lydia A. Biggs	1,280.63	New Castle County Taxes	1,256.15
Thomas T. T. Clark	930.00	Fire and Tornado Insurance	385.96
Tasker T. Clark	701.25	Gas, Town Hall	6.02
Edward S. Megginson	1,623.75	Gas, Meeting Room	6.00
Albert N. Lofland	1,497.50	Electric Light Meeting Rooms	9.00
Wm. B. Ratledge Est.	596.25	Coal and Wood, Meeting Room	11.55
John Gross	280.00	Board of Water and Light Commissioners	130.00
Chas. W. Currinder Est.	56.25	Printing and Advertising	33.70
Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb	30.00	Dispossess Notices	1.00
William Steel	170.00	Election Expenses	12.00
John A. Reese	150.00		
James H. Hatton	150.00	Repairs and Improvements at:	
A. O. U. Workmen	25.00	Basin House	\$90.88
Rent, Meeting Room, Town Hall	.50	Jefferson Farm	353.02
Interest from Tenants	60.02	Stockton Farm	692.10
Interest, N. C. Trust Co.	19.73	Oglethorpe Farm	582.35
State Highway Department	\$34.50	Centre Hall Farm	877.17
Demand Note, N. C. Trust Co.	1,825.00	Penn Farm	785.69
		Union and Bayard Farm	777.51
		Clayton Farm	796.95
		Model Farm	776.00
		Currinder, Part No. 2	142.32
Total	\$13,166.93		5,877.32
		Treasurer, Expenses	100.00
		Secretary, Expenses	50.00
		Acting Committee, Expenses	50.00
		Commissioners of Court House	50.00
		Care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor, Salary	50.00
		Balance Cash on Hand	3,232.17
		Total	\$13,166.93
DUE FROM TENANTS			
Wm. B. Ratledge Est.	\$817.17		
John Gross	922.24		
	\$1,739.41		
ADVANCE PAYMENTS			
William Steel	\$25.00		

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TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis de H. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
James B. Hance	Elected May 24, 1919
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
James T. Morrison	Elected Mar. 25, 1922
Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Wm. Weggenman	Elected Nov. 29, 1924

Audited and found correct, April 7, 1925.

JAMES T. CHALLENGER, } Auditing
DR. LEWIS BOOKER, } Committee.

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer.

New Castle, Del., 192.....

Payment of a Check made by.....
.....
in favor of.....
and by..... endorsed, dated.....
for..... Dollars

being this day due, demanded and not obtained, it has been delivered to me for protest by

The New Castle Trust Company

the holder, and has been by me duly protested accordingly, and you will be looked to for payment of which you hereby have notice.

To.....

John F. Cloud,
Notary Public.

wheat on Model Farm

The Acting Committee reported that it had made an arrangement with Mr Cross to harvest & thresh the wheat on the Model Farm (received from John Cross) and that Mr Cross should receive 1/2 of the proceeds of such crop.

Comfort Station

Mr Hewlett presented for the consideration of the Board the advisability of erecting public comfort stations back of the Town Hall. The matter was discussed but no action was taken.

Death of J.B. Hauser

The President reported to the Board the fact that James B. Hauser a member of the Board had died on June 20th. He also appointed a committee consisting of Messrs Rodney, Weggen and Shaw to prepare suitable resolutions upon his death which should be forwarded to the family and published in the local papers in the interval before the next meeting.

On motion it was resolved that an election should be called to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Hauser's death and that such election should be held on Saturday Aug 1, 1925 between hours of 1 and 6 advanced time. Messrs Shaw, Weggen and Hewlett were appointed a committee to hold such election.

The following bills were approved:

William Watson Silver Farm	318.50
" " "	6.90
Steeles	119.10
Model Farm	19.80

John F. Z. Clayton	
Frank E. Shendan Biggs Farm	44.13
Basen " "	43.75

- Robert H. Harrington
- J. T. & L. E. Shasen
- Robert Walls
- E. Challenger & Son

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

Aug 4, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Hauser, Challenger, Hewlett, Weggen, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Committee on Elections appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James B. Hauser reported that such an election was held on August 1st and that 543 votes were cast with the following result:

Mr Julius Hodd	386
James B. Hauser	157

Mr Hodd appeared and took his seat as a member

The treasurer reported the following receipts since last report

From William Steals	25.00
From James West & Co Accumulated	1966.74

Balance including these amounts of 2955.54

Receipts of Mr Hodd

Insurance Money

The treasurer also reported that pursuant to the resolution of the Board a distress for rent had been laid on the wheat crop on the Agathon farm for the arrears of rent due from Mr Ralledge and that the administrator had given a bond and replevined the wheat.

The Acting Committee reported that on account of the shortage of water in the city water supply no water could be obtained at the Agathon Farm and that the Committee had opened an old well on the farm.

The Acting Committee also reported that 218 bushels of wheat had been harvested on the Model farm and of this the trustees were entitled to 109 bushels.

The Committee also reported that Mr Lofland of the Penn farm had informed them that sometime ago the trustees had prevented him from selling straw: that Mr Waggoner of the Union Farm was buying and selling straw. The Acting Committee was instructed to fully investigate the sale of straw and report to the next meeting of the Board.

The following Bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Shasen due	31.81
James Kelly work on well on Agathon Farm	60.35
White Brothers pump for " "	34.00
James H. W. Pike Clayton Farm	28.00
Harry Bowen	13.57
" " "	17.02
Election expenses	30.59
	12.40
	197.15

On motion it was resolved that the treasurer negotiate insurance on the new barn on the Stockton farm for the sum of 6000.00

The Committee appointed to consider the lease of 2 acres to Mrs Justice for the term of 99 years made a comprehensive report embodying many suggestions to be included in the lease of the land in order to safeguard the interests of the trustees. After considerable discussion it was resolved to adjourn until Monday Aug 10th to receive any further suggestions from any of the members.

A letter was received from the New Castle - Pennsville Ferry in which it was stated that that company desired to erect a sign 10' x 30' on the west corner of the Basin Road and State Highway and desired a lease for the period of 10 years. On motion the secretary was instructed to notify the Ferry Co that that site was under negotiations for lease to another party (it being the same lot desired by Mrs Justice). The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

August 20, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Hauser, Challenger, Hewlett, Hodd, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (12)

It was reported that the suggested special meeting was not held on August 20th relative to the Justice lease because the Mr Justice had made a verbal statement to Mr Janvier that Mrs Justice did not

Justis
Lease

Desire now to lease the property but suggested that they would be willing to buy two acres at the ~~same~~ corner mentioned at the rate of 1000 an acre. The motion the Committee was continued so that an interview could be had with Mrs Justis and receive her best offer for the Board then to consider whether it would agree to sell and take legal steps to make a valid lease.

Ferry Co
Sign

An answer was received from the Ferry Company in which an offer was made to rent a space for a sign on the NE corner of the intersection of the State highway and New Port Road between the basin and the highway. The latter indicated the sign was to be 30' X 10' and the lease was to be for one year. The motion was resolved that the Board refuse to lease any land for a sign for 10 years or for any definite number of years.

Sign

Mr Shaw reported that the Ferry Company's representative had been here and what they really desired was permission to erect a sign of a 30' X 10' on the SE part of the Centre Hall farm about 200' S of the New road near the highway entrance into the farm. The motion the acting was give authority to allow the erection of the sign provided that it formed to the Highway Department's regulations and provided also that the same was agreed upon for the maintenance of the sign but that it be removed whenever the Board of Trustees so directed. Messrs Newlett entered their votes as opposed because no written communication before the Board, such as the other two applications, for the Board to act on.

Rattidge
Wheat

Mr Shaw reported that the Rattidge wheat had been sold. The amount to somewhat less than 700 bushels and brought 1/45, the having been made by the Administrator.

Committee
for Ferry
Opening
celebration

A Committee consisting of Mayor George W. Sebles, Councilman Fern Messers Long, Miller & some other representatives of the New Castle & Pennsylvania came before the Board to ask a contribution on account of a celebration had on September 1st to be a joint celebration for the opening of the Ferry and also to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of New Castle as a City. The motion 100⁰⁰ was appropriated to City Council to defray a portion of the expense. Mr Janvier recorded his vote in the negative.

Barn at
Jefferson
destroyed by
fire

It was reported to the Board that on Sunday August 16th the barn at Jefferson was totally destroyed by fire being insured for 1500⁰⁰. The motion the acting Committee was authorized to get and bids for a new barn and to provide temporary sheds for the cattle at the least possible expense.

Barn
at
Stockton

Mr Shaw presented to the Board a letter indicating that the barn at the new Barn at Stockton farm would cost about 500⁰⁰. This expenditure was approved and the acting Committee was authorized to substitute rubberoid covered shingles for wooden ones if in the judgment of the Committee was desirable. Mr Newlett entered his vote in the negative as to change.

The following appropriations were made

City Council of New Castle for celebration	100 ⁰⁰
A S. Grant pump work at Penn Farm	14 ²⁵
John P Leonard wiring at meeting room	2 ⁰⁰
	116 ²⁵

The motion was resolved to adjourn until the ^{regular} meeting of October unless specially called.

Richard S. Ridgway
Secretary

After the meeting of Aug 20th it was suggested that the Secretary write to James T. (Wilmson a member) the Board who is prevented by illness from attending the meetings expressing to him the sympathy of the Board in his sickness.

September 11, 1925

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening: Present, Messrs Janvier, Weggmann, Wilmson, Dodd, Mr Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker Biggs, Newlett, Hoover & Rodney (12)

The treasurer reported the following receipts:

Tarker Clark	350 ⁶³	
William Cross	50	
William Skelton	25	
John Reese	75	
W. G. Abbott	339 ³⁷	
Edward Waggensen	811 ⁸⁸	
James Mutual Ins Co loss on Abbotts barn	1500	3,151 ⁸⁸ and a
Balance including these items of \$5818 ⁶⁶		

The following bills were ordered paid

County & school tax	1248 ³⁹	
Robt H. Harrington	12	
Boyer Bros 1442 ft fence	159 ⁸¹	division fence between Union & Penn Farms
Alvare Degraen	18 ⁹⁰	
J. T. & S. S. Ellesen	53 ⁴⁵	
	1492 ⁵⁵	

The Committee heretofore appointed to prepare a minute on the death of James B. Hoover made its report as follows:

James B. Hoover was elected as a Trustee of New Castle Common on May 24, 1916 and died June 20, 1925.

During the six years of membership in this Board he was diligent in his attendance at its meetings and a valued and useful member.

A lifelong resident of the City of New Castle, its interests were to him ever a matter of deep concern and he gave freely of his best exertions in every station that he filled.

His relations with the members of the Board were intimate and pleasant and his premature death was a great shock to his friends and a distinct loss to the community in which he lived.

Therefore be it resolved that the Trustees of New Castle Common enter this minute upon the Records of the Board and forward a copy to the family of the deceased. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The treasurer, Mr W. Gray reported to the Board a list of all the insurances held by the Trustees both in houses and outbuildings together with certain recommendations prepared by him for increases in such insurances. The motion it was resolved that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of Mr W. Gray, Mr Booker & Mr Dodd to consider the insurances & with power to make such increases as should seem proper and possible to obtain.

THE NEW SHORT ROUTE TO ALL NEW JERSEY SEASHORE POINTS CONCRETE ALL THE WAY FROM BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, RICHMOND

L. H. GARRISON, PRESIDENT FRANK H. LONG, TREASURER JOHN C. GARLICK, MANAGER

DIRECT ATLANTIC CITY TO WASHINGTON, D. C. ROUTE NO CONGESTED AREAS

NEW CASTLE-PENNSVILLE FERRIES, INC. NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

August 10, 1925

Hon Richard S. Rodney, Secretary Board of Trustees of New Castle Commons New Castle, Delaware

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 4th in re. our proposal to lease a piece of ground on the West corner of Basin Road and the State Highway, has been received and we note that you do not wish to consider this proposal on account of present pending negotiations.

In view of this fact kindly consider the proposal made hereinbelow:

We desire to lease, for a term of ten years or longer, a suitable parcel of ground at the intersection of the State Road and the Basin Road on the North East corner, (ie: on the plot on which the basin now stands). On which we propose to erect under direction of 'Heisler Inc.' a sign, which shall conform, in respect either road, to the State Highway regulations. As a further guard the sign is to be placed at about a 45 degree angle to the intersecting roads; thus obstructing as little as possible, the view of machines approaching the corner.

We would be glad to discuss this matter with a delegated member of your board and have him cooperate with us in arranging the details.

With all good wishes, we are

Yours very truly New Castle - Pennsville Ferries, Inc.

Handwritten signature of Frank H. Long, Secretary

New Castle-Pennsville Ferries, Inc. TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS New Castle, Del. CAPT. L. H. GARRISON President

August 3, 1925.

The Trustees of the New Castle Common, President & Members, New Castle Delaware. Gentlemen:-

We desire to obtain from you permission to erect a sign 10' x 30' long on your property at the intersection of Basin Road and Highway Road, on the west corner of the roadway. Sign to conform to the specifications of the State Highway Dep't. Trusting that you will grant us the request and desire to know if you will grant us a lease for a period of ten years also stating the amount of rental required per year. As we would like to erect sign at once a prompt reply would be appreciated.

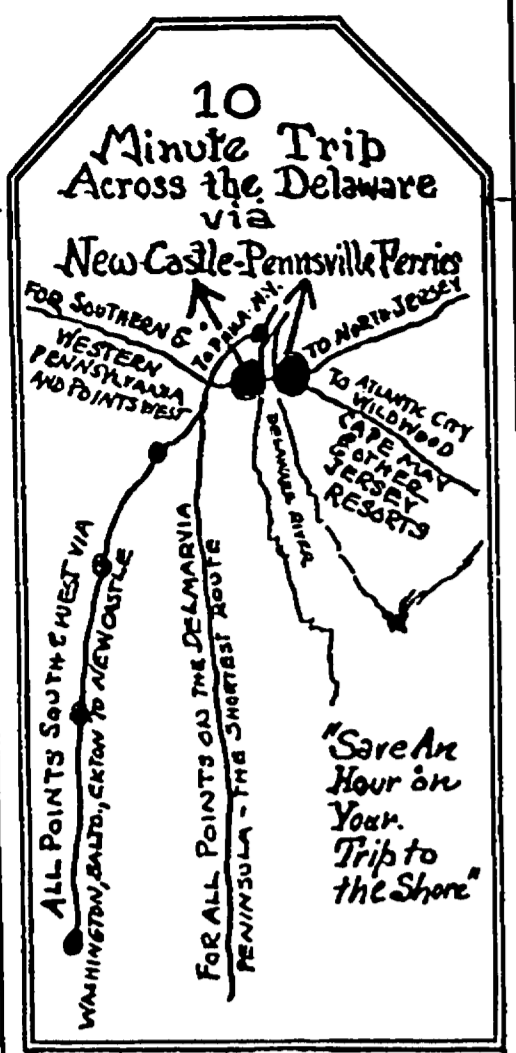
We beg to remain,

Very truly yours

New Castle-Pennsville Ferries, Inc.,

Handwritten signature of John C. Garlick, Manager

JCG:KRR



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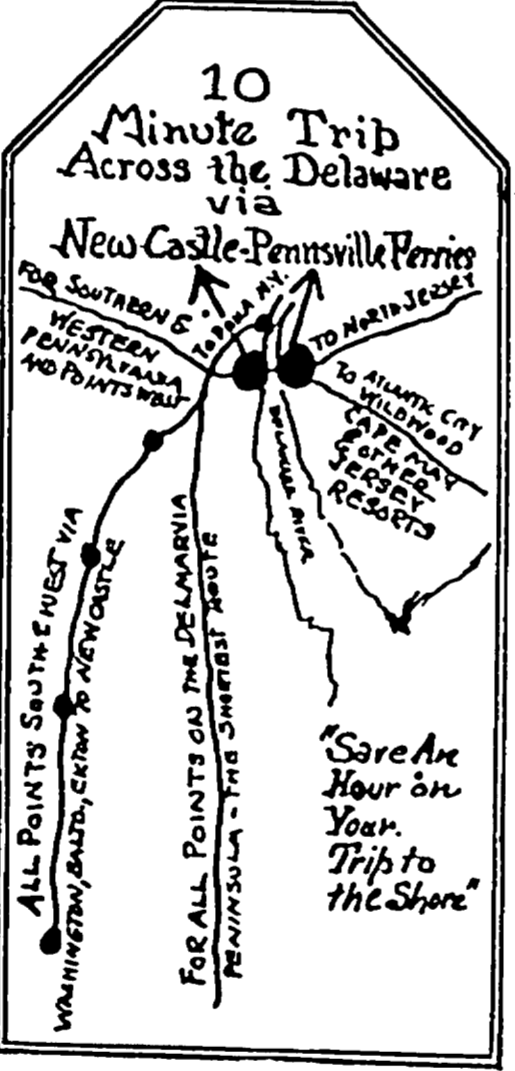
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August 21, 1925.

The Trustees of the New Castle Common, New Castle, Del.

Gentlemen:- Referring to existing understanding and conforming to your letter of August 20th., the New Castle Pennsville Ferries Inc., greatly appreciate your permission to erect a sign on the Centre Hall farm tenanted by Mr. Clark. The tenant having been satisfied, the sign will be erected without lease subject to the removal by the Common's at any time.

Yours very truly, New Castle Pennsville Ferries Inc.

Handwritten signature of J. C. Garlick, Vice-President & Mgr.

The Acting Committee laid upon the table a plan of a barn 24' x 52' w/ specifications it had prepared for erection on the Jefferson Farm tenanted by W. Grant after the replace the old barn recently destroyed by fire.

Bids were opened in connection with these plans as follows

Nathaniel G. Watson 3650.⁰⁰
Harry C. Clark 3287.⁰⁰

New Barn on Jefferson Farm another bid had been received by the Committee but unsealed before presentation Mr H. C. Clark also submitted another bid for a barn 4' wider & 4' longer than the plans submitted at a price of 3987.⁰⁰

The plans were examined and considerable discussion had about size of the barn it being generally thought that there was not sufficient room.

It was then moved that the contract be awarded to H. C. Clark at bid of 3287 with power in the Acting Committee to increase the size of the barn at its discretion the cost not to exceed the sum of \$4000. The motion was lost.

It was then moved to reject all bids and have new plans drawn and re-advertise for new bids. This motion was also lost.

It was then moved that the Acting Committee proceed with the erection of a barn of not less than 28' x 56' at a cost not to exceed 4000.⁰⁰. It was declared on motion that the sense of the Board was that Mr Clark should build the barn if conditions and circumstances made it proper.

The President, Mr Janvier, reported a letter received from J. G. Justice of New Port as follows

Sept 9, 1925

Mr F. de N. Janvier

Ford Bldg, Weynton N.H.

Dear Mr Janvier: Confirming our conversation I will give you one acre for two acres of land on the North East corner State Road and New Port road of New Castle Commons Reservoir farm, between Reservoir and State Road along New Castle Road.

Let me have a favorable reply at the earliest possible date and oblige

Very truly yours

J. G. Justice

The letter was referred to the Committee heretofore appointed in the meeting of Mr W. S. Gray, Mr Booker & Mr Resmer.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

After the adjournment of the meeting but before the awarding of any contract for the barn the third bid mentioned in the foregoing minutes was found from William Clark of New Port. It did not conform to the specifications as it provided for concrete floors on both the first & second floor of the barn for steel girders & rafters to support them. It was for the sum of \$4600.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

October 6, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Biggs, Hewlett, Weggeman, Blodd, W. S. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported the following receipts

From William Steele 25.⁰⁰
From sale of John Gross wheat 109 bu @ 1.³⁵ 147.¹⁵
New Castle Trust Co Int on Reports 8.¹⁹
180.²⁵

And a balance including these receipts of \$4614.⁴⁸

The Committee on public buildings reported the Town Hall had been painted.

The Acting Committee reported the completion of the barn on Stechten farm and that the foundations had been laid for the barn on the Jefferson farm. On motion the Acting Committee was authorized to erect the necessary new fences and cow sheds in connection with the new barn at the Jefferson farm.

The following bills were ordered paid Frank E. Sheridan 4.¹⁵
6 mo Janitor salary 25.⁰⁰
6 mo water rent 65.¹⁵ 94.¹⁵

A letter was received from the Committee of City Council acknowledging the receipt of the donation by the Trustees of 100.⁰⁰ for the recent celebration.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the Justice proposal reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the letter of J. G. Justice dated Sept 9, 1925 beg to report that in conference with Mr Justice he received his offer of 1000.⁰⁰ per acre as described in said letter. He also proposed a trade of piece of land purchased by him adjoining the land belonging to the Reservoir as per plot attached. If neither of the foregoing proposals are accepted - what price will the Trustees place on their land?

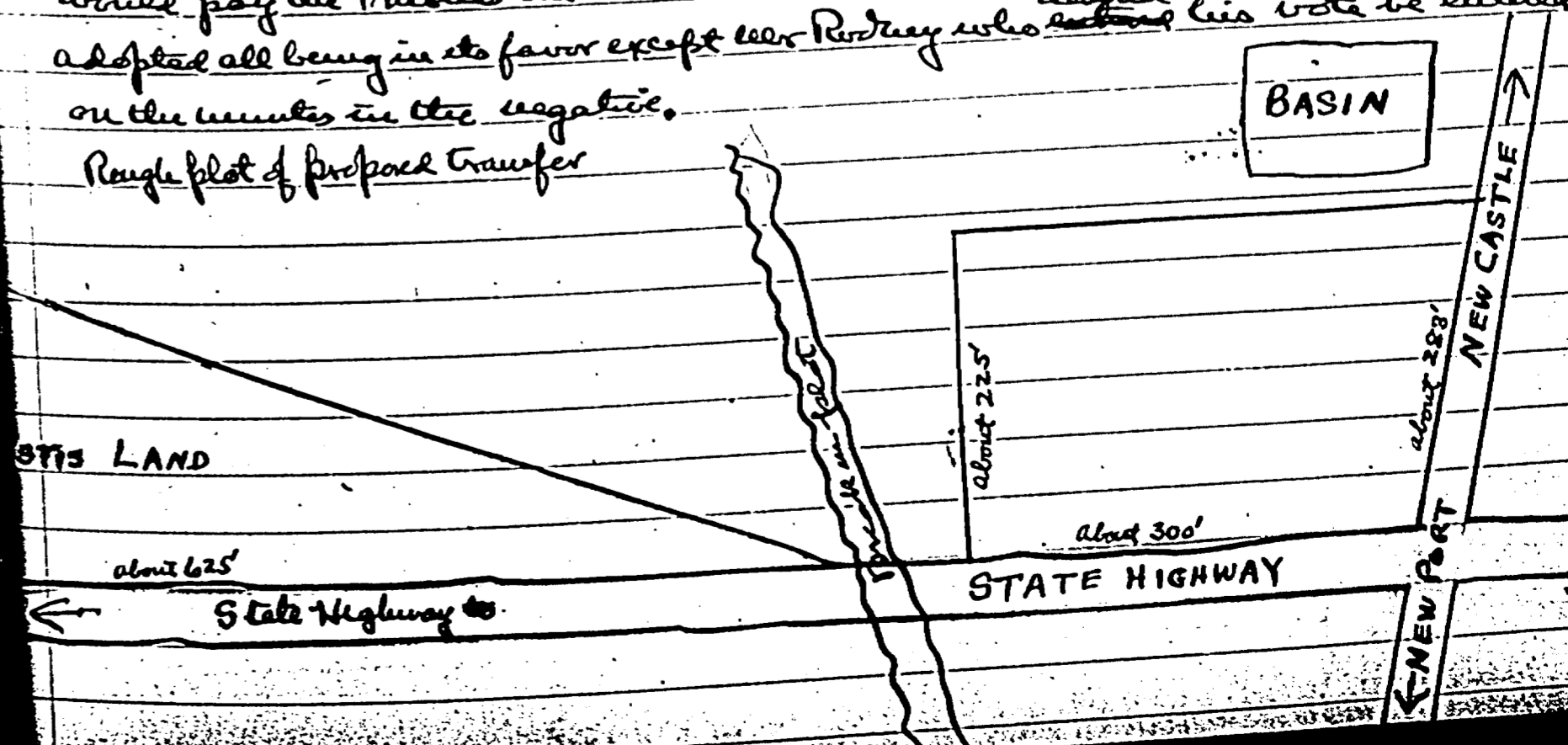
P. W. S. Gray } of Committee
Seamus Booker }

After considerable discussion it was moved that the Trustees exchange lots with Mr Justice if he would pay the Trustees an additional sum of \$3000.⁰⁰. This motion was lost by a divided vote.

The favor of this motion were Messrs Shaw, Clayton, W. S. Gray, Blodd & Weggeman.

Opposed to this motion were Messrs Janvier, Biggs, Hewlett, Booker & Rodney. It was then moved that the Trustees exchange lots with Mr Justice if he would pay the Trustees an additional sum (with his lot) of 5000.⁰⁰. This motion was adopted all being in its favor except Mr Rodney who ~~declined~~ his vote be entered on the minutes in the negative.

Rough plot of proposed transfer



November 3, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Messrs. Jannet, Challenger, Clayton, Roddy, W. G. Gray, Weggemann, Shaw, Biggs, Booker & Roddy (10)

The treasurer reported Recd from Presbyterian Church use of Town Hall 1.00
" " Sale of old flooring from " " 1.00
" " William Steele 25.00

Balance including these amounts of \$4547.34

The acting committee reported the completion of the barn & buildings on the Stockton Farm and submitted the bills from Mr. Harry C. Clark as follows

Full price of Barn on Stockton Farm	Price of Barn	6800.00	
	Extra work concrete floors for stalls	180.00	
	Remuneration rebuilding implement shed	200.00	
	Work on fences	150.00	
	" on new cow sheds	471.00	
	Running water main	42.00	7843

Credit lumber from old Barn	1087.00	
" part of cow shed not built	175.00	1262

Balance due due for Staudman & Co 6581.273
6854

The following bills were ordered paid

Bills	N. S. Watson Barber shop floor	117.00	
	Joe D. Grant stove pipe & labor	3.05	
	Harry Bowen painting Town Hall	108.16	
	J. T. & L. S. Eliason	6.31	
	W. J. Sheridan papering at Clayton Farm	17.50	
	George & Co Ins on Biggs Barn	17.82	
	Royal Ins Co " " "	17.82	
	Wilmington Gas Co	3.34	#29

Loan The motion it was ordered that the Stockton Farm Barn and current be paid & that the officers of the Board be authorized to borrow the \$3000.00 on demand note from New Castle Trust Company

Rattledge Rent Mr. Jannet reported that W. E. Smith attorney for the W. B. Rattledge had informed him that the estate would be willing to pay the arrears of without interest. The motion it was resolved that the matter be left the President and Treasurer to settle for the face of the account with

Weggemann hay & straw The matter of the reported sale of hay or straw by E. S. Weggemann was and it was referred to the acting committee

The motion it was resolved that all the farms be rented to the tenants at the existing rentals.

J. G. Justice's A letter was received from Mr. J. G. Justice declining to pay the suggested in connection with the proposed exchange of lots.

Fire hose Mr. James V. Campbell, Chief of the Good Will Fire Company appeared requested the aid of the Trustees in buying some new fire hose. The motion was resolved that the Trustees will pay 1/2 of the cost of 500 feet of hose to be purchased by the Fire Company

Richard S. Roddy Secretary

December 1, 1925

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jannet, Steamer, Hewlett, Weggemann, W. G. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Clayton, Booker & Roddy (10)

The treasurer reported as follows:

Receipts since last meeting

Demand note from New Castle Trust Co	3000.00
William B. Rattledge Estate	793.79
William F. Silver	132.85
John Reese	37.50
	3964.14

And a balance including these amounts of \$1366.40

The acting committee reported the condition of the drainage from the pump and house on Centre Hall Farm and on motion the committee was given power to correct the situation either by drainage pipes or by a well.

The following bills were ordered paid

Harry C. Clark rebuilding kitchen on Stockton Farm	224.90
Charles E. Lancaster concrete trough	65.00
Patrick W. G. Gray cart costs in Rattledge suit	14.42
Patrick W. G. Gray (Mrs) Aunt Elizabeth books in Rattledge suit 817.17	
Credits straighten books " of settlement	793.79
	23.38
John P. Cairns, Exp Counsel for Rattledge matter	35.00
Constable Abraham Hinder " " "	15.00
	377.70

The meeting then adjourned

Richard S. Roddy, Secretary

January 5, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jannet, Challenger, Hewlett, Weggemann, W. G. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Roddy (9)

The Treasurer reported the following receipts since last meeting

From William Steele	50
" Cross 150 150.00 + a balance of	1162.68

The acting committee reported that the barn at Jefferson farm was nearly completed - all except the stanchions in the cow stable & the painting.

The following bills were ordered paid

Wilmington Gas Company	1.00
New Castle Trust Co interest on demand note to 3/31	28.50
J. T. & L. S. Eliason	6.25
William B. Lee hauling for Biggs farm	10.03
White Brothers " Abbott Farm	36.48
Harry Spahn tin work at Biggs farm	7.60
George & Co Insurance	247.91
P. W. Gray	110.90
	448.17

A letter was received from A. V. L. George, Treasurer of Emmanuel Church submitting a bill for 29.76 for repairing the 4 dial of the Town Clock and \$100 for painting & gilding the dials. The work had been paid for by Emmanuel Church and these amounts of \$129.76 were ordered reimbursed to the church.

Richard S. Roddy Secretary

February 2, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Deemer, Hewlett, Weggenman, Clayton, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shao & Dodd. (P)

In the absence of the Secretary the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and Mr Julius Dodd was Secretary, Pro Tem.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of 25⁰⁰ from William Steele balance including this amount of \$609.⁷⁵

Saucester Bill A Bill of 60⁰⁰ of Charles E. Saucester for a concrete water trough at Abbott Farm was ordered paid.

Elasmus Sign An application was received from J. T. E. Elason, due for permit to erect a sign on the property occupied by William Steele, the matter was left with the acting committee with power to act. The Board then adjourned.

Secretary Pro Tem

March 3, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challenger, Hewlett, W. Dodd, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney. (P)

The Treasurer made the following report

	Balance from last report	524. ⁷⁵
	Received from William Steele	25. ⁰⁰
	" " Elizabeth Holcomb	30. ⁰⁰
Receipts	" " W. Grant Abbott	339. ³⁸
	" " Edward S. Megginson	811. ⁸⁷
	" " John A. Reese	37. ⁵⁰
	" " Tasker T. Clark	350. ⁶²
	" " Lydia A. Biggs	1299. ⁸⁴
	" " Albert N. Lofland	1418. ⁴⁶
	" " James H. Hatton	152. ⁵⁰
		<u>4989.⁹²</u>

The Treasurer reported the following amounts due

Amounts due	Thomas T. Clark	943. ⁹⁵
Board	William Cross	188. ⁸⁴
	Wm. F. Silver	358. ⁹⁸
	Currinder Est	56. ²⁵
	A.O. U.W.	50. ⁰⁰
		<u>1597.⁹²</u>

Payment of Note An Motion the note of 3000⁰⁰ (the only obligation of the Board) at the New Castle Trust Co. be paid by the Treasurer from the funds on hand.

The acting committee reported two bills for payment.

The committee on Public Bldgs had no report.

Health Board The President reported the receipt of a communication from the Board of Health with reference to the dairy arrangements at Clayton Centre Hall farm. The matter was referred to the acting committee with power to act.

STATEMENT

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1926

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
1925, to Cash on Hand	\$ 3,232.47	New Castle Trust Co.—Demand Notes	\$ 3,000.00
Abbott	678.75	New Castle Trust Co.—Interest	60.00
Biggs	1,280.63	New Castle County—Taxes	1,248.39
Clark	701.25	Fire Insurance	394.45
T. Clark	930.00	Gas, Electric Light—Meeting Room	21.54
Megginson	1,623.75	Board of Water & Light Commissioners	130.00
Lofland	1,397.50	Printing Statements and Postal Cards	20.75
Currier Estate	817.17	Wm. B. Ralledge Estate—Credit for Interest Charge	23.38
Silver	238.13	Wm. B. Ralledge Estate—Legal Expenses	64.42
Cross	147.15	Painting and Repairs—Town Clock	129.76
Currinder Estate	262.50	Election Expenses	12.40
H. Holcomb	30.00	Mayor and Council New Castle—50th Anniversary Celebration	100.00
Reese	300.00	New Barn—Stockton Farm	6,854.20
Hatton	150.00	Repairs and Improvements at:	
Workmen	150.00	Basin House	\$351.56
Men's Club	50.00	Jefferson Farm	256.13
Meeting room and Sale of wood, Town Hall	10.00	Stockton Farm	397.39
Note, New Castle Trust Co.	2.00	Oglethorpe Farm	955.00
New Castle Trust Co.	3,000.00	Center Hall Farm	288.94
Mutual Ins. Co.—Dividend	38.18	Penn Farm	118.20
Mutual Ins. Co.—Insurance Abbott's	1,966.74	Union and Bayard Farm	255.06
from Tenants	1,500.00	Clayton Farm	122.66
	59.94	Model Farm	505.47
Total	\$18,566.16	Town Hall	238.01
		Meeting Room	5.05
			\$ 3,523.47
		Treasurer, Expenses	100.00
		Secretary, Expenses	50.00
		Acting Committee, Expenses	50.00
		Commissioners of Court House	50.00
		Care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor, Salary	50.00
		Balance Cash on Hand	2,633.40
		Total	\$18,566.16

de H. JANVIER, President	OFFICERS OF THE BOARD PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer	RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary
JAMES G. SHAW	ACTING COMMITTEE JAMES E. BIGGS	JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
CHALLENGER	COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS WILLIAM WEGGENMAN	GEORGE T. HEWLETT

LANDS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES			
No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/2	\$ 678.75
2	Mrs Lydia A. Biggs	170 1/2	1,280.63
3	W. F. Silver	79 1/2	596.25
5	T. T. T. Clark	124	930.00
6	Albert N. Lofland	186 1-3	1,397.50
8			
9	Edw. S. Megginson	216 1/2	1,623.75
10	Tasker T. Clark	93 1/2	701.25
11	Wm. Cross	109 1-3	450.00
of 8	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00
of lot,			
3	Wm. Steele		300.00
of 2	C. W. Currinder Est.		56.25
Store	John A. Reese		150.00
Store	James H. Hatton		150.00
Order United Workmen			50.00
Total			\$8,394.38

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Frances de H. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Wm. Weggenman	Elected Nov. 29, 1924
Dr. Julius Dodd	Elected Aug. 1, 1925

Audited and found correct April 10, 1926.
 W. F. DODD, } Auditing
 JAMES E. BIGGS, } Committee.

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer.

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 The recent death
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STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
BOARD OF NEW CASTLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1926

The following bills were ordered paid

Treasurer's expenses	100.00
Secretary's expenses	50.00
Acting Committee "	50.00
Commissaries of Court House Rent	50.00
Annual Church care of Town Clerk	50.00
B. F. Lancaster Janitor 6 months	25.00
Light & Water Commission	9.00
Wilmington Gas Company	6.50
J. T. & L. E. Elason, Inc	18.55
White Brothers	7.50
J. T. Johnston printing 500 fratals	7.25
	373.80

The Secretary reported the Receipt of the following letter

Trustees of New Castle Comm: Feb 22, 1926

I would like to make application to your honorable body for lease on piece of ground located on Northeast corner of State Highway and Basin Road same to be improved by me should I be successful in securing the same

Yours very truly
Mrs Catherine Barnett

821 West St, Wld Del

On recd of the letter was received, ordered to be acknowledged and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs W. G. Gray, Deemer & Booker to report at a future meeting of the Board.

The Secretary also reported the receipt of the following:

To the President & members of Trustees of Comm: March 1, 1926

Gentlemen: This is to inform you that I have appointed Mrs Elizabeth Leach a member of the Board of Water & Light Commissioners for a period of three years beginning April 1, 1926

Yours Respectfully
George W. Sepler, Mayor

The letter was ordered to be acknowledged & entered upon the minutes.

The Board then went into an election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result

- President: Francis de W. Janvier
- Secretary: Richard S. Roddey
- Acting Committee: James G. Shaw, James Z. Biggs & John F. Z. Clayton
- Committee on Public Bldgs: James T. Challenger, George Hewlett, & William Weggenman
- Bernett F. Lancaster was re-elected janitor for coming year

A Committee of two consisting of Mr Biggs & Mr Roddey was appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer.

The recent death of James T. Emerson being reported a committee consisting of Messrs Challenger, Biggs & Roddey was appointed to present resolutions.

Meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Roddey
Secretary

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for payment,
report
a communication from the
arrangements at Clayton
to the operating Committee

April 6, 1926

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Jannier, Weggenman, W. S. Gray, Clayton Biggs, Shaw, Rodney, Booker & Dodd (P)

The Treasurer reported the receipt from A. O. W. of 50⁰⁰ and from Thomas Clark the sum of \$943.95; that these amounts were carried into the printed annual statement as of March 1st as were the bills passed at the March meeting and that there was a balance as of March 1 of \$2633.³⁰

Recd from Low State since Mar 1st 26 2658.³⁰

John Cross debt On March 1st balance due from John Cross less the amount received from his was ordered carried on the annual statement this year;

The Secretary was requested to write William Cross concerning the appearance of the leased farm from the New Port Road especially as to old fence

Elison Sign Mr. Shaw presented a duplicate copy of a lease he had signed with Hessler Co for the sign for Elison which was erected on the fence line on the lot at corner of New Port Road rented by William Steele. The lease was in the name of Hessler and provided generally a longer lease and more terms than the Trustees approved and the Secretary was instructed to write to Hessler stating that the Trustees were perfectly willing to allow L. S. Elison, due to erect a sign on the premises without lease and subject to removal by the Trustees of the Common similar to the terms ^{under} which Jerry Company sign was erected.

Center Hall The acting committee reported that the sewage well was completed and the milk house completed on the Center Hall farm.

Beamer fence The acting committee reported that the fence between the Beamer farm and the Peun farm (Mr. Beamer's part) was still in bad condition & the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Beamer of its condition and ask him to repair it.

Mr. Barnett The committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the application of Mr. Barnett reported that the committee had written for details of the property but had received no reply.

Jefferson Bank The Treasurer was authorized to effect fire insurances on the basis on the Jefferson farm as near 4000⁰⁰ as possible, as well as to make

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Elison due	96.94	
William S. Haman	8.76	
White Brothers	13. ⁰⁰	
Abraham Ingrame	100. ⁸³	219. ⁵³

Election for Chairman vacancy An election an election was ordered to be held on Saturday May 1st the hours of 1 and 6 standard time to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of James T. Morrison. A committee consisting of Messrs W. S. Gray, Weggenman & Shaw was appointed to hold the election.

Mr. Morrison was born April 28, 1854 & died Feb 3, 1926.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial on the death of James T. Morrison reported the following

Whereas, we are again called upon to note the passing from this life of one of our members, Mr. James T. Morrison, And

Whereas, we deem it fitting that we give expression to the sense of loss that has come to us by his absence from our midst, Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That by the death of Mr. Morrison this body has lost a member with whom it was a great pleasure to be associated, whose mature judgment could always be relied upon to reach a proper conclusion in the questions that have come before us for consideration, and whose devotion to duty will be an appealing example to us as the days come and go, And

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and that a copy of them be sent to our deceased fellow member's family, as a token of our esteem for him and as an assurance of our sympathy with them in their misfortune.

New Castle Delaware

April 5 1926

James T. Morrison
James E. Biggs
James S. Dodd

May 4, 1926

Board met at S.P. Mt. Present Messrs Jauries, Keener, Weggenman, Mr. Gray, Shaw, & Booker (7)
 In the absence of the Secretary Dr. Booker was made Secretary

Treasurer Report
 The treasurer reported \$25.00 received from William Steele and balance on hand of \$2465.81. The printed report of the Treasurer as of March 1st was presented, having been duly audited, showing a balance March 1st of \$2633.40. The report was accepted and the Treasurer authorized in accordance with his recommendation, to have the treasurer's book re-bound.

Fencing
 The Acting Committee reported that the fence at the Jefferson farm was practically completed; that fencing was required on the Union farm to the line of Craig farm, on the Clayton farm along the lane and repairs to the road fence and Penn farm along the lane and along the house corner road; that the matter of fencing was left in the hands of the Acting Committee with power to act.

Stables
 The Acting Committee further reports the matter of the water in the house at Sticks and the Committee given power to correct the present defect with as little expense as possible.

A letter was presented from the Wilmington Board of Health to Soffland tenant of the Penn farm relative to his dairy conditions. This was referred to the Acting Committee to report thereon at the next meeting.

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Eliason Inc	\$119.21
Oliver E. Shendau	38.00
Abram Ingraham	24.38
George E. King Press	13.50
Electric Committee	12.00
	\$217.09

Members Clerk
 The Secretary was instructed to return Messrs Clark to Mr. Keener stated that he would see to the erection of a fence on his line and the line of the Penn farm.

Photograph
 The meeting the Acting Committee was authorized to arrange for a photograph of the Board to be taken.

Tobins election
 The Committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James T. Robinson reported that they had such election on Saturday May 1st with the following result:

George T. Tobin	received	297	votes
John T. Stroops	"	154	"
Defective tickets not counted		8	
Ballots Cast		459	and 18

was declared elected a member of this Board.

Business dinner
 Mr. Keener invited the Board to be his guests at a shadow to be held at Keeners Beach on Friday May 7th which was accepted with appreciation.

L. J. Booker
 Sec. Pro Tem

June 1, 1926

Board met at S.P. Mt. Present Messrs Dodd, Tobin, Challenger, Hewlett, Weggenman, Mr. Gray, Clayton Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (11)

In the absence of the President Mr. Dodd was made President pro tem. The Treasurer reported the receipt from William Steele 25.00 and a check from James W. Robinson Insurance Company for a balance including this amount of \$2276.18

The Secretary was instructed to extend the thanks of the Board to Mr. Keener for his recent hospitality, and also for the photographs of the meeting as a body a copy of which he donated to each member.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid

Francis E. Shendau	37.62
Abram Ingraham	75.40
Joseph Keegan	23.20
Harry C. Clark	14.00
" " " Jefferson Barn	4579.20
" " "	290.09
	5183.29
John F. Z. Clayton	67.13
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	230.66
Royal Insurance Co	34.42
Ins Co of North America	16.95
Board of Water & Light Commissioners	65.00
Wilmington Gas Co	3.90
	5737.57

On motion it was resolved that \$4000.00 be borrowed from the New Castle Trust Company and that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to execute the necessary papers.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

July 6, 1926

Board met at S.P. Mt. Present Jauries, Tobin, Challenger, Hewlett, Weggenman, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (11)

The Treasurer reported that he had borrowed 4000.00 from the New Castle Trust Co and had received 25.00 from William Steele & had a balance of \$5357.3

An appropriation of \$100 was made to the Good Will Fire Company as a part of the Campaign to obtain a new ambulance.

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. Stroops	8.35
Joe Keegan	16.40
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	37.14
John Reese	30.17
William Keapye	4.65
W. L. Gas Co	1.62
New Castle Trust Co	18.67

On motion it was resolved to dispense with the August meeting & to adjourn until September unless called together at a special meeting.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

September 7, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Jawier, Challenger, Hewlett, W. Groy,

Booker, Biggs & Rodney (8)

The treasurer reported as follows

Receipts

	Balance on hand	318. ⁹³
Receipts	William Steele	50. ⁰⁰
	John A. Reese	37. ⁵⁰
	James H. Helton	37. ⁵⁰
	Sydia A. Biggs	640. ³²
	Tarker T. Clark	350. ⁶³
	Edward S. Weggison	811. ⁸⁷
	W. Grant Abbott	339. ³⁸
	Albert N. Lofland	698. ⁷⁵
	Thomas T. Clark	465. ⁰⁰
		3749. ⁸⁸

well at
Aglattinpe

The Acting Committee reported some trouble with the well at the Agglattinpe farm & that the fencing was being put up.
A letter was received from Charles E. Klingmeyer as follows
New Castle, Del Sept 7

Offer of \$10,000
for Model
Farm

Trustees of New Castle Commons,
Gentlemen: I hereby offer you Ten thousand (\$10,000) for the Model Farm consisting of about one hundred and ten acres. If my offer is accepted and as evidence of good faith I will forward you my check for ten thousand dollars within ten days

Very truly yours
C. E. Klingmeyer

Remembrance

The above offer was declined without discussion
The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Beaker about the fence which he had on several occasions agreed to repair. The Secretary was requested also to write to the State Highway Department as to their wishes and instructions with reference to the porch at Hares Corner part of which is on the road right of way & which has become unsafe.

Hares Corner
Porch

The following bills were ordered paid:

Bills

	Wilmington Gas Co	3. ⁶³
	County Taxes	1249. ⁶⁸
	John T. Stroops	8. ⁸⁵
	J. T. & L. E. Elson Inc	16. ⁴⁵
	Wilmington Bookbinding	3. ⁵⁰
	James Kelly	42. ⁸⁰
		1324. ⁹¹

\$1500 per an
loan

The Treasurer was also authorized to pay the sum of \$1500 of the demand note at the New Castle Trust Company.
Richard S. Reed

October 5, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Jawier, Hewlett, Weggison, Tobin, W. Groy, Biggs, Shaw, Booker, Clayton & Rodney (11)

The treasurer reported as follows:

	Balance on hand	924. ⁹⁷
	William Cross	421. ¹⁹
	William Steele	25. ⁰⁰
	New Castle Trust Co interest	14. ⁰⁸
	Return Premium from Farmers Union	11. ⁸⁸
		1397. ¹²

The Acting Committee reported a verbal notice from Albert N. Lofland that he would give up the tenancy of the Plum Farm on March 1st next. On motion the Treasurer was authorized to advertise the farm for rent in the Middletown and Wilmington papers.

A letter was received from A. O. U. W. relative to the 3rd floor of the Town Hall a part of which was as follows: "We understood that our rent was to be \$25.00 but our Treasurer paid you \$50.00. If the rent is to be \$25.00 we will fix the room up in good condition. We also want the barber to put his coal bin on the outside and we will have two keys to the hall door - one for the lodge and the other to be left at the drug store. If the rent is to be \$50.00 we would like you people to fix it up." The letter was signed by J. S. Bacon Recorder of Friendship Lodge #3 A. O. U. W. Some discussion was had and the minutes of May 6, 1919 were referred to which showed that the rental was \$50.00 per yr. The minutes of Mar 3, 1925 (Page 170) were also referred to. The Treasurer explained that from 1919 to 1925 the lodge had paid \$150.00 in but \$25.00 per year when it should have paid 50.00 so that it was in arrears in 1925 when it requested some repairs. That a Committee of the Trustees had agreed with the lodge that this arrearage might be expended by the lodge in repairs. On motion the letter from the A. O. U. W. was laid over awaiting a report from the Committee on Public Buildings as to what repairs had been made with the arrearage of rent.

The Secretary reported a letter from Mr. C. D. Beak of the State Highway Dept relative to the Hares Corner porch. The matter not being clear the matter was postponed and the Secretary requested to see if he could meet Mr. Beak on the premises and make plain the Board's position.

The following bills were paid:

	J. T. & L. E. Elson	7. ³⁴
	Water & Light Commissioners	65. ⁰⁰
	George & Co Fire Insurance	37. ⁴⁶
	17. ⁸²
	17. ⁸²
	Royal Insurance Co	1. ⁰⁰
	Wilmington Gas Co	25. ⁰⁰
	Bennett & Lancaster Janitor	171. ⁴⁴

It was resolved to adjourn until Tuesday November 9th as the first Tuesday (Nov 2) will fall upon General Election Day.

Richard S. Reed
Secretary

Nov 9, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Biggs, Hewlett, Rodd, W. S. Weggenman & Booker (6)
 In the absence of the President and Secretary Mr. Rodd was made Pro Tem and Mr. Booker Secretary Pro Tem. There being no business the adjourned to meet on Nov 16th.

Nov 16, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Tobin, Weggenman, Rodd, Clayton, Biggs, Booker, & Rodney (8)
 The Treasurer reported as follows:

Salaries of the Presbyterian Church	1.00
William Steele	25.00
W. Frank Silver	524.34
Balance on hand from last month	1225.68
Balance on hand Nov 9, 1926	1776.02

Penny Farm

The Treasurer reported that he had duly advertised the Penny Farm in the Every Evening and Middletown Transcript but had received but one of the notices he was authorized to re-advertise the farm and in case of a special meeting to consider the same.

The following bills were paid:

Bills

John H. Cannon	2.30
Middletown Transcript	2.50
Every Evening	2.88
Royal Studio Enlarger picture	4.00
Wilmington Bookbinding	10.95
Wilmington Gas Co.	3.72
Abram Ingram	272.10
White Brothers	1.75
F. E. Shindler	3.00
J. T. & L. E. Shason	40.31
Boyer Brothers	555.87
	899.68

Dec 7, 1926

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Hewlett, Rodd, W. S. Gray, Clayton, Booker & Rodney (8)

The Treasurer reported

Balance from last month	876.34
From William Steele	25
Balance on hand	901.34

Penny Farm

The Treasurer reported that he had no applicants for the Penny Farm in the matter of advertising the farm be left with the President & Treasurer to advertise in such farms papers as they thought best

A communication was received from the City Council stating that the City Council had purchased the fire hose for the Good Will Fire Company and requesting payment of the sum of \$250 which the Trustees had agreed to appropriate for this purpose. The motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay the sum of \$250.00 to City Council. (See Page 180)

The following bills were ordered paid.

Harry Spahn	44.15
George Russell	2.00
Every Evening	5.04
Middletown Transcript	1.60
J. T. & L. E. Shason Inc	2.00
City Council Fire Hose	250.00
Wilmington Gas Co	1.06
	306.50

An invitation was received from the Good Will Fire Company inviting the Trustees to attend a banquet on Jan 5, 1927 at 7 P.M. and asking that replies be had by Dec 20, 1926. The motion the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the invitation and send notice of it to the members asking them to individually accept or decline before the date given.

Richard S. Rodney

January 4, 1927

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Challenger, Hewlett, Tobin, Weggenman, Rodd, W. S. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (12)
 The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last month	\$594.84
John A. Reese	37.50
William Steele	25
	62.50
	657.34

The Acting Committee reported that Mr. Silver was willing to erect a small building to house his gasoline engine if the Trustees would supply the materials. The motion the matter was left with the Acting Committee with power to act.

The Acting Committee also reported that since the last meeting there had been a fire on the Hero Corner Farm which destroyed the milk house on which there was no insurance. The motion it was resolved that the erection of a new building be left with the Acting Committee it being suggested that the new building be made about 3 feet longer and the sides and ends be of concrete or cinder block.

The Acting Committee reported that Tashor Clark had had his herd of cows tested and had lost almost his entire herd. That the Committee had found that it was necessary to install a concrete floor in the cow stable and that this had been done.

Mr. James V. Campbell, Chief of the Good Will Fire Company appeared before the Board relative to means available at the different farms to lessen the fire risks. Among his suggestions was the placing of a fire

Jur. Books

hydrant near the old Basin which would protect the Centre Hall, Agri-Stock Farm and the Bruce house. The President on relation of the appreciation of the Board to Mr Campbell and appointed the Committee as a Committee to consult with Mr Campbell and report further as to the proper means for preventing or lessening loss by fire.

Snow fences

a letter was received from Mr C. K. Buck, Chief Engineer of the Highway Department relative to the erection of snow fences along the fields of the Hares Corner Farm. The fences would be received on Spring and stored upon State property. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Buck of the entire approval of the Board of his suggestion.

Bruce house gasoline station

The Atlantic Refining Co having requested that the Board execute its agreement with William Steak a disclaimer to the effect that such might remove the fixtures of the filling station in case it was necessary and indicating that the Trustees would not hold such fixtures for was on motion resolved that the proper officers be authorized to execute agreement. It was represented that the agreement was for the same as the agreement now in force mentioned on page 168 and that the agreement was only necessary by reason of new and additional tanks and fixtures being installed.

The Treasurer was authorized to attend to all insurances on insurance and buildings in policies which may be cancelled.

The following bills were ordered paid

Harly Social Hous. of West Chester	\$ 1.65
Lancaster Hous Eva	3.51
Hous Castle Trust Company interest	94.66
Farmers Mutual Insurance Co	149.59
Hous Barle Court Mutual " "	15.28
George & Company	38.82
Royal Insurance Company	110.90
J. T. & L. E. Eliason, Inc	89.07
Abraham Ingraham	55.91
	<u>559.42</u>

Penn Farm

On motion it was resolved to adjourn until Wednesday to try to obtain a tenant for the Penn Farm and further to consider all arrangements with reference to that farm.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Suggested sale of land

A special meeting of the Trustees was held this evening. Present Messrs Shaw, Booker, Challenger, Weggenman, Mr. Gray & Rodney (D). In the absence of the President was made Chairman Pro Tempore. A representative of the Koch Realty Co of Phila was present relative to the purchase of Bruce property & part of the Agillake Farm. He wrote out his proposition in writing. Discussion was had as to the Penn Farm & it was determined to adjourn one week. An offer was received from Mr Holcomb for part of the Penn Farm.

Richard S. Rodney

Jan 19, 1927

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challenger, Tobie, Hewlett, Weggenman, Biggs Shaw, Mr. Gray & Rodney (D)

Mr Alexander Baxter appeared before the Board and while he said he would not rent the entire Penn Farm under any circumstances he would make an informal proposition he would offer \$500 for the house + 5 or 10 acres and would cut the hay for 1/2 of the crop.

It was explained that the Trustees desired to rent the farm in its entirety if possible and Mr Baxter agreed to let his proposition remain until Feb 1st unless he had to give an answer sooner to other parties with whom he was also negotiating. Adjourned to Feb 1

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Jan 31, 1927

The Trustees met in special session this evening at the home of the President, Mr Janvier. Present Messrs Janvier, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Heemer, Clayton, Hewlett, Booker, Weggenman, Tobie & Rodney (D)

The special meeting was called to consider a tentative proposal received by Mr Mr. Gray for the rental of the Penn Farm together for the coming year together with the option to rent a large part of the entire tract by The Mason Alfalfa Process Company of 1520 Locust St Philadelphia Pa. The letter tendering the tentative proposal will be appended to these minutes. The Board thought favorably of the general proposition but it being suggested that the continued growth of alfalfa might be deleterious to the soil it was resolved to request information from the Experiment Station at the University of Delaware and to adjourn until Feb 8 & dispense with the regular meeting on Feb 1st

THE MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY
1520 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Telephone
Pennsylvania 1720

January 27, 1927

Mr. Patrick McGrory
Treasurer, New Castle Common Trustees
New Castle, Delaware

Preliminary Proposal for Leasing
New Castle Common Farms

Dear Sir:

Conversations with you by Vice President and General Manager H. E. Kiefer and myself have brought out the fact that at present you have your Farm #6 to lease and that during the current year the remaining farms will become available, and that a proposal covering their lease to the Mason Alfalfa Process Company will be entertained. We believe that such an arrangement will be mutually advantageous. We outline our proposal as follows:

OUR BUSINESS. To raise alfalfa or other forage crops and to cure the same artificially as well as conduct any other approved agricultural pursuits.

OUR PURPOSE. To raise alfalfa as largely as possible on the lands we shall lease from you devoting such parts as are not suitable for it to other legitimate and recognized agricultural purposes.

EFFECT OF ALFALFA ON THE LAND. On a memorandum herewith (marked A) we furnish you statements from various agricultural experiment stations showing that alfalfa improves the soil together with a statement from the United States Department of Agriculture showing how much it increases the yields of the crops following it.

Mr. Patrick McGrory

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FENCES. We do not contemplate any extensive changes in the boundaries of the fields except in some cases to make them larger. We therefore need the right to remove fences, but will be glad to provide in the contract that you shall be reimbursed to an amount necessary to restore the fence lines to their original condition less normal depreciation and maintenance.

LOCATION OF DRYING PLANT. We purpose to erect a drying plant and its appurtenances at a cost of about \$25,000 and the most desirable location may not be on Farm #6. It will occupy about one acre and we should have the right to erect this on any of the farms that we are to lease next year, we, of course, to compensate the present tenant for the use of such land and pay for any actual damage we do to his crops during such operation.

TITLE TO PLANT AND BUILDINGS ERECTED BY US. These are to be and remain our property with the right to remove the same notwithstanding laws making them a part of the real estate.

TAXES. The taxes now levied or to be levied against this real estate are to be paid by the trustees as heretofore.

REPAIRS. Repairs are to be made by the trustees as in the past, the time and manner of making them to be determined by them.

ACREAGE DESIRED. For our alfalfa operations we need in the neighborhood of 600 acres but our system of handling it requires certain topographical features to make it economical and for this reason as well as the fact that you can not rearrange your farms to exactly this acreage it will be necessary for us to lease more than this amount; therefore, we reserve the right to lease any or all of the farms constituting this tract as the present leases expire.

Feb 8, 1927

The Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jewier, Gleason, Hewlett, Weggenman, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney (9)

The minutes of the previous meeting was disposed with. The Treasurer reported having received from William Steele the sum of \$25 and a balance including this sum of \$117.⁶⁴

The following bills were ordered paid

William Mackyue	Coral	4 65
Thomas Slack	work at Clayton farm	5 60
J. T. & L. E. Shason	Due	54.02 64 27

Professor George L. Shuster of the University of Delaware attended the meeting and in a detailed and comprehensive talk ~~to~~ considered the effect of the soil of continued crops of alfalfa. He furnished copies of his report to all of the members and his conclusion was

"In conclusion I would say that judging from the results of other investigators and my own observations that you need have no fear of injurious effects from the continued culture of alfalfa upon your lands. It is reasonable to expect that your lands will be in better physical condition due to the living and root growth; that the most expensive fertilizer, nitrogen, will not be removed but in all probability the supply will be increased and that the phosphorus and potash will remain the same."

The Board expressed its appreciation of the kindness of Professor Shuster by giving him a rising vote of thanks

Mr. Gleason presented a general form of some ~~of~~ items to be included in case an agreement was reached with the Mason Alfalfa Process Co.

On Motion it was resolved that a Committee consisting of the President, Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to treat with the Mason Company and report back at a meeting on Feb 15th with a form of an agreement which would embody the desires of the Mason Company and such ^{terms and stipulations} as the Committee might think that the Trustees of this Castle Community might properly agree to. The Treasurer also reported the following amounts would be due March 1st

W. Grant Abbott	339.37
Sydia A. Biggs	640.31
William F. Silver	150 Bal
T. T. T. Clark	465.00
Albert N. Soffland	698.75
Edward S. Wagginson	11.87
Tasler T. Clark	350.62
William Cross	225.00
Elizabeth Holecomb	30.00
William Steel	37.50
John Reese	112.50
James H. Halton	117.59
C. W. Curricular	Bal 57. ⁰⁹
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John Cross 775.²⁹ Richard Rodney 200.⁰⁰

Mr. Patrick McGrory -3-

SUITABILITY OF ALL THE FARMS.
We have not had an opportunity to investigate this as our soil expert, Dr. Frank App, a nationally known agriculturalist and authority is in the West but we hope to have him make a study of this within the next few days.

LIFE OF LEASE.
We would wish leases for a period of five years with the privilege of renewing them for a like period of five years.

TENANTS.
We shall agree to keep a tenant on each farm in our possession either as an employee or allotting to his use for an approved type of farming such parts as we do not wish to use. We shall assume the responsibility for each farm we lease with the privilege of renting or sub-leasing as we find expedient.

USE OF UNLEASED LAND THE FIRST YEAR.
In case we find we can make satisfactory arrangements with any of the present tenants of farms for the use of part of the land they now hold in exchange for part of Farm #6 we are to have the privilege of doing it thus getting an acreage of alfalfa on these farms a year in advance. In effect, this means that we may sub-lease from the present tenant at once any land we are to acquire by direct lease later.

TERMS.
We will agree to pay the sum of seven and one-half dollars (\$7.50) per acre per year at such periods as you may stipulate.

This is intended as a preliminary outline of the basis for our mutual cooperation subject to be put into the form of a contract as may meet your pleasure.

Very truly
MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY
Marie L. Coon.
President

Feb 15, 1927

Board met at 5 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challengers, Hewlett, Mr. G. Shaw, Biggs & Rodney

This special meeting was held to consider the report of the Committee appointed to draft an agreement with the Mason Alfalfa Products Co., The Committee reported the form of an agreement which was presented & read to the

As a result it was resolved that the agreement be approved by the Board and the proper officers authorized to execute it on behalf of this Board if the Mason Company agree thereto, the officers having authority to make any changes in the agreement which do not radically change the proposition.

The minutes of the agreement is appended to these minutes. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. G. Shaw delivered to the Board a letter he had today received from

Koch Corporation, Builders & Developers 301 Colonial Trust Bldg Philadelphia

Mr. Patrick McGrory, Secretary,
New Castle, Delaware,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Stahl of Wilmington informs us that you failed to receive our previous letter in which we submitted an offer for the property at the corner of State Road and Newport-New Castle Road.

We offer \$4500.00 for this property with a frontage of 1020 feet on the State Road and 387 feet one inch on the Newport-New Castle Road. For the acreage south and east of these two roads we will offer \$300.00 per acre. We are unable to say exactly how much ground we will need but our thought it to straighten out the line of the Stahl property south of State Road. The enclosed plan marked in red will give you a comprehensive idea.

Kindly submit the offers to the Board at the meeting to be held Feb. 15th and advise us.

Very truly yours,
Richard S. Rodney

The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the offers and to inform the Koch Corporation that the offers were declined

Richard S. Rodney

offer for
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STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1927

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
1926, to Cash on Hand	\$ 2,633.40	The New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note	\$ 3,000.00
Wm. Grant Abbott	678.75	The New Castle Trust Co., Interest	113.33
Lydia A. Biggs	1,280.63	New Castle County, Tax	1,249.68
W. F. Silver	507.11	Fire Insurance	439.06
T. T. Clark	930.00	Board of Water and Light Commissioners	130.00
Edw. S. Meggison	1,397.50	Electric Light and Gas	26.93
Tasker T. Clark	1,623.75	Coal, Meeting Room	9.30
H. Holcomb	701.25	Printing Statements	13.50
C. W. Currinder Est.	418.84	Printing Advertisements	17.51
John A. Reese	30.00	Wilmington Book Bindery	14.45
James H. Hatton	112.50	Election Expenses	12.00
United Workmen	300.00	Royal Studio	4.00
Mason Alfalfa Process Co.	150.00	Good Will Fire Co., Ambulance	100.00
Workmen	150.00	Good Will Fire Co., Hose	250.00
Castle Trust Co., Demand Note	349.38	New Barn, Jefferson Farm	5,169.29
Castle Trust Co., Interest	4,000.00	Repairs and Improvements at:	
From Tenants	14.08	Basin, House	\$103.00
Methodist Church	29.57	Jefferson Farm	88.14
Methodist Church	1.00	Stockton Farm	130.02
Premium Returned	17.71	Ogithorpe Farm	150.48
		Center Hall Farm	534.55
Total	\$15,320.57	Penn Farm	368.54
		Union and Bayard Farm	302.03
		Clayton Farm	550.00
		Model Farm	153.39
		Town Hall	32.47
		Treasurer, Expenses	\$ 2,412.62
		Secretary, Expenses	100.00
		Acting Committee, Expenses	50.00
		Commissioner, Court House	50.00
		Care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor, Salary	2,008.90
		Balance Cash on Hand	
		Total	\$15,320.57

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
 De H. JANVIER, President PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary.
 ACTING COMMITTEE
 JAMES G. SHAW JAMES E. BIGGS JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS
 T. CHALLENGER WILLIAM WEGGENMAN GEORGE T. HEWLETT

LANDS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/4	\$ 678.75
2	Mrs. Lydia A. Biggs	170 3/4	1,280.63
3	W. F. Silver	79 1/2	596.25
5	T. T. Clark	124	930.00
6	The Mason Alfalfa Process Co.	186 1-3	1,397.50
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9	Edw. S. Meggison	216 1/2	1,623.75
10	Tasker T. Clark	93 1/4	701.25
11	Wm. Cross	109 1-3	450.00
12	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00
13	Wm. Steele		300.00
14	C. W. Currinder Est.		56.25
15	John A. Reese		150.00
16	James H. Hatton		150.00
17	United Workmen		50.00
Total			\$8,394.38

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Frances deH. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Wm. Weggenman	Elected Nov. 29, 1924
Dr. Julius Dodd	Elected Aug. 1, 1925
George T. Tobin	Elected May 1, 1926

and found correct April 20th, 1927.
 BOOKER, Auditing
 TOBIN, Committee.

PATRICK McGRORY,
 Treasurer.

Agreed that no
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 farm was refer
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 meeting (Page 19)

March 1, 1929

The annual meeting of the Board was held this evening
 Present Messrs James, Newell, Biggs, Clayton, Mr. Gray, Tobin, ~~Booker & Rodney~~
 Booker & Rodney (8)

Mr. Keifer of the Mason Alfalfa Process Co attended the meeting
 and discussed the minor changes suggested in the agreement. On
 motion the proper officers were authorized to execute it on behalf of the
 Board.

The treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last month	53.37
Received from E. S. Maggner	811.87
" " Lydia A. Biggs	640.31
W. G. Abbott	339.37
John A. Rose	37.50
James H. Kalkan	112.50
Tasker Clark	350.62
William Steele	25.00
	<u>2370.54</u>

The following bills were ordered paid

T & L E. Elsas	109.90
Electric light 1 year	9.00
Franco S. Shandau	67.35
Abraham Ingram	81.25
Wilmington Gas Co	1.50
	<u>269.00</u>

Treasurer's expenses	100.00
Secretary	50.00
Acting Committee	50.00
Trustees of Canal House Rect	50.00
Insurance (care of loan club)	50.00
B. B. Lancaster Janitor	25.00
	<u>325.00</u>
	594.00

On motion the treasurer was directed to pay 1500.00 on account of
 the note now in New Castle Trust Co

The matter of the proposed sale of the hay by Mr. Lofland was discussed
 and under the circumstances that the Penn Farm would now be rented
 to Mason Alfalfa Products Co and it was doubtful if the lease would desire
 the hay to be fed on the premises the matter was referred to the Acting
 Committee with authority to allow to sell the hay if the incoming tenant
 does not desire the same to be left for use on the premises. It was
 agreed that no fodder or straw should be allowed to be sold.

On motion the secretary was instructed to send notice to all the
 tenants not to sell any hay, straw or fodder without the written
 consent of the Acting Committee.

The matter of the location of the engine near the barn at the Penn
 farm was referred to the Acting Committee to have removed so as not to
 cause any fire hazard. The suggestions of Mr. Campbell at the January
 meeting (Page 191) were referred to the Acting Committee request to report thereon.

STATEMENT
 OF THE
 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
 OF THE
 TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1929

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instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the
 corporation that the offers were declared

Richard S. Rodney

Farm fences

The matter of making a record of the condition of the fences
 time of the commencing of the tenancy by Mason Alfalfa Process
 well as the fence lines was considered and it was resolved that it
 should be done before July 1st.

Election
of
Officers

The Board then went into the election of officers for the ensuing
 with the following result

President Francis de K. Jauries
 Treasurer Patrick W. Gray for two years
 Secretary Richard S. Rodney
 Acting Committee James S. Shaw, James E. Briggs & John F. Z. Clayton
 Committee on Public Edg. James T. Challenger, George T. Hewlett & William Wegmann
 Bennett J. Lancaster was re-elected as janitor
 A Committee of two consisting of Mr. Booker & Mr. Tobin were appointed
 to audit the books of the Treasurer.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

Lease of Penn Farm for 1 year Mar 1/27 - Mar 1/28
 + agreement to lease other Farms

THIS AGREEMENT, made in duplicate
 original this _____ day of
 _____ 1927, by and between THE
 TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON, a Corporation
 of the State of Delaware, hereinafter known as
 Trustees, and MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY, a
 Corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter
 known as the Company, witnesseth as follows:-

1. The Trustees hereby agree to
 lease to the Company one of the New Castle Common
 Farms adjoining New Castle, Delaware, known as No.
 6 or Penn Farm, comprising one hundred and eighty-
 six and a third acres, for the period of one year
 from the first day of March 1927, for the rental
 of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents per acre amount-
 ing to the sum of Thirteen Hundred and Ninety-
 Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents, payable in equal
 quarterly instalments in advance.

The Company is to have full possession
 of this property for agricultural purposes, with
 the right to sublet to sub-tenants approved by the
 Trustees, for the same purposes, all or any part of
 said lands or buildings as it may deem expedient,
 fully indemnifying and saving harmless the said
 Trustees from any damages occurring by reason of
 said subletting.

The Trustees are to pay all taxes,
 insurance, provide for all ordinary repairs to

buildings, and keep up all necessary fences as now laid out. The Company is to have the right to remove or relocate any fences in case it finds it necessary for its agricultural operation of said farm; provided however, and the Company agrees, that it shall on the termination of the lease replace and restore such fences to the original condition and at their original location.

2. It is further agreed that the Company shall have the right to lease from the Trustees the said Penn Farm, and in addition thereto such other of the present New Castle Common Farms as the Company may desire, for a period of five years beginning March 1, 1928, together with an option on the part of the Company of renewing all of such leases for a further period of five years, provided however that the Company shall give written notice to the Trustees of its intention so to lease, and the names of the farms to be leased in addition to the Penn Farm, on or before June 1, 1927, and provided further that the Company shall give to the Trustees written notice of its intention to renew all of said leases for a further period of five years at least nine months before the expiration of the first five year period.

The rental for the said Penn Farm and for the other farms so to be leased shall be at the rate of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents per acre per annum payable in equal quarterly instalments in advance; and in case of default in the payment of any

instalment of rent for more than thirty days from the date when due and payable, the Trustees may at their option terminate all of said leases and re-enter upon said premises forthwith, and shall also have the right to recover any and all damages by reason of the breach of said leases.

Such leases are to provide for payment of taxes, insurance and ordinary repairs to the buildings by the Trustees. The same provisions as to fences as are hereinbefore set forth in Paragraph One as to the fences on the Penn Farm shall apply to all fences included in the subsequent leases, ordinary wear and deterioration excepted.

The object of the leasing by the Company is mainly for the purpose of raising alfalfa or other leguminous crops and drying the same by the Mason Process and disposing of the produce thereof; but it is understood and agreed that during the term of such leases the Company is permitted to raise and sell such other crops as it sees proper. It shall also have the privilege of erecting an artificial drying plant and other buildings on the property leased, provided that such plant and buildings be erected along a road and provided further that such plant and buildings shall not be erected within three hundred feet of any of the present buildings. It is further provided that the title to such plant and buildings when erected by the Company shall remain in the Company and that the Company shall have the right to remove the same at the termination of the leases; provided however, that the land be left

in the same condition as it was before the erection of said buildings, and that all rent due or to become due shall be paid and secured. It is further provided that before said plant and buildings are erected, the Trustees shall be fully protected and indemnified against the possibility of mechanics' liens arising from such erection. In the event of the Company wishing to operate its drying plant at full capacity or overtime or double shifts, it shall have permission to bring materials from any source it desires to be cured and converted into feeds.

It is further agreed that the Company shall pay any and all taxes which may be assessed or levied against or by reason of the erection of said plant and buildings and shall indemnify and save harmless the Trustees therefrom.

It is further agreed that in case the Company wishes to prepare mixed feeds it may bring such additional materials as needed on the property for that purpose and reship them.

It is agreed that the Company may sublease to tenants approved by the Trustees at any time and for any period, for agricultural purposes, any part or parts of the farms, or the houses for tenant purposes, provided that the Trustees be indemnified against any damage by reason of said subletting.

3. It is further agreed that the Company may sublease during the present year from any of the tenants of the other farms of the Trustees any part or parts that they may agree thereto with said other tenants, and may covenant with such tenants to prepare the land and seed for alfalfa.

It is further agreed that if the said Company desires to erect a drying plant during the present year it may do so provided that all requirements as to said plant shall be complied with, and upon satisfactory adjustment with the tenant upon the farm on which the said plant is to be erected.

It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the lease of the Penn Farm and any subsequent leases are solely for agricultural purposes and mainly for the growing, production, curing and disposition of alfalfa and the products therefrom. It is expressly understood that no hay other than alfalfa or other leguminous hays, nor straw or corn fodder shall be removed from said premises without the express consent of the Trustees. Meals made from other crops may be sold in reasonable amounts.

It is further agreed that the Company, in case it exercises its option to lease for five years, shall arrange with the present tenants on the farms for subletting the buildings or parts of the farms rented by them, in case such arrangement can reasonably be made, it being the intention of both parties hereto to permit the tenants to continue on the farms occupied by them insofar as the Company's plans will reasonably permit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective parties hereto have caused their names to be herunto set and their corporate seals to be herunto affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and Delivered in the Presence of:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON.

By:

President.

Attest:

Secretary.

MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY.

By:

President.

Attest:

Secretary.

April 24, 1927

This being the evening for the regular monthly meeting of the Board the following attended: Messrs Janvier, Mr. Gray, Dodd, Weggemann, Hewlett, Biggs Clayton & Heamer (3). No arrangements having been made by the former the Board adjourned until Friday April 8th.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

April 8, 1927

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Heamer, Hewlett, Weggemann, Dodd, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shew, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (11)

The Secretary reported that the agreement with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company had been signed by both parties & it was presented to the meeting & placed in the safe. The check for the quarterly rent was delivered to the Treasurer. The Secretary was instructed to inquire at what time the horses would pass a fence in possession of the premises.

The Treasurer reported the following receipts

From Mason Alfalfa Process Co

349.³⁸

Thomas T. Clark

465.⁰⁰

William Stead

25 and a balance

including these payments of \$1310.¹⁵

It was resolved that the Treasurer should omit the indebtedness from John Gross from the printed statement.

The Acting Committee reported that arrangements were being made to install a fire plug near the Basin at the place suggested by Fire Chief Campbell. The Committee also reported that Mr. Thomas Clark had had his herd of cows tested and had lost almost all of them and that it was desired to replace all old mangers. The motion it was resolved that the acting Committee should do what might be necessary. The question of the drainage at William Stead's being discussed the Acting Committee with the assistance of Mr. Dodd & Mr. Booker were authorized to make such sanitary improvements as might be necessary.

Mr. Heamer drew attention to the Elhason sign on the Stead property and that it was only visible to travellers from the South. He requested permission to erect a sign at the back of the present one, visible to travellers from the North directing traffic to Heamers Beach.

A letter was received from the A.O. U.W. as follows "We understood from our committee that if we would fix the lodge room with lights & paint that our rent would still be \$25.⁰⁰. We have done this with the approval of your Committee and it cost us about \$80.⁰⁰. We received a bill for \$50.⁰⁰ for this year and also paid \$50.⁰⁰ for last year (1925). We are going to give the Hall another coat in the fall. We would like to hear what is going to be done so we can pay our rent when it is due." After some discussion and referring to the minutes of October 5, 1926 (Page 189) the Secretary was instructed to answer the letter and say that the Board accepts the repairs in full for the arrangement of rent and that the rent would be \$50.⁰⁰ per year.

New Castle, Delaware.
August 23rd 1930

Trustees of New Castle Common:
F. deH. Janvier, President.
Gentlemen:-

Your committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James T Challenger, begs to report that 536 votes were cast, as follows:-

Mr. <u>John F. Cloud</u>	Received	<u>416</u>	Votes
" <u>Howard Le Wilhelms</u>	"	<u>115</u>	"
" <u>Tom Breakyn</u>	"	<u>6</u>	"
" <u>Rejected</u>	"	<u>4</u>	"
"	"		"
TOTAL.....		<u>536</u>	"

Respectfully Submitted.

Patrick McGrory
Geo. T. Hewlett Committee
Mark J. Clymer
Hugh Duff CLERK.

cloud IIII = 4 | III | IIII = 4
Bookman = 5 | IIII | IIII = 7
Tobin = 1
Hewlett = 2 | II | - - -
Hewlett

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
For the Year Ending March 1, 1930

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
March 1, 1929 Balance Cash on Hand	\$ 8,182.64	City Council for building 13th Street	\$ 1,500.00
W. Grant Abbott	489.38	Trustees Market Square, Repairing Tree	1,032.84
Mason Alfalfa Process Co.	5,580.63	County Taxes	1,008.42
Tasker T. Clark	701.25	Insurance	956.12
Wm. Cross	100.00	Board of Water & Light Commissioners, Water	119.33
Elizabeth Holcomb, Estate	30.00	Electric Light & Gas Meeting	16.20
Wm. Steel	310.00	Coal - Meeting Room	4.60
Chas. W. Currinder, Estate	150.00	Coal - Meeting Room	9.00
John A. Reese	150.00	Printing Annual Report	10.00
H. J. Cable	50.00	Writing Leases - for Farms	\$ 4,656.51
A. O. U. Workmen	247.50		
Bellanca Aircraft Corporation	20.00	Repairs and Improvements at---	
U. S. Air-Way Service	121.58	Basin House	\$ 8.64
New Castle Trust Co., Interest	26.81	Jefferson Farm	877.66
Fire Insurance, Premium returned	135.00	Stockton Farm	677.43
Wind Storm Insurance, Damage	30.00	Oglethorpe Farm	1,343.76
Fire Insurance, Damage	30.00	Center Hall Farm	1,093.55
TOTAL	\$16,324.79	Penn Farm	152.74
		Union & Bayard Farm	11.30
		Clayton Farm	525.71
		Model Farm	701.47
		Town Hall	151.45
		TOTAL	\$ 5,551.71
		Treasurer Expense	100.00
		Secretary Expense	50.00
		Acting Committee Expense	50.00
		Commissioners Court House	50.00
		Care Town Clock	50.00
		Janitors Salary	5,706.57
		Balance Cash on Hand	TOTAL
			\$16,324.79
DUE FROM TENANTS			
Wm. Cross	841.15		
W. Grant Abbott	189.37		
James H. Hatton	58.33		
U. S. Air-Way Service, One Year due June 30th	20.00		
Chas. W. Currinder, Estate	56.25		
TOTAL	\$1,165.10		
RENTS IN ADVANCE			
Mason Alfalfa Process Co.	3 months		
Wm. Steele	1 months		

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
FRANCIS DeH. JANVIER, Pres. PATRICK McGRORY, Treas. RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
ACTING COMMITTEE
JAMES G. SHAW JAMES E. BIGGS JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING
JAMES T. CHALLENGER GEORGE T. TOBIN GEORGE T. HEWLETT

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

Name	No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
Jefferson	1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/2	\$ 678.75
Stockton	2		170 3/4	1,280.53
Oglethorpe	3		79 1/2	596.25
Center Hall	5	Mason Alfalfa Process Co.	124 1/3	930.00
Penn	6		153 1/3	1,150.00
Union	8			
Bayard	9		216 1/2	1,623.75
Clayton	10	Tasker T. Clark	93 1/2	701.25
Model	11	Wm. Cross	109 1/3	450.00
Lot part of	8	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00
House and lot, part of	3	Wm. Steele		300.00
Lot, part of	2	C. W. Currinder Est.		58.25
City Hall Store		John A. Reese		150.00
City Hall Store		H. J. Cable		150.00
Ancient Order United Workman				50.00
Bellanca Aircraft Corporation	33			247.50
U. S. Air-Ways Service				20.00
Total				\$ 8,414.38

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Dr. Julius Dodd	Elected Aug. 1, 1925
George T. Tobin	Elected May 1, 1928
Mark J. Clymer	Elected Jan. 26, 1929

Audited and found correct April 22, 1930
DR. LEWIS BOOKER, Auditing
JAMES E. BIGGS, Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

The following bills were paid since our July meeting - no order drawn for their respective amounts:

J. F. & L. E. Eliason	131.53
" " "	7.04
" " " Company	34.74
Waver Bros	1055.79
Harry Bowen	38.25
John F. Cloud	0.50
Abe Ingram	9.90
Total	\$ 1,287.75

Receipts
July U. S. air-way service 20.00
New Castle Trust Co. int 5124
July Aug. Wm. Steel 105.00
Sept. \$ 178.24

Bal Cash in Bank \$ 5151.63
Sept 1st
Mason alfalfa 1395.16
Sophia Higgins 450.00
Tasker T. Clark 350.63
W Grant Abbott 534.73
John Reese 75.-
Harry J. Cable 25.-
7987.85
Wm Cross 7c 129.49
5171.34

Tasker Clark, asked permission to put electric lights in Basin - and have some color stales repaired -
9981.85
12513
8106.98

Sept 2/30

Jawer, Deaver, Heikelly, Tibbin, Herdd, W. Gray, Clayton
Biggs, Shaw, Boston & Rodney (11)

Report of election of June 7, Cloud who appeared was sworn in
Former Alimter defended with

activity

Oil Gas Co	3.00
Geogt + Co	20,28
" "	29,66
Tax	1015,74
Election Comette	12,00
B F Lancaster	25,100
Expenses in Re Cross	64,36
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	1170,04
	127,99
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	1042,05

Bill of John Biggs property of Biggs to remain in
Trustees of Commons. 127,99.
ordered paid because acty committee had

authorized it

application of Tarber Clark for electric lights passed subject

Mr Boston elected Com on Pub

8171,34
1170,04
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7001,30

June 7, 1927

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, ~~Howlett~~, Weggmann, Wood, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker, Biggs, Tobie + Rodley (11)

The treasurer reported the following account

Balance on hand from last meeting	\$ 1171.67
Received from A.O.U.W	50.
.. .. Mason alfalfa Process Co	349.37
.. .. Ladies Presbyterian Church	1.00
.. .. William Shale	26.00
	1547.04

The receipt of the following letter was reported

THE MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY
1520 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Telephone
Pennysacker 1700

May 18, 1927

Mr. Francis deH. Janvier
President, New Castle Common Trustees
New Castle, Delaware

Dear Mr. Janvier:

In accordance with the terms of our present lease, we would request that you prepare an agreement for the following additional leases to take effect next spring: Farms #2, #3, #5, #8, and #9, which with #6, will make a total of about 775 acres.

In drawing these leases, we would request that you consider the fact that there is a certain acreage in wheat on each of these farms and we do not get possession of such land until some time in July.

We feel that it would be only fair to insert in the new leases a clause to the effect that at the termination of these leases we may, if we so desire, retain until the end of the wheat harvest an acreage on each farm equal to that in wheat at the time we take possession. To make this clear, there is on #6 farm now about 55 acres of wheat. We can not utilize this land until Lofland removes his wheat, which means that we can not get an alfalfa crop from it this year; and if we were to give up this farm in the spring, we would lose a year altogether on this wheat land.

By making the same provisions for us that your farmers now have of holding over part of the land until July, we would be enabled to get the spring alfalfa crop, while the incoming farmer would not only lose nothing but would be actually the gainer, as, instead of getting wheat land bare

The following bills were presented and, on motion, ordered to be paid

J.T. & L.S. Elison	93.42
Abraim Ingram	10.73
John T. Sloops	11.95
White Brothers	21.85
	137.95

Mr. Janvier presented to the Board a letter from the State Highway in which it was stated that the Commission considered widening the State Highway from State Road Station to Wilmington, that an additional 26' on the East side of present road would be required. This would mean the tearing down of the at Hares Corner and the removal of the granary and the taking of about of land. The Highway Commission desired to know what figure of damage Trustees would agree to. Considerable discussion of an infernal character was had and the President suggested that he would tell the Commission that Board would probably be content with an amount for the land which we Capitalize the rent and make up for the rental of 3 1/2 acres @ 7 1/2 per A. (2) Ref of all fences (3) moving the granary (4) a new buck house for the tenant (5) 12 rooms. The formal vote was taken and no particular figures discussed.
Richard S. Rodley
Secretary

May 3, 1927

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Weggmann, Howlett, Wood, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker, Challenger + Rodley (12)

The President stated that he had had an interview with the Department and that the plans had been changed and that they would acquire no new land at this time.

The treasurer presented the printed Annual Statement as his report March 1st + a balance on hand May 2nd of \$1885.95

The following bills were ordered paid

J.T. & L.S. Elison	\$96.84
Harry C. Clark	463.25
Abraim Ingram	14.30
Royal Insurance Co	19.44
George & Co Insurance	16.95
George L. King Press	13.50
Water Rent	65.00
	689.28

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodley
Secretary

Highway Dept
Change of Plan

Highway Road
Hares Corner
Hotel & C

THE MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY
1520 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Telephone
Pennypacker 1720

June 1, 1927

Honorable Richard S. Rodney
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Judge Rodney:

Replying to yours of the twenty-eighth ultimo, will say that the provision we requested in the leases is only the usual hold-over acreage on wheat. On the Penn Farm for this year it is about 55 acres, which we will not get possession of until July, which is too late for us to get a crop this year. If we vacated in March next year it would mean a total loss on this acreage. If we stay five years and vacate all in March it would mean only four years use of the wheat land.

We are also pleased to advise your Board that we have purchased from Mr. Megginson the release of about one acre of ground in the northwest corner of the field north of his barn. This makes it come along the road east of Du Pont Highway and immediately south of School House Lane. Materials for buildings are on the way and will be erected there in the very near future.

The enclosed compilation of data relative to alfalfa enriching the soil may interest the Board.

Very truly yours

MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY

By - *J. E. Kiefer*
Vice President

Enclosure
K

After considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed by the Trustees that it was fair and reasonable that the ^{wheat} Alfalfa Process Company should have after the expiration of its tenancy the a length of time to cut the alfalfa crop then growing which length of time should correspond to the time a way going tenant has to harvest a wheat crop (viz: not later than July 15) and the acreage of the alfalfa to be cut after the expiration of the tenancy to correspond and not to exceed the acreage found in wheat when the Mason Alfalfa Process Company becomes the tenant of each particular farm.

Mr. Francis deH. Janvier

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in July and not getting a crop from that land until the next year, he would get that acreage in alfalfa, which he could cut in August. He would also fall heir to any additional alfalfa we should leave on the farms.

I shall see you in a few days with reference to any questions that it may be necessary to discuss verbally.

Yours very truly

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Vice President

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The Secretary reported that he had acknowledged the letter stating he would file the letter as indicating the designation of the farms under the Mason Alfalfa Process Company under the terms of the agreement and bring the other matter before the Trustees at this meeting of June 7th. A second letter from the Company was then received as follows:

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PHILADELPHIA

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Widening State Road

A letter was received from Mr. C. W. Buck of the State Highway Department setting forth that aeroplanes were using the Messon farm (Union farm) as a flying field on Sundays and that automobiles Congreg along the road in great numbers, Mr. Buck stated the Department was to widen the road and during the new work the portions of the road were to be closed or the road narrowed and he asked that the flying be discontinued until the road widening was finished so otherwise he would be compelled to shut off the road entirely. The Board not being clothed with its power in the matter ordered the letter filed and that a copy of it sent to Mr. Messon, Mr. T. T. Clark & Mr. W. F. Silver the three tenants who have frontages on the State Highway.

The following Bills were ordered paid.

John F. Z. Clayton	43.20
Boyes Brothers	397.21
Arvin F. Shindan	17.00
J. T. & L. E. Elason Inc	86.53
Alvan Ingram	29.58
F. E. Shindan 21 ⁵⁰ + 10 ³⁵ + 12 ⁵⁵	44.40
Wilmington Gas Co	3.00
Royal Insurance Co	8.60
Pennsylvania R.R. Co (freight on line) 66 ⁶³	66.63

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

July 5, 1927

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challenger, Messon, Weggenman, Tobie, W. S. Gray, Shaw, Booker & Rodney

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance from last month	475.22
From William Steele	25.00
John Q. Reese	37.50

Fire plug

The Acting Committee reported that the Bill from Light & Water Commission for installation of the fire plug near the basin had been presented at the last meeting for \$126³⁸ + 20% profit 25.28 or \$151.66; that the Trustees had recommended the Bill to the Committee to see if the 20% profit might be deducted; that the Committee had seen the bill and the Board had agreed to deduct 10% of the profit from the Bill and agreed to keep it in good order. The motion it was resolved to pay the full amount of the bill and no discount.

The following Bills were ordered paid

Board of Light & Water Commissioners	151.66
Messon Alfalfa Process Co. Line 533 N.T. @ 15%	79.95
J. T. & L. E. Elason, Inc	1.68
New Castle Trust Co	49.16
1000 pd Nov 17 - 1500 3/15/27 - 400/27 1730	282.45

It was reported to the Board that the large 30' X 10' sign which the Trustees had allowed the Ferry Co to erect on the Centre Hall Farm was now being used to advertise a store in Burlington. The minutes of Aug 4 & 20, 1925 were referred to as well as the correspondence of the Ferry Co and it was seen that the sign was allowed to be erected by the Acting Committee with no agreement as to any definite time but to be removed at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Comm. The motion it was resolved that the Secretary write to S. H. Garrison, President of the Ferry Company stating that since the Ferry Company no longer used the sign the Trustees desired its removal at the end of the present year for which the rental was paid which we assumed would be in August or September 1927.

The motion it was resolved to omit the August meeting and adjourn until September subject to any special meeting which might be called.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

Sept 6, 1927

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Mr. Rodd, Messrs Challenger, Hewlett, Weggenman, W. S. Gray, Biggs & Rodney
In the absence of President Janvier Mr. Rodd was made President pro tempore.

The Treasurer made the following report

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Received from William Steele	25.00
" Cross	300.00
" F. Silver	177.00
Messon Alfalfa Process Co	349.38
Lyle A. Biggs 2nd	640.32
William Steele	25.00
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W. Grant Abbott	339.39
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Edward S. Messon	811.88
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A notice was presented from the State Highway Department that a portion of the triangular lot between the Hotel at Hares Corner and the Road leading to New Castle would be condemned. The motion it was resolved that the officers of the Board take such action as in their judgment will best protect the interests of the Board.

Since last meeting of the Board the City Council of New Castle by letter to the Trustees individually requested permission to have the large room in the Town Hall as a meeting room. A majority of the Trustees having consented the City Council has moved into the large room on the second floor, furnished it and installed electric lights. The motion it was resolved that the Committee on Town Hall request a letter from City Council which may be spread on the Trustees minutes and which will set forth the terms of the agreement.

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Town Hall
for City Council
meetings

And that the room will still be available as heretofore for other meetings. The Committee was also requested to take up with City Council the question of gas in the Town Hall & either have the meter run by Council assume liability for the cost of the gas used.

The following bills were approved and paid subject to approval of Council

Wilmington Gas Company	6.16
County taxes	1153.20
Art & Gift Shop	8.00
Battery Park Association	25.00
F. E. Sheridan	13.00
Joseph F. Grant	4.25
John W. Cannon	146.00
T & L. E. Elinson, Inc	268.94
Abraham Ingram	118.30
Harry Spahn	33.00
New Castle Trust Corp Balance due	1000.00
Interest	11.50

Bills

Straw on
Penn farms

This payment to the Trust Company was for full for all indebtedness of Mr. A. M. Soffland appeared before the Board relative to the straw on Penn farms. He stated that he expected to thresh in a few weeks and the alfalfa Co the present tenant did not desire the straw but desired to have straw to Mr Soffland & have him bale it & to expend the proceeds of the straw on fertilizer. The matter was left with the Acting Com to take action after consultation with such trustees as might be desired in conferring with the Committee.

Richard S. Rode
Secy

October

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challenge, Megginson, W. S. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Biggs & Rodney

Suggested
gas station on
Basin

A Mr. Voshell representing the Joy Gas station appeared and to rent for a long term (about 50 years) a piece of land about 200' x 200' corner of the State Highway and New Port Road. He had no definite make and left with the view of submitting an offer in writing.

Form of lease
to alfalfa Co

The form of the lease to Alfalfa Process Company for Farms #3, #5 (Centre Hall) & #6 & #9 (Union & Bayard) was read & approved & ordered executed by the Officers of the Board.

Notices to quit

The Treasurer was instructed to serve notices to quit on the farms above designated so that their terms should cease on the when the new lease to the Mason Alfalfa Process Company commences.

The Treasurer made the following Report

Balance on hand from last meeting	1435.00
Received from William F. Selver	135.00
" " William Steel	25.00
	1595.00

A letter was received from the Mason Alfalfa Process Company as follows

THE MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY
1520 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Telephone
Pennacker 1730

September 9, 1927.

Mr. Francis de H. Janvier,
New Castle,
Delaware.

Dear Mr. Janvier:

In order that there may be a minimum amount of trouble in preparing the leases for next year we shall give the following information:

We have made very amicable arrangements with Biggs Bros., Silver and Clark to remain another year on the farms. The leases we are giving them will in every particular meet the conditions of your present leases.

Whatever land we deprive them of will be subject to adjustment between us and them and our use of such land will be subject to terms of our lease with you. On these farms we do not find an excessive acreage in wheat, hence in making the new leases for us the extension of the use of parts of them until the end of the wheat harvest may be described as an acreage equivalent to that now in wheat.

In the case of Megginson it is somewhat different as we were not able to come to a reasonable agreement. He insisted on retaining his wheat privilege or selling it to us for \$20. per acre which was altogether out of reason.

It left no alternative for us except to notify him that we would not renew his lease, but expect him to turn everything over to us at the termination of the lease - that is house and buildings - on March 1st and wheat land when wheat is harvested.

While this action advised him what to expect legally it is only a gesture as we have no authority to terminate his present lease which as I understand automatically renews itself unless he is notified by the Trustees to the contrary.

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I would call your attention however to the excessive wheat acreage he has. Out of a total of 197 acres in fields he claims he found 90 acres in wheat when he came and insists he shall have 90 acres next year. In fact, he has the land prepared or partly prepared for this.

Ninety acres out of 197 is considerably more than one third but as we have no means of telling just what he is entitled to we place the matter before you for consideration.

If the Trustees wish to accord him that privilege or if he is legally entitled to it we shall have to be content with getting possession of 107 acres tillable land in March and the 90 when his wheat is off.

We bring this matter up at this time so that there may be no misunderstanding later as to our hold over privileges in the distant future.

We shall appreciate a line from you on this subject

Yours very truly,

MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY

By:

J. E. Kiefer.
Vice-President.

K-M

Pursuant to this letter the Acting Committee was requested to obtain report the acreage in wheat on each farm at the time the Mason Alfalfa Company goes into possession. This would apply to the Penn Farm for the harvest in July 1927 and as to the other farms to the wheat to plant fall and harvested next year. It was desired to enter these acres in the minutes so that at the expiration of the Mason Company's term it would be clear as to what its rights might be.

The Acting Committee reported that they had considered the request of the Mason Company to bale and sell the straw on the Penn Farm and the proceeds in fertilizers and desired the action of the Board on the matter. It was considered that the concluding paragraph in the proposed lease with the Mason Company indicated the terms under which the sale of straw could be permitted, viz that the Mason Alfalfa Process Company would agree that it would at the final expiration of its tenancy lease upon or provide for the premises an amount of straw equal to that found upon the premises + so baled and sold or else a satisfactory equivalent for the same.

The following bills were ordered paid

George W. Bryson	45.95	
George & Co Desurmet	37.46	
Francis E. Skindan	18.90	
B. F. Lancaster, Jantner (6 wks)	25.00	
J. T. & L. E. Shuman	7.84	135.15

The Acting Committee suggested the necessity of repairs to the porch and side of the granary at the Stickton Farm. An action was resolved that the matter be left with the Acting Committee to be done in the most economical manner.

The Committee which was desired to obtain a letter from City Council relative to the occupancy of the Town Hall by City Council reported the following letter

Trustees of New Castle Common
New Castle, Pa

Gentlemen: Council advises me to extend to your honorable body its thanks for kindness in permitting us to occupy the Town Hall as a meeting place.

It is our intention to follow along the lines of those who constructed the building the purpose of which we understand included the transaction of public matters.

We invite your body together with all other civic and semi-civic organizations to meet in these new quarters and make the place what its name implies "Town Hall." Again thanking you we are

Very truly yours
The City Council
C. E. Klingmayer
President

The return the letter was ordered to be acknowledged setting out the understanding of the Trustees as to the terms of the tenancy. The Secretary forwarded the following letter to City Council in care of President Klingmayer

City Council of New Castle
New Castle, Pa

Gentlemen: I beg to acknowledge on behalf of the Trustees of New Castle Common, your letter of September 24th relative to your

New Castle, Pa
Oct 5, 1927

attention of Charles E. Klingmayer, Pres

occupancy of the Second Floor of the Town Hall.
This building was erected by the Trustees of the Common

the Trustees are unanimous in their desire that your body use it as a meeting place.

Terms under which City Council occupies Town Hall
The only reason we desired a letter from your body in order that the present arrangement might be entered upon minutes so that future Trustees might be clearly informed to the nature of the occupancy after the passage of a number of years.

It is our understanding that with the entire and unanimous consent of the Trustees, the City Council now occupies the second floor of the Town Hall as tenants at will, with the payment of rent, with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours
Richard S. Rodney
Secretary of Trustees of the

The meeting then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney Secy

November 1, 1927

Board met at 8 PM Present Messrs. Jauries, Messer, Tobias, Newlett, Lee, Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Clayton, Booker & Rodney (10)

The President reported that the lease with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company has been executed by the officers of both parties and it was delivered to the Treasurer. A copy is annexed to these minutes.

The Treasurer made the following report

Balance from last meeting	1459. ⁹⁰
From William Steel	25

Notes to quit

The Treasurer also reported that he had caused notices to be served by B.T. Lank on the tenants whose farms had been leased to the Mason Alfalfa Process Co - Edward S. Maggison, William Thomas T. Clark and Lydia A. Biggs Est. Copies of the notices were produced showing service on Oct 22, 1927.

The following bills were ordered paid

B.T. Lank serving notices to quit	2. ⁰⁰
George & Co Insurance	13. ⁵⁰
Abraham Ingram	20. ⁰⁰
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	24. ⁵⁰

A letter was received from New Castle Post #4 American Legion inviting the Trustees to attend a memorial and patriotic meeting Friday Nov 11, 1927 at 8 P. M. The invitation was accepted and they instructed to acknowledge it to the New Castle Post.

The acting Committee reported that the signs on the Centre Farm had been removed.

A letter was received from the Mason Alfalfa Process Company to the effect that it was clearing up the hedgerows on the Pease Farm though the growth there was an accumulation of many years; the Company drew the Board's attention to the condition of the rows on the Union farm owned by E. S. Maggison which the Company will take possession of on March 1st and requested that the rows be kept in order at this time. The matter of investigating these hedgerows as well as the ditch between the Pease and Wheel Farms was referred to the Acting Committee.

The Treasurer presented the form of an agreement to be executed in connection with the erection by the U. S. Government of an aerial beacon on the Pease farm for use with an air plane manufacturing and flying field to be established on the Spring Garden Farm. The proposed lease called for a piece of land 60' square on the South side of Christian's Road immediately within the fence and beginning 125' W of the extreme East boundary line and extending 60' west. The license purports to run to June 1928 and from year to year at the option of the U. S. except that after 5 years the Trustees could revoke it by giving six months notice. The lease or license was authorized to be entered into by the Trustees but the Secretary was instructed to first ascertain if he could have the proposed form changed so as to end on March 1st as all our other leases do and to provide for 3 months notice in writing in conformity with the law and practice.

The American Power Company presented the form of an agreement to be executed by the Trustees by which the Company would have the right to erect poles, towers &c and to maintain the same and to trim all trees in connection with the wires at any place on the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike from the State Highway at Harco Corner to the Basin road leading to New Port. The object of this agreement was to provide high tension wires and current for the beacon mentioned in the foregoing minutes. The Board was unanimously in favor of giving the right to transmit the power to the Beacon but declined to sign the proposed agreement and the resolution forwarded to American Power Co was as follows:

"Resolved that the consent of this Board be given to the American Power Company, its successors and assigns, to erect, operate and maintain its poles, cables, wires and other apparatus on and alongside of the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike from the Basin Road leading from New Castle to New Port on the East and leading from thence in a North westerly direction along the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike to the New Aerial Beacon sight proposed to be erected by the United States Government on the said New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike."

December 6, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Mc...
Mayton, Shaw, Booker & Rodney

The treasurer reported as follows
Balance from last meeting 1423.71
Rec'd 27 From Mason Alfalfa Process Co 349.31
Wm. Steele 25
1798.12

Wm. Steele
Pump
Mason Farm

At this meeting it was resolved that the Acting Committee should have
killed on or near the line between the Pump & Wooded Farms cleared out
put in good order and that the Committee should have the proper Council
authorities have the drain across the School House Lane put in proper
order.

The following bills were ordered paid
J. F. & L. F. Eliason 58.14
White Brothers 3.10
William Reakye 1.75
Miss Madeline Gross (Papering) 47.17
Thomas Slack 2.50
Light Water Commission (Water Rent) 65.00 176.26

Mr. W. S. Gray reported a telephone conversation with Mr. Kiefer
Mason Alfalfa Process Co to the effect that Mr. Kiefer had heard in
authority that Mr. Maggison was selling mowers from the Union
After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Secy
write to Mr. Kiefer to obtain such information as he might furnish
in the matter.

The meeting then adjourned
Richard S. Rodney, Secy

Copy of Lease to
Mason Alfalfa Process Co
Mar 1, 1928 - Mar 1, 1933

THIS AGREEMENT, made in duplicate original this
_____ day of _____

A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven;
Between THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON,
a Corporation of the State of Delaware, herein-
after known as Trustees, and MASON ALFALFA PROCESS
COMPANY, a Corporation of the State of Delaware,
hereinafter known as the Company, witnesseth as
follows:-

The Trustees hereby agree to
lease to the Company certain of the New Castle
Common Farms adjoining New Castle, Delaware, as
follows:-

- Stockton Farm, No. 2, comprising one hundred and seventy and three-quarter acres.
- Oglethorpe Farm, No. 3, comprising seventy nine and one-half acres.
- Center Hall Farm, No. 5, comprising one hundred and twenty-four acres.
- Penn Farm, No. 6, comprising one hundred and eighty-six and one-third acres.
- Union and Bayard Farms, Nos. 8 and 9, comprising together two hundred and sixteen and one-half acres.

For the period of five years from the First day of
March 1928, for the rental of Seven Dollars and
Fifty Cents per acre, payable in equal quarterly
instalments in advance.

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 In case of default in any instalment of rent for more than Thirty Days from the date when due and payable, the Trustees may at their option terminate this Lease and re-enter upon all of said premises forthwith, and shall also have the right to recover any and all damages by reason of the breach of said Lease. This Lease shall also terminate and end, at the option of the said Trustees, in case of the bankruptcy of or a Receiver being appointed for the said Company.

The Company is to have full possession of this property for agricultural purposes, with the right to sublet to sub-tenants approved by the Trustees, for the same purposes, all or any part of said lands or buildings as it may deem expedient, fully indemnifying and saving harmless the said Trustees from any damages occurring by reason of said subletting.

The Trustees are to pay all taxes, insurance, provide for all ordinary repairs to buildings, and keep up all necessary fences as now laid out. The Company is to have the right to remove or relocate any fences in case it finds it necessary for its agricultural operation of said farm, provided however, and the Company agrees, that it shall on the termination of the Lease replace and restore such fences to the original condition and at their original location. The Company shall haul all material for fencing that may be

furnished by the Trustees, and shall keep all fences and ditches upon the premises in good order and repair, trim and keep in order all hedges and hedge rows, and shall white or yellow wash all the buildings, and shall keep all gates, doors, pumps and wells in good order and repair.

The object of the leasing by the Company is ^{mainly} ~~merely~~ for the purpose of raising alfalfa or other leguminous crops and drying the same by the Mason Process and disposing of the produce thereof; but it is understood and agreed during the term of this Lease the Company is permitted to raise and sell such other crops as it sees proper. It shall also have the privilege of maintaining and operating an artificial drying plant and other buildings on that part of the property now selected by it and lying on the east side of the State Road and the south side of the Schoolhouse Lane; provided that the title to such plant and buildings when erected by the Company shall remain in the Company and that the Company shall have the right to remove the same at the termination of the Lease; provided however, that the land be left in the same condition as it was before the erection of said buildings, and that all rent due or to become due shall be paid and secured. It is further provided that before said plant and buildings are erected, the Trustees shall be fully protected and indemnified against the possibility of mechanics' liens arising from such

erection. In the event of the Company wishing to operate its drying plant at full capacity or overtime or double shifts, it shall have permission to bring materials from any source it desires to be cured and converted into feeds.

It is further agreed that the Company shall pay any and all taxes which may be assessed or levied against or by reason of the erection of said plant and buildings and shall indemnify and save harmless the Trustees therefrom.

It is further agreed that in case the Company wishes to prepare mixed feeds it may bring such additional materials as needed on the property for that purpose and reship them.

It is agreed that the Company may sublease to tenants approved by the Trustees at any time and for any period, for agricultural purposes, any part or parts of the farms, or the houses for tenant purposes, provided that the Trustees be indemnified against any damage by reason of said subletting.

It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that this Lease is solely for agricultural purposes and mainly for the growing, production, curing and disposition of alfalfa and the products therefrom. It is expressly understood that no hay other than alfalfa or other leguminous hays, nor straw or corn fodder shall be

removed from said premises without the express consent of the Trustees. Meals made from other crops may be sold in reasonable amounts.

It is further agreed that the Company shall have the option of renewing this Lease for a further period of five years upon the same terms and rental and conditions, provided however that the Company shall give written notice to the Trustees of its intention so to renew said Lease at least nine months before the expiration of the first five-year period.

It is further agreed that the Company shall arrange with the present tenants on the farms for subletting the buildings or parts of the farms rented by them, in case such arrangement can reasonably be made, it being the intention of both parties hereto to permit the tenants to continue on the farms occupied by them insofar as the Company's plans will reasonably permit.

It is further agreed that the Company shall have, after the final expiration of its tenancy, a length of time to cut and harvest the alfalfa crops then growing, which length of time shall correspond to the time a way-going tenant has to harvest the wheat crop and not later than July Fifteenth in the year of expiration of the tenancy, and further the acreage of the alfalfa to be cut after the expiration of the tenancy shall correspond with and not exceed the acreage found in wheat on each particular

Jan 3, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jauris, Challengers, Hewlett, Tobin, W.C. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Bookers Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported Balance from last meeting 1621.46
From William Stahl 25
1646.16

The following bills were ordered paid

William Deakins 4.60
Lincoln Co Rent Inc Co 15.28
James Bell Inc Co 143.66
Royal Inc Co 102.76
Abram Dugan 44.22 310.46

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr Keifer of the Mason Alfalfa Process Co in which he had stated that he was mistaken in his information that Mr Edward S. Maggison was disposing of any manure and that no manure had been disposed of that he knows about.

The Secretary reported a letter from the Haver Tree Expert Co in which a suggestion was made that the Elm in "the Green" badly needed attention and that the annual sum of \$324.00 for a few years would save them. An action was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Market Square, which body has custody of the Green, to find out if that Board could put the trees in good condition and if that Board was unable to do anything there to request leave for the Trustees of the Common to take steps for the preservation of the trees. The President appointed Messrs Rodney Booker and Biggs as the committee.

Upon verbal report made as to the condition of the house on the Aughton farm tenanted by W.F. Silver the Acting Committee was given authority to have any necessary work done.

An invitation was received from the Good Will Fire Company inviting the members of the Board to attend a Banquet on Jan 4th in the Opera House. The vice members present indicated their intention to attend.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary
Feb. 7, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jauris, Challengers, Hewlett, Tobin, Weggemann, W.C. Gray, Clayton, Booker, Biggs & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of 1335.78

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Elman, Inc 116.61
J. E. Shaidan 22.70
J. T. Stoops 2.80
George & Company 38.82 180.93

The committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Market Square relative to the Elm trees in the Green reported that a conference

farm when the Company entered upon the tenancy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective parties hereto have caused their names to be hereunto set and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and Delivered in the Presence of:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON.

By: _____
President.

Attest: _____
Secretary.

MASON ALFALFA PROCESS COMPANY.

By: _____
President.

Attest: _____
Secretary.

had been had and that the Trustees of the Market Square were anxious to do anything to preserve the trees and would offer the assistance of the Trustees of the Common. The motion the Committee was continued to cooperate in leaving the trees in good condition.

A Communication was received from the American Power Co in which it was stated that on Nov 1 permission had been given by Trustees for the Power Co to erect a line of poles & string wires along Frenchtown Turnpike from the Basin Road to the new aerial beam erected by the Government; that since that time the Power Company obtained a line along the State Highway and that it was now desired to run the wires to the aerial beam from Hares Corner and from the Basin Road. The motion it was resolved that the Resolution of November 1, 1927 be rescinded and that permission be given to run the line from Hares Corner. The following Resolution was adopted

"Resolved that the consent of this Board be given to the American Power Company, its successors and assigns to erect, operate and maintain its poles, cables, wires and other apparatus and alongside of the Newcastle and Frenchtown Turnpike from the Coleman du Pont Highway on the West and leading from there in an Easterly direction along the Newcastle and Frenchtown Turnpike to the new aerial beam light proposed to be erected by the States Government on the said Newcastle and Frenchtown Turnpike

Some discussion was had among the members relative to the fact that the new aerial beam light erected by the Government was for a lot 60' square beginning 125' W of the extreme Easterly boundary line of the Trustees land on the South side of the Frenchtown Turnpike whereas the beam light is erected westerly of the driveway leading to the old mansion house on the Spring Garden Farm some 1000' W of the first mentioned location. The Secretary was instructed to communicate this fact to the Government indicating the willingness of the Board to consent to the new location if the permit was desired to be

The Treasurer reported the following amounts would be due March 1st

Wagon Alfalfa Process Co (In Advance)	1457. ⁰⁴
W Grant Abbott	339. ³⁷
Est Lydia A. Biggs	640. ³¹
William F. Silver	626. ⁶⁸
Thomas T. Clark	465. ⁰⁰
Edward S. Weggemans	811. ⁸⁷
Tasker T. Clark	350. ⁶⁷
William Cross	386. ²⁸
Elizabeth H. Holloway	30. ⁰⁰
Est Charles W. Currier	66. ²⁵
John A. Reese	37. ⁵⁰
James H. Holton	112. ⁵⁰
A. D. U. W. Friendship Lodge	50. ⁰⁰
	5363. ³⁹

Richard S. Rodney

February 23, 1928

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening, pursuant to notice, at the home of the President, Mr. Janvier. Present Messrs Janvier, Newlett, Challenger, Weggemans, Keamer, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney

The meeting was called to consider a suggested sub-tenancy by the Wagon Alfalfa Process Company to John Govatos. A form of a lease was presented, signed by the Wagon Company and Mr. Govatos for the old Hotel property at Hares Corner and 30 acres of ground adjacent and it was desired to obtain the consent of the Trustees which is necessary under the lease to Wagon Alfalfa Process Company. The intent under the lease to Govatos is that he shall keep at least 10 high grade cows on the premises and that he is to have a milk or dairy station in the hotel; the lease provides that Govatos is to have the property for 5 years renewable for 5 more if the Wagon Company exercises its right to extend its lease and is for 600 a year or 50⁰⁰ per month. The suggested lease was read and fully discussed and the general proposition met with the favor of the Trustees. The motion it was resolved that the consent of the Board be given to the sub-letting provided that the Wagon Alfalfa Process Company assume the repairs to the buildings on the farm and that such buildings be kept in good order and repair and upon the understanding that four provisions of the lease be changed, as follows (1) that no right of subletting be given to Govatos to be effective without the consent in writing of the Trustees of the Common (2) that the interests of the Trustees be protected in the matter of signs to be erected (3) that the words "during the term of the lease" be eliminated in the provision prohibiting the sale of straw (4) that any provision be eliminated which would authorize the erection of a public gasoline or filling station on the premises.

Mr. Janvier drawing attention to the fact that the lease must be put in operation within a few days it was moved that a Committee be appointed to give the consent of this Board subject to the above provisions & to have the proper officers of the Board execute the consent when the lease is prepared embodying such provisions. The President appointed Mr. Shaw & Mr. Rodney as the Committee.

It was suggested that a Committee should prepare for a matter of record the acreage of each farm in wheat at the time of the commencement of the tenancy of the Wagon Alfalfa Process Company and also a survey of the condition and location of the fences. This matter was postponed until the March meeting

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

March 7, 1928

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees was held this evening at 8 PM
Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Weggenman, Tobin, Clayton, W. S. Gray,
Biggs, Shaw & Rodney

The Treasurer reported receipts as follows:

Miss Elizabeth Holcomb to balance	30.00
Wason Alfalfa Process Co 1/4 in advance	1457.04
William F. Silver	175.00
W. Grant Abbott	339.37
William H. Steele	25.00
Sydney A. Biggs Estate	640.31
John A. Reese	37.50
James H. Hatten	112.50
Tasker T. Clark	350.00
Thomas T. Clark	465.00
Edward S. Weggenman	811.57
	4443.59
	1254.77
Balance on hand	5698.36

The averages are as follows

William F. Silver	451.68
William Cross	386.25
Charles W. Currier	56.25
A O U W on apr 1	50

Sub-lease to John Gwalos
The committee appointed to consult the Wason Alfalfa Process Co & Mrs. Gwalos reported that an interview had been had and that all the objections raised to the sub-letting to Gwalos had been met and agreed to by the Trustees & that the Trustees were relieved from making any improvements to the corner property or repairs to the same excepting that the Trustees should continue to make any necessary repairs to the roof of the building. A copy of the lease is filed among the papers of the Board. The officers of the Board were authorized to execute the lease showing the consent of the Trustees thereto.

Beacon light to the license for the aerial beacon light and desiring a new license for the site where the same is erected it was on motion, ordered that the officers of the Board approve of a license for the new location.

On motion it was resolved that a committee be appointed to make a record of the averages in wheat at this time of the various farms corner the tenancy of the Wason Alfalfa Process Co and also of the average in of the Penn farm in the Spring of 1927 when it was given up by A. N. and rented by the Wason Company; the committee is also to ascertain the and condition of the fences and buildings so that a record of the same be made. It was included in the motion that the expenses of the committee be paid by the Treasurer. The President appointed as the committee Messrs. Janvier and Mr. Hewlett

Mr. Frank E. Budgewater was unanimously re-elected a member of the Light and Water Commission for the term of three years several of the members speaking in high terms of his services

On motion an Auditing Committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer. The President appointed Mr. Clayton & Mr. Weggenman.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. S. Gray, reported that for the first time in a number of years there was a substantial amount of cash in the Treasurer's account and suggested the advisability of having the Treasurer give bond in some amount. On motion it was resolved that the President and Secretary receive a corporate bond in the sum of 3000.00 with corporate surety provided the expense be not materially greater than 12.00 per annum and that the Board pay the premiums.

The Board then went into the election of officers with the following result

President Francis de K. Janvier
Secretary Richard S. Rodney
Acting Committee James S. Shaw, James S. Biggs & John F. Z. Clayton
Com on Public Bldgs James T. Challenger, William Weggenman, & George T. Hewlett
Janitor Bennett F. Lancaster

The following bills and accounts were ordered paid

C. E. Fergland (Stockton Farm)	165.75
William F. Hanna Town Hall	5.25
Frank E. Shandau " "	1.50
Electric Light	9.00
Gas	3.50
	185.00

B. F. Lancaster Janitor	25.00
Immanuel Church (Clock)	50.00
Trustees of Court House (Rent)	50.00
Acting Committee's Expenses	50.00
Secretary's Expenses	50.00
Treasurer's Expenses	100.00
	325.00
	510.00

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Since the last meeting the President signed a new license to the U.S. Government for the site of the beacon light at the correct location. This new license is effective May 15/28 and specifically cancels the old license identified by Serial No C 3a-672

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April 3, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present, Messrs Janvier, Deemer, Weggenman, Rodd, W. S. Gray, Shaw, Hewlett, Biggs, Booker & Tobin (10)

In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Tobin was selected Secretary Pro.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reports the sum of \$5433.24 on hand.

The Acting Committee reported having fixed the roof on the Corner farm and also fencing work on the Oglethorpe Farm and that it was needed on the Jefferson and Clayton farms.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported progress on repairs to the roof of the Town Hall.

Messrs
Bond

The Bond of Treasurer W. S. Gray with Southern Surety, duly executed for the sum of \$3000 was presented and accepted.

Bills were presented as follows:

J. T. S. Eason, Due	149.07
J. Grant	167.90
T. Stoops	14.40
George O. Treasurer Bond	10.50
	341.87

Bylgon
Agreement

A Release of any claim of the Board against the Bylgon Steel Casting Company tract of land, arising out of the original contract under which the Board assisted in the purchase of the tract, is presented, to the effect that the contract had been fully performed by the erection of the buildings contemplated and by operation for 18 months. This release had been requested by the Title Insurance Company which is considering the title insurance in the proposed transfer of Selden S. Deemer to a prospective purchaser. The minutes of the Board were authorized and directed to execute the release on behalf of the Board and deliver it to H. S. Eastburn, Esq., for the prospective purchaser or the title insurance Company.

The matter of the State Highway Department taking

Hans Corner
Hotel

down the porch at the Hans Corner Hotel and grading the road over to the actual road-side line in connection with the improvements to be made by Mr. John Gevator was discussed and decided. The President was authorized and directed to notify the State Highway Department to remove the present porch and to grade the road over to the true road-side line so as to approach to the building from the road but without liability on part of the State Highway Department to replace or rebuild the porch.

Two permits for the installation of gasoline pumping apparatus by the Atlantic Refining Company were presented, one for the back steel lot and the other for a gasoline supply tank and pump on Penn Farm for the use by the Mason Alfalfa Process Company. The officers were authorized to execute permits to install this apparatus in both places and waive any claim for rent as against it.

A financial report was received from the Board of Highways and Water Commissioners covering the last half of the year 1927 and showing the standing of the Board as of Jan 1, 1928. The report was read and ordered filed.

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STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1928

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
1927, Cash on hand	\$ 2,003.90	The New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note and Interest	\$ 1,060.66
Abbott	678.75	New Castle County, Taxes	1,153.20
Biggs Est.	1,280.63	Fire Insurance	396.77
Clark	622.00	Board Water and Light Com., Water for Farms	130.00
Clark	930.00	Board Water and Light Com., Fire Plug	
Meggison	1,623.75	Near Basin	151.66
Clark	701.25	Board Water and Light Com., Electric Light	9.00
Alfa Process Co.—1/2 advance	300.00	Wilmington Gas Co.	12.66
H. Holcomb	2,505.17	Coal and Wood—Meeting Room	5.35
Reese—1 month advance	300.00	Printing Statements	13.50
Currander Est.		Battery Park Association	25.00
Reese	150.00	Lime for Clayton Farm	146.58
Hatton	150.00	Art and Gift Shop	8.00
Workmen	100.00	Serving Disposes Notices	2.00
Syberian Church	1.00	Repairs and Improvements at:	
Trust Co., Interest	19.62	Basin House	\$ 92.09
Total	\$11,401.07	Jefferson Farm	320.21
		Stockton Farm	806.01
		Oglethorpe Farm	103.23
		Center Hall Farm	337.86
		Penn Farm	18.90
		Union and Bayard Farm	628.96
		Clayton Farm	130.94
		Model Farm	
		Town Hall	65.25
		Total	\$ 2,503.45
		Treasurer Expenses	100.00
		Secretary Expenses	50.00
		Acting Committee Expenses	50.00
		Commissioner of Court House	50.00
		Care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor's Salary	50.00
		Balance Cash on hand	5,433.24
		Total	\$11,401.07

De H. JANVIER, President.	OFFICERS OF THE BOARD PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer	RICHARD S. RODNEY, Secretary.
JAMES G. SHAW	ACTING COMMITTEE JAMES E. BIGGS	JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
CHALLENGER	COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS WILLIAM WEGGENMAN	GEORGE T. HEWLETT

MEMBERS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent	Name	Elected
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1/2	\$ 678.75	Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
2		170 1/2	1,280.63	Frances deH. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
3		79 1/2	596.25	James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
4	Mason Alfalfa	124	930.00	James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
5	Process Co.	186 1-3	1,397.50	Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
6				Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
7	Tasker T. Clark	216 1/2	1,623.75	James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
8	Wm. Cross	93 1/2	701.25	John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
9	Elizabeth Holcomb	109 1-3	450.00	George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
10			30.00	Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
11	Wm. Steele		300.00	Wm. Weggenman	Elected Nov. 29, 1924
12	C. W. Currander Est.		56.25	Dr. Julius Dodd	Elected Aug. 1, 1925
13	John A. Reese		150.00	George T. Tobin	Elected May 1, 1926
14	James H. Hatton		150.00		
15	United Workmen		50.00		
Total			\$8,894.38		

and found correct April 18th, 1928.
J. CLAYTON, Auditing
WEGGENMAN, Committee.

PATRICK, McGRORY,
Treasurer.

A recommendation signed by all the members of City Council was presented stating that a plan was in contemplation for the construction of an Access Road to the proposed new plant of the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation at a cost estimated at about \$14,000. The Communication asked whether this Board would share half of the cost with the City provided the Levy Court would pay the other half of the total cost. An motion it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to at once take up the matter with the City Council and the Levy Court and to report at a special meeting to be called at the request of the Committee. The President appointed Mr Shaw, Mr Booker and Mr Heuser as the Committee. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Geo. F. Tobin
Secretary Pro-tem

May 1, 1928.

The Board of Trustees met at 5 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Tobin, Mr. Groop, Clayton, Riggs, Shaw and Kidney. (8)

The Treasurer presented his printed annual statement and also the fact of the receipt of \$25.00 from Skillem Steels leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$5126.97.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Royal Insurance Co.	33.53	
Nathaniel Hatoon	6.00	
F. E. Sheridan	13.50	
Abram Ingram	132.93	\$185.96

The special committee appointed to meet with City Council and the Levy Court relative to the new road leading to the Bellanca Airport reported progress, but nothing definite had been done.

A letter was received from the American Power Co. desiring permission to erect a line of poles along Churchman's Road from the du Pont Highway near Hares corner to the residence of Edward Beer. An motion the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that the consent of this Board be given to the American Power Company, its successors and assigns, to erect, operate and maintain its, poles, cables, wires and other apparatus on and along the southerly side of Churchman's Road commencing at the Colman du Pont Highway and leading from thence in a northwesterly direction along said Churchman's Road to the property of Edward C. Beer."

A special committee appointed to view the farms held by the Trustees with special reference to the condition of the fences and acreage in wheat of the farms, now leased by the Mason Alfalfa Process Company and that records evidence might be preserved of the conditions of said fences and such acreage, made a report in writing as follows:

"To the Trustees of New Castle Common"

The undersigned committee, appointed to survey and report on the condition and improvements administered by the Trust, beg leave to report as follows.

Jefferson Farm - No. 1

This property is in need of about 1100 feet of wire fence to divide the land Trust from Frank Moore's land.

Also needs about 560 feet of division, dividing the land between the farm Stockton, west of the railroad.

The cowshed and barn yard fence should be painted or whitewashed. The cowshed needs coat of metal paint.

The dwelling house and outbuilding are in excellent condition.

There is about 30 acres sown in wheat on this farm.

Stockton Farm - No. 2

The fence line dividing this farm from Currinders is in bad condition. The fence is mostly rotten, with stretches of fence being down large enough for the cows to go through. Also the division fence leading from the lane to Currinders is in need of repairs.

The cowshed needs the asbestos roof repaired.

The kitchen of the dwelling is badly in need of paint and the windows need putty.

There is about 63 acres sown in wheat on this farm.

Ogthorpe Farm - No. 3

About 60 Rods of fence on the Biggs Lane is in poor condition. About the same of division fence between Basin field and the two back fields is also in poor condition.

There is one rotten sill in the southeast corner of the barn which needs to be replaced. Other outbuildings are in good condition.

The dwelling is in a wretched condition. The old bricks seem to be rotten and falling. The window frames, sills and door frames are mostly in a condition of decay. The windows need putty. The roof especially in the western end, is in a very bad condition. The committee is of the opinion that if the building is to be kept intact, it should be weathered all around the brick portion of the building and have a new roof. Will estimate to be around \$2000.00.

Centre Hall Farm - No. 4

This farm is needing a new fence between the barn field and the Coopers field. New division fence dividing Model.

The granary needs new hinges on the door.

The end of the lane next to the Highway is always damp. Paper or paint on walls. Your committee also thinks this dwelling needs weatherboarding.

There is 40 acres sown in wheat on this farm.

Penn Farm - No. 6

The division line fence dividing this farm from No. 8 is in bad condition. The line on Christiana Road to New Castle is in poor condition, some of it being down.

The fence on the easterly side of school lane is in poor shape. There is no fence repair. The fence on the westerly side is very poor.

The barn is in good condition.

The granary is in bad condition, both ends of the roof needing repairs, walls have corn cut boarded over.

Report as to condition of farms

The dwelling house is in bad condition - needs a water shed over the hall door. Also needs a new door on the north side of the house. The floor in the hall, dining room and kitchen needs to be repaired. Need new door and cup board between dining room and kitchen. The four cellar windows are entirely gone.

This farm produced 59 1/4 acres of wheat in 1927.

Union and Payard Farms - Nos. 8 and 9

The fence along Churchman's Road is very poor, some of it being down. The division fence, mostly posts and rails on No. 9 is in poor condition. The tenant offers to take it down and clean up the debris for the wood. The division fence along Craig's lane is in poor condition. The fence on school lane also is in poor condition.

The roof of the cowshed needs repairs, as does the east end of the barn. The corrugated iron roof on the south side of the barn needs nailing. Two gates are broken on the barn yard fence. There should be protectors put around the sporting on the hay house. The granary is being moved to within 14 feet of southerly end of cowshed attached to barn.

The committee note especially the improvements being made at the expense of the tenant of the old Hotel. These are very substantial and will add much to the attractiveness of the surroundings.

There is 100 acres sown in wheat on this farm.

Clayton Farm - No. 10

The division fence along the line of John Savatos is in bad condition. The division fence from back of the barn to Churchman's Road is in bad condition.

It is important that this should be fixed by the first of June. The division fence running from the barn fence to the post and rail fence is in bad condition.

There is a new roof needed on about 20 feet of the southerly end of the barn.

The barn and other outbuildings are very poor.

The dwelling house is reported to be in very good repair.

There is 30 acres sown in wheat.

Model Farm - No. 11

There is a new fence needed from the line of Penn Farm to Washington Avenue, from the south side of the school lane and along the line of the Penn Farm to Acres' Corner Road. Also need a fence in lane leading from the back of the barn to school lane. The barnyard fence has blown down.

There is some rain sporting needed on the barn.

Everything about this farm has a deserted look and makes one feel that it is deserving of kinder treatment.

There is 36 acres sown in wheat.

Patrick McShay

Geo. T. Tobin

Geo. T. Hewlett

Committee"

May 1st, 1928

The acting committee was authorized to have all necessary repairs made to any roofs shown in the report to be in a ready condition and a copy of the report ordered to be delivered to the acting committee. An appropriation of \$15.00 was made to this committee for the expense incurred in making the examination.

It was reported to the Board that the tenant of the Mason Alfalfa Process Co. on the Penn Farms had stated that many of the division fences between farms would not be desired by the Mason Company since their total acreage in alfalfa. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the Mason Co. to inquire if this was a fact, so that such fences might be removed and stored or placed upon other farms under the direction of the Trustees. It is reported that certain of the fences had been cut by the tenants for the Company. This matter was directed to be drawn to the attention of the Corp.

The following letter was received from the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation
 "Wilmington, Delaware,
 April 16, 1928.

Trustees of New Castle Common.
 New Castle, Del.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the establishment of an airport and flying field on Spring Garden Farm near New Castle, this company believes it desirable to lease those portions of the New Castle Commons tract, abutting the property, now leased to the Mason Alfalfa Process Company.

Sub lease to Bellanca Co for 250

It has been agreed with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company to have agreed to surrender their lease upon receiving compensation for the crops already made in crops. We are willing to make such compensation if the

the Common will lease the property to Bellanca Aircraft Corporation

My understanding of the present situation is that the Mason Alfalfa Process Co. has on 18 acre tract in alfalfa and a 15 acre tract in rye. If the property is to us we will not plant any crops in the field, but will keep the alfalfa cut. In rye we will probably plow up next spring and put in grass. I understand rental of these fields is at the rate of \$7.50 per acre; that the term of the lease is years with the privilege of renewing for an additional five years.

If the property is leased to us we would wish permission to erect one or two buildings thereon and would probably remove the line fences between the tracts. We would have suitable stone markers installed before any fences are removed and to be placed at our expense by someone acceptable to the Trustees.

Since the maintenance of an airport requires a great many activities directly related to the manufacturing of airplanes, it is thought that a suitable flying company would have charge of these activities, but as far as the Trustees of the Common are concerned, Bellanca Aircraft Corporation will be the lessee.

Upon the termination of the lease the Company would restore the land and remove all buildings leaving the land in good tillable condition for any use.

Your prompt consideration of this request will be much appreciated by this company. If the airport develops as we hope it will, the amount of traffic will be large. If we do not control the fields in question the problem of damage to the crops of the Mason Alfalfa Process Company will constantly be before us to the embarrassment of ourselves and visiting aviators. The willingness of the Mason Alfalfa Process Company to cooperate with us is gratefully acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

Bellanca Aircraft Corporation

By Edgar M. Hoopes, Jr.
 Treasurer

After considerable discussion, on motion, it was resolved that a committee consisting of Messrs. McCray and Rodney be appointed to meet with the representatives of the Bellanca Aircraft Corp. with power to make such terms as to renting the land desired by the Bellanca Corp. both as to rental to be secured for the same and as to the use of the land as to the committee might seem best - provided always that the Mason Alfalfa Process Company agrees to entirely release such portion of the lands from the terms of their existing lease.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary.

June 5, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Jannet, Newell, Tobin, Weggenman, Mr. Gray, Biggs & Rodney (7)

The Treasurer reported bal from last meeting	\$4900.41
From Messrs. Alfalfa Co (June)	1395.16
	6295.57

A Report was made by the Committee having in charge the letter of the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation regarding the 33 acres on SW side of the Turnpike. The Committee recommended the leasing of this land to the said Bellanca Company for 4 yrs and 9 mos from June 1, 1928 to March 1, 1933 at 7.50 per acre without the privilege of renewing the lease. The Committee presented the release of the ground executed by the Mason Alfalfa Process Company and a new lease executed by the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation and, on motion, the proper officers of the Board of Trustees were authorized to execute both instruments.

A letter was received from Mason Alfalfa Process Company relative to the fences. Mr. Gray suggested that the Bellanca Company offer to have prepared a map showing the field divisions with the condition of the different fences. This was considered desirable and the matter with Mr. Keefe's letter was referred to Mr. Gray.

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Shanon	248.96
John F. Z. Clayton	39.50
F. E. Sheridan	4.75
George & Co	16.95
Water Rent	65.00
	375.16

On motion it was resolved to adjourn to Thursday July 5, 1928

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary.

July 5, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Laurier, Challenger, Hewlett, Glemann, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney

The Treasurer reports as follows

Balance from last meeting	5920.41
Rec'd from Ballou's Aircraft Co (3 mos)	61.88
" " Wm Steels	25.00
" " Charles Currier Est	56.25
	600

Removal of J.H. Hatten from Town Hall

The Treasurer also reported that James H. Hatten had removed from store rented by him being the S.E. store in Town Hall and that the same appears for 4 mos (from March 1st at 12.50) but had stated he would for an application was received for this store from Marion H. Reynolds for a electric fixture store which would require a display window. Another application was received from Harry J. Cable for use as an office and a printing office. Mr Cable agreed to take the premises in their present condition requiring no repairs and to pay the rent 12.50 per month.

The Acting Committee reported that a milk house and well house had been erected at the Wood Farm and that fencing had been done at the Jefferson and at the Clayton Farms.

A letter was received from the Alfalfa Process Co relating burning of the old straw on some of the farms. The Acting Com recommended that this permission be given & the recommendation approved by the Board.

The following Bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Shanon	106.71
John F. Z. Clayton	7.85
Abraham Ingraham	153.00
Boyer Bros 266.33 + 222.00 =	489.13
J. E. Shandon	9.45
American Legion	50.00
	861.14

Sept. 1928

The sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to the American Legion subscription toward the opening and upkeep of Fort Casimir Park was opened yesterday (July 9, 1928)

It being represented that the Beach near the Battery was to be closed & that subscriptions would probably be necessary it was therein ordered that the President & Treasurer be authorized to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50.00 to help defray the cost of putting the beach in better condition.

A letter was received from the State Highway Department relative to the widening of the Christiana road from Harris Corner it was desired to obtain the consent of the Trustees to a grant of the necessary land.

The letter appears on the next sheet. A motion it was resolved that the land be given for a nominal sum subject to the terms of the letter that the question of fences be left with the Acting Committee. The motion it was resolved to adjourn to 1st Tuesday in September.

F. V. DUPONT, CHAIRMAN
NEWTON L. GRUBB
JAMES HALL ANDERSON
JOSEPH E. HOLLAND
CHARLES H. GRANTLAND

The State of Delaware



C. D. BUCK
CHIEF ENGINEER
W. W. MACK
SECRETARY

State Highway Department

Dover, Delaware

June 29, 1928

Hon. R. S. Rodney
Secretary New Castle Commons
County Bldg.
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Sir:-

The Highway Department proposes to construct a new highway leading from the Hare's Corner-Christiana highway, and in widening the right of way for the construction of this road, it will be necessary to ask that the New Castle Commons donate enough land for this purpose extending along the old road. Also it will be necessary to reset the fences, which the Highway Department will do in a neat and workman like manner, at our expense.

We are aware of the conditions to be met in order to secure this right of way, and we hope same will meet with your favor.

In regard to the board fence from the stream to the house yard on the north side of the road, we will either reset same or erect a four-strand barbed wire fence with steel line posts and wooden end posts.

The area of the land requested by us is as follows: .167 acres on the south side of the road and 12 acres on the north side. This area is exclusive of the old road.

Field entrances across our ditches will be provided where entrances exist now.

Very truly yours,

State Highway Department

H. Casby
Asst. Engr.

120
167
287

GGY/PW

September 4, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Challenges, McGray, Deemer, Repp, Clayton, and Rodney (S.).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected to show that on the southeasterly side of the street floor of the Town Hall was rented to J. Cable.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance from July 11, 1928	5247.40
7/1/28 - Iron Steel	25.00
7/1/28 - Harry J. Cable, 53 Days	6.25
7/1/28 - W.L. Airway Service	8.36
7/1/28 - Farmers Ins. Co.	13.00
" - Springfield Ins. Co.	9.33
7/1/28 - Harry J. Cable	12.50
7/1/28 - Iron Steel	25.00
7/1/28 - Ins. Co. N. America	1.55
" - John A. Reese	75.00
7/1/28 - Mason Alfalfa Process Co.	139.61
7/1/28 - Tacker T. Clark	350.63
" - Harry J. Cable	12.50

\$ 7182.01

The Treasurer also reported that the opening of the Tea House at Corner had made necessary some change in the insurance policy which had theretofore been issued as a residence only and that the items of return from the insurance company appeared on the treasurer's report.

The following bills were ordered paid:

F. E. Sheridan	57.31
"	40.20
George G. - Ins. -	20.28
"	25.11
"	55.49
County Taxes	1153.15

\$ 1351.57

A letter was received from C. E. Klingmeyer, President of City Board, closing letter from County Engineer C. E. Grubb, relative to improvement of 15th Street in the Washington Park section of New Castle being the street leading from Avenue to the Pellanca Airport. Mr. Klingmeyer's letter requested the City Council of the action of this Board in connection with these improvements and special reference to the last paragraph of Mr. Grubb's letter.

Mr. Grubb's letter follows:

Enclosed herewith I wish to submit to your Honorable Body copies of the plans and specifications for improvement of 15th Street in Washington Park. In accordance with these the contract was awarded Steward, Hummel & Donohue by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at the

bid price of \$14,842.00 all work to be completed on or before November 1, 1928.

I have conferred with the representatives of the contractor and understand that he will make every effort to have the work complete for use at the time of the air meet on October 6. It may be that we shall not have the bituminous surfacing finished as per our specifications that the base course shall be exposed to traffic for a period of two weeks. It shall, however, be our aim to rush this project for completion by the air meet if possible.

In respect to the payment of one-half the cost by your council, I shall arrange to submit copies of such estimates as are allowed the contractor following receipt of which you may remit to the Levy Court one-half the amounts thereof. If you desire to make different arrangements in respect to payment I shall appreciate your early advice.

Very truly yours

C. E. Grubb,

County Engineer

A reference to the minutes of this Board shows that a committee was appointed on April 3, 1928 to take up the suggested street improvement with the City Council & Levy Court and to report at a special meeting to be called. This committee consisted of Mr. Shaw, Dr. Booker and Mr. Deemer. On May 1st, 1928, the special committee reported that nothing definite had been done. Since that time there has been no mention of the matter before the Board.

On motion, the letter of Mr. Klingmeyer with that of Mr. Grubb was referred to the committee heretofore appointed with the request that they take up the matter immediately and cause a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to be called by the President for the consideration of any action by the Trustees.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

October 4th

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Challenger, Hewlett, W.S. Gray, Clayton, Booker, Rodd & Rodney (7)
In the absence of the President Mr Rodd was made President Pro tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance from last meeting	5817.61	
W. Grant Abbott	339.38	
Wm. Steak	25. ⁰⁰	
H. J. Cable	12.50	6194

The following bills were ordered paid

Van Sever Corporation Lease	146. ²⁵	
" " " freight	27.	
J. T. & L. S. Shanon	45. ⁰⁹	
J. E. Shindler	3. ⁷⁵	
Haltom & Watson	10. ⁵⁰	
Stephens Gattis	5. ⁷⁵	
B. J. Lancaster Junior	25. ⁰⁰	
George & Co	13. ⁸⁶	
Trustees of School Green	536. ⁶³	8138

The last bill was for 1/2 of the account of the Ravey Tree Export Co for work done on the Elm trees in the Green, The Trustees having agreed to reimburse the Trustees of the Green for 1/2 the cost of the work.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 13, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, Tobin, W.S. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (8)

Treasurer reported balance from last meeting	5380.66	
Reed " Wm. Steak	25. ⁰⁰	
" " Harry J. Cable	12.50	
	5418.16	

The following bills were ordered paid

Abraham Ingraham	120.90	
John T. Stroops	6.55	
Joseph Z. Grant	38.46	
Harry Bowen	47.75	
Boyce Bros	21.75	
J. T. & L. S. Shanon	179.06	
Water Rent	65.00	479.47

James V. Campbell, Chief Engineer of Good Will Fire Company appeared before the Board requesting the assistance of the Board in the purchase of fire hose. On motion it was resolved that the Board would pay

half of the cost of 500 feet of new hose (costing approximately 1³⁰ per ft) when the hose is received and satisfactory to the Fire Company.

The Treasurer reported the substance of an interview with Mr W. F. Silver in which he stated his present inability to pay his rent. On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer notify Mr Silver that the Board desires a chattel mortgage on his wheat crop and other personal property and the proper officers of the Board were authorized to have such chattel mortgage prepared and recorded.

The Treasurer was also instructed to notify Mr Cross that the Board desires the sale of his wheat now in his barn and the application of the proceeds of sale to his indebtedness.

The Treasurer was authorized to make new distribution of insurances held on the various properties so that the different insurance companies would hold their proper respective portions of both preferred residential and non-preferred outbuilding risks. It was understood that the amount of insurances was not to be decreased.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 4, 1928

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Janvier, Tobin, Hewlett, W.S. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Clayton, Booker & Rodney (9)

Mr W.S. Gray reported that he had seen Mr Silver who agreed to give a chattel mortgage on his personal property, but did not desire to include his cows as he desired to change them from time to time. On motion it was resolved that the cows should be included and that the Treasurer be authorized to release any cows that might it was desired later to sell.

The Acting Committee reported repairs at the house on the Paine farm and that it was attending to the fences on the Clayton farm. The Acting Committee was authorized to have repairs made to the roof of the barn on the Clayton farm & also repairs to window sashes.

The President reported the Board the death on November 23rd of William Weggenman a member of this Board who was elected Nov 29, 1924. A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Rodney, Rodd & Janvier to present Resolutions on the death of Mr Weggenman at the next meeting.

The following bills were approved

Abraham Ingraham	44.20
J. T. & L. S. Shanon Inc	27.68
	71.88

The Treasurer's report (omitted from the beginning of these minutes) was

Balance from last meeting	4901.14	4955.69
Received from Wagon Alfalfa Process Co	1395.16	
" " State Highway Dept	6296.36	

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Feb 5, 1929

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challenger, Tobin, W.C. Gray, Biggs, Clayton, Shaw & Booker

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance from last meeting	6308.97
Return of fire insurance Premium Farmers Mutual	14.88
" " " " " Herford Co	10.77
William Steele	25.
Bellanca Air Craft Corporation	123.76
Harry J. Cable	12.50
	<u>6495.88</u>

The Committee appointed to hold an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Weggenman reported that such election was held on Saturday Jan 26 at the Mayor's Office between the hours 1 and 6 with the following result:

Total number of votes cast	190
Mark J. Clymer received	109 votes
Walter B. Ingram "	61 "
William H. Beck "	19 "
Frank S. Boudguals "	1 " 190

Mr Clymer having received the majority of votes cast was declared elected and being present took his seat as a member of the Board.

Mr W. Frank Silver, tenant in the Appleton Farm under the Mason Alfalfa Co on whose property the Board holds a chattel mortgage appeared before the Board and stated that he desired to hold a sale on February 18th and asked the permission of the Board. This permission was granted upon the understanding that the indebtedness to the Board should be paid out of the proceeds of sale before any other bills are paid. Mr W.C. Gray was appointed as agent for the Board to attend the sale and to certify the clerk of sale of the action of the Board.

Mr Shaw reported that Mr Governor of the State Highway Dept had agreed to fix the fence under the new bridge near the Clayton farm. At the meeting it was resolved that Mr Abbott's request for water pipe be left with the Acting Committee as was also a suggestion of the bad condition of one of the fields on the Stockton farm with reference to gullies or washes brought about by improper tillage and failure to stop the washes.

The following bills were ordered paid

J.T. & L. E. Elsom Inc	157.06	City Council for Fire Hore	318.50
Abram Ingram	207.36	George & Co Insurances	19.61
Charles Woodward	25.00	W.C. Swaney Printy Co	2.91
" "	15.00	Evening Journal	4.31
John T. Sloops	7.00		
Election Expenses	12.00	J. de K. Janvier Rec Chattel Mortgage	2.25
			<u>771.09</u>

Secretary

March 5, 1929

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, W.C. Gray, Tobin, Clymer, Steamer & Challenger (9)

In the absence of the Secretary (absent because of illness) Mr Challenger was made Secretary Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last meeting	5724.72
Rec'd from William Steele	25.00
" " William F. Silver	474.02
" " Elizabeth H. Holcomb	30.00
" " A. O. U. W	50.00
" " William Steele	50.00
" " Mason Alfalfa Process Co	1395.16
" " Tasker Clark	350.62
" " New Castle Trust Co (Interest)	88.44
" " W. Grant Abbott	339.37
" " John A. Reese	75.00
" " H. J. Cable	12.50
	<u>8589.88</u>

The Treasurer also reported that the Chattel Mortgage of W. F. Silver had been paid in full with the exception of 2⁰⁰ protest on a \$20⁰⁰ check.

The Acting Committee reported a new roof on the barn of the Clayton farm and some windows at Centre Hall. The Committee on Public Buildings reported two bids for repairing the Town Hall and the work was left with the Committee. The Treasurer reported that Tasker Clark wanted a new milk house 12x12 and the matter was left with the Acting Committee with power to act.

The following bills were approved

J.T. & L. E. Elsom Inc	58.62
Del Hardware Co (Abbott Farm)	12.82
Joseph F. Grant	50.00
Abram Ingram	96.05
Expenses at Silver's sale	10.00
Wahington Gas Co	6.00
Water & Light Board	9.00
Janitor Gues	25.00
Treasurer	100.00
Secretary	50.00
Acting Committee	50.00
Commissioners of Court House (Part)	50.00
Care to Town Clock	50.00
Protest on check of Mr Silver	2.07
	<u>544.61</u>

A communication was received from City Council relative to the payment for the street opened from Washington Ave to the plant of the Bellanca Air Craft Co. At the meeting it was resolved to postpone the matter to a special meeting to be held in two weeks at which City Council would be invited to be present.

This being the Annual meeting the Board went into election for officers with the following results.

- President F. de N. Janvier
- Secretary Richard S. Rodney
- Treasurer Patrick W. Groy
- Acting Committee James S. Shaw, James E. Biggs & John F. Z. Clay
- Public Bldgs Committee James T. Challenger, George T. Hewlett & George T. Tolson
- Jawler Bennett S. Lancaster

Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Chiquar were appointed as an Auditing Com.

The meeting then adjourned

James J. Creasey
Secretary Pro Tem

March 26, 1929

A special meeting of the Board was called for this evening. The janitor not having been notified of the special meeting and the building not being ready for occupancy the Board adjourned to the house the Secretary.

Present Messrs Janvier, Clayton, Biggs, Tobin, Chiquar, Booker, Hewlett, Mr. Groy & Rodney

The meeting was held for the purpose of meeting with the Council relative to the payment for the newly built 13th Street. In consequence of notice Charles S. Klingmeyer, President of City Council and men Richard S. Pender, Edward S. Hurlbuck & John Jester attended.

A discussion of the matter was had and City Council was informed that at no time had the Trustees been consulted as to the road or the payment of it and that the Board had not obligated itself to pay one fourth of the cost of the street or any other amount. (See Page 233)

The City Council stated that the contract had been let by the levy for approximately 14800.00; that the Levy Court would pay 1/2 of the cost; that the work had been delayed over the winter and that the City Council had paid the sum of \$2900.00 being 1/2 of the amount done by the contractor, the other 1/2 having been paid by the Levy Court. It was understood that work was to be resumed on the road about April.

After some discussion it was resolved that an order be drawn in favor of City Council for \$1500.00 being approximately 1/2 of the amount done by the City with the understanding that at some future time the Board would determine whether it would make any further payment and this payment of \$1500.00 was no commitment for any future payment.

The payment of \$1500.00 at this time was made in order that City Council could anticipate a payment to the Light and Water Board of about the same amount.

On motion the Board dispersed with the meeting on April 2nd & adjourned to meet on First Tuesday in May.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

May 7th - 1929

Board met 8 PM - Present: Messrs. Janvier, Shaw, Riggs, Clayton, McEroy, Colyer, Hewlett, Challenger

Meeting called to order by Pres. Janvier. when minutes of last meeting.

Report of Treasurer accepted and entered on the minutes, also report of Auditor accepted and ordered filed.

Report of Acting Committee on Repairs on the Alex. Raster Home, fencing on Model Farm, and Jefferson & Centre Hall that was necessary.

It was moved and seconded that bills amounting to \$2215.50 be allowed and orders drawn for payment.

Mr. McEroy suggested that the members bear in mind the conserving of receipts for the next few years for equipping the new school building.

It was moved and seconded that the President of the Board write to Judge Rodney expressing regret for his illness and hope for his immediate recovery. Motion passed.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

Secy Pro Tem

List of Bills - meeting 7/29

Joseph S. Grant	130.00	J. S. E. Eliason	123.41
John Riggs	5.00	"	30.62
George & Co	10.50	J. S. Stoops	33.71
Cable Print Shop	9.00	Joseph Grant	10.70
Joseph Thomas	4.40	F. E. Sheridan	19.75
Chas. Hanner Co.	146.25	Thomas Clark	3.00
City Council	1500.00	Abel Ingram	6.50
Harrington & Son	46.00	"	43.56
Edgar Burris	9.10	"	26.00
John A. Cannon	5.00		
			92215.50

Receipts

Bal Mar 1/29	8182.64
Reliance Aircraft	61.88
Iron Steel	25.00
Royal Ins Co	
+ Kind Dam. Model Farm	130.00
Royal Ins Co	
Kind Dam. Stratten Farm	5.00
Harry J. Cable	25.00
	8429.52

June 1929

No quorum

July 2, 1929

Board met 8 PM - Present, Janvier, Booker, Shaw, Biggs, McLaughlin, Clymer, Tobin, Hewlett, Challenger, Dodd, Clayton & Rodney.
Meeting called to order by President Janvier.

Report of Treasurer:

Balance	6214.02
Hotel	25.00
Mason A. P. Co.	1395.16
Cable	12.50
Hotel	25.00

Committee on Pub. Building - no Report.

Acting Committee reports - New fences. Abbott Farm and Model Farm, also shed at Baxter and repairs to House and porch, milk house and painted house at Biggs.

Motion passed that bills be allowed and order drawn for the amount - \$2434.72.

Bill of Mr. Lane for trimming hedges - on motion it was moved that bill be approved by Acting Committee, if correct, and the amount credited in rent. Motion passed.

Quarterly report of Water & Light Committee received. It was moved the report be filed. Passed.

In regard to communication from Mason Alfalfa Process Company Secretary notified this company that the Trustees have no agreement in regard to poles - that is between the tenant and the telephone company.

It was moved and passed that the next meeting would be the first in September.

Secretary.

Note - The bill for \$1500 as shown on the minutes of May 7th for which order was drawn, said amount being payable to City Council, is a duplication of the order set out on the minutes of March 26, both items being for the same amount - 2 bills order for \$1500.

Bills

May Bill - Union Inc.	155.57	Harry Brown - Paint House	
June "	496.89	" Milk House Biggs	121.17
Abraham Ingram	717.86	Thos. Black - Pump - Thos. Black	5.50
Baxter 10 ⁸⁸	219.84	Royce Brown	1067.91
Baxter	146.90	Royal Dr. Co. - Drs	39.00
Abbott	19.51	George P. Co	19.24
J. J. Clayton	24.35	No. American	16.95
J. J. Troop - Baxter 7 ¹		Water & Light Board	52.00
Paint Shop	211.85		
H. G. Hudson - Antechell			424.34 1/2
Rep. Hydrant	16.65		

Sept 3, 1929

Board met at 8 PM Present Messrs Janvier, Heenan, Challenger, Hewlett, Clymer, Lee S. Gray, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney (P)
The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance on hand	5998.64
July 15 Union Steel	25
17 U.S. Air-ways	20
Aug 26 Union Steel	25
31 Mason Alfalfa Process Co	1395.16
Sept 3 Tasker T. Clark	350.63
" 3 W. Grant Abbott	339.38
" John A. Reese	75.00
" Harry J. Cable	25.00
	<u>8253.81</u>

On motion the Acting Committee was authorized to repair the shed roof at Centre Hall using its judgment as to method & material.

On motion it was resolved that the matter of renting the Model Farm to a new tenant be left in the hands of the Acting Committee with power to give a definite answer to any prospective tenant.

A letter from Haver Tree Expert Co to Lee Shaw concerning the elms in the Green was discussed and on motion it was resolved that this Board will bear one-half of the expense of repairing the trees as outlined in the letter. This letter indicated that 750⁰⁰ would be needed for this year's work already done amounted to 370⁰⁰.

The Treasurer reported that Lee Tasker T. Clark had told him that the division line fence recently erected by Clyde Wear is 18 inches on the Trustees property.

The following bills were ordered paid.

Harry Bowen	140.00
J. T. & J. E. Shanon, Inc	168.85
Abraham Ingram	184.83
" "	37.95
John F. Z. Clayton	3.40
County taxes	989.42
George & Co. Inc	80.13
B. F. Lancaster Janitor	25.00
	<u>1524.58</u>

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

September 24, 1929

Board met in special session at 8 P.M. at the written request of
to consider an application of the School Building Commission.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Challenger, Deemer, M. Gray, Biggs, Clayton,
Hewlett, Booker, Dodd, Tobin, Clymer and Rodney.

There also appeared Mr. Newlin T. Booth, James T. Elison and Jacob A.
being members of the New Castle School Board; Dr. H. V. Holloway, Director
of Public Instruction; Jas. S. Wilson, a member of the Board of Education;
Alexander J. Taylor, Engineer for the State Board.

Mr. Booth presented a written statement from the New Castle School
Building Commission as follows:

New Castle, Delaware.

September 23, 1929.

Trustees of the Commons,
New Castle, Delaware.

Gentlemen:-

So that you may have a fairly complete outline of the new
Elementary and High School situation for New Castle, we submit
the following information:

In July 1924 the voters of the City authorized a 5% bond
issue amounting to \$125,000. After study by the school board then
in office, it was decided that a school to adequately house the
pupils could not be built for so small an amount.

In May of 1928 the State Board of Education set aside
\$135,000 with the proviso that the City of New Castle pass a bond
issue in the amount of 2% of the 1919 county assessment amounting
to \$50,744. This gave the Commission approximately \$185,000.

After a complete survey, sixteen acres of the Saulsbury
farm were purchased for \$12,000. Preliminary plans were drawn up
and discussed at various meetings of the School Board and at joint
meetings of the State Board, and it was finally realized that the
total available was insufficient.

At a meeting in December 1928 a resolution was adopted
holding up the project awaiting action of the State Legislature.
The feeling of the State Board members at that time was that
a law would be enacted whereby school districts would be permitted
to bond up to 5% instead of the present 2%. Although this did not
come about, in May of this year additional funds in the amount of
\$31,000 were placed at our disposal by the State Board. The
total funds available after having paid for the site amounted to
\$205,000.

Plans were again discussed and details finally decided
upon, so that bids on the structure were opened on September 19.
These plans call for alternate bids by,

- First: The omission of classrooms 12 and 13.
- Second: The omission of classrooms 12, 13, 9,
Manual Training Room, Lumber Room and
foundations under these rooms.
- Third: The omission of a combined frame auditorium
and gymnasium,

After considerable discussion, especially with reference to the ability
of the Trustees to obtain any substantial sum of money, by loan or otherwise,
and after hearing the members of the State Board from which it ap-
peared that the aid of the Trustees was indispensable, the Board
adjourned, to meet on Sept 27th.

Richard S. Rodney
Secy.

September 27, 1929

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Challenger, M. Gray, Biggs, Clayton,
Hewlett, Booker, Dodd, Tobin, Clymer & Rodney.

The Treasurer reported having received from William Cross the sum
of \$100 and balance in hand including that payment of \$6804.²⁹

On Motion, it was resolved that the acting committee, with the
Secretary and Treasurer, take up the question of the seating of Model Farm.

The following bills were ordered paid:

To H. Shaidan	10.50	
J. H. B. Elison Inc.	144.22	
Treas - Mkt Sq.	192.71	347.58

On Motion, it was resolved that the Trustees should visit the
farm constituting the Trust on Thursday Oct 3, meeting in front of the Court
House, at 2 P.M.

On Motion it was resolved that the repair of the Elm Trees in the Green
be assumed by this Board until such time as the Trustees of the Market Square
shall be in a financial condition to assume and repay one half of the cost thereof.

Considerable discussion was had concerning the request of the
New Castle School Building Commission for the aid of this Board in the com-
pletion of the new school Building. The matter was debated at length by
the trustees and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that the New Castle
School Building Commission has purchased a site for a new Public Elementary
and High School Building on the Hermitage Farm near the New Castle & Frenchtown
Highways, and that plans have been drawn up and bids obtained for the Building
thereof; and

Whereas it appears that the funds available from all sources for the
said building are insufficient for the erection thereof and that without the
aid of this Board the said plans must be amended and the usefulness
of the said Building curtailed by the elimination of an auditorium, gym-
nasium, three classrooms, manual training room, lumber room, and
foundations, the future inclusion of which items can only be had by a
greatly enhanced cost.

And Whereas this Board has always fostered and encouraged the
cause of public education and believes the completion of the said building

September 27, 1929

Board met in special session at 8 P.M. at the written request of
to consider an application of the School Building Commission.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Challenger, Deemer, M. Gray, Biggs, Clayton,
Hewlett, Booker, Dodd, Tobin, Clymer and Rodney.

There also appeared Mr. Newlin T. Booth, James T. Elison and Jacob A.
being members of the New Castle School Board, Dr. H. W. Holloway, Secy.
of Public Instruction, Jos. S. Wilson, a member of the Board of Education,
Alexander J. Taylor, Engineer for the State Board.

Mr. Booth presented a written statement from the New Castle
Building Commission as follows:

Trustees of the Commons ---- #2.

The lowest bid, including heating, lighting, plumbing and
ventilation covered, total \$202,000. This does not include furnishing,
grading and inevitable incidentals.

By omitting the auditorium and gymnasium, the three class-
rooms, Manual Training Room, Lumber Room and the foundations, would
decrease the amount by approximately \$18,000. However, should these
necessary rooms be omitted now, it is estimated that it would cost
about \$27,000 to add them at a later date and assuming the present
cost of labor and materials.

The building has been planned after considerable thought and
study on the part of the local school authorities, the State Board
of Education, the architects and engineer, both in the light of
New Castle's requirements and the amount of money available, and in
their minds provides the minimum unit.

Realizing that the Trustees of the Commons have always
fostered the advancement of public education and that this school
cannot be completed without your assistance, we, therefore, request
a minimum of \$25,000 to assist in this outstanding improvement.

Respectfully,

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMISSION.

After considerable discussion, especially with reference to the ability
of the Trustees to obtain any substantial sum of money, by loan or otherwise,
and after hearing the members of the State Board from which it ap-
peared that the aid of the Trustees was indispensable, the Board
adjourned, to meet on Sept. 27th.

Richard S. Rodney
Secy.

September 27, 1929

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Challenger, M. Gray, Biggs, Clayton,
Hewlett, Booker, Dodd, Tobin, Clymer & Rodney.

The Treasurer reported having received from William Cross the sum
\$100 and balance in hand including that payment of \$6804.²³

On Motion, it was resolved that the acting committee, with the
secretary and Treasurer, take up the question of the seating of Model Farm.

The following bills were ordered paid:

To Shaidan	10.50	
To J. H. Elison Inc.	144.32	
To New Mt. Co.	192.71	347.53

On Motion, it was resolved that the Trustees should visit the
mine constituting the Trust on Thursday Oct. 3, meeting in front of the Court
house, at 2 P.M.

On Motion it was resolved that the repair of the Elm Trees in the Green
assumed by this Board until such time as the Trustees of the Market Square
hall be in a financial condition to assume and repay one-half of the cost thereof.

Considerable discussion was had concerning the request of the
New Castle School Building Commission for the aid of this Board in the con-
struction of the new school Building. The matter was debated at length by
the Trustees and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that the New Castle
School Building Commission has purchased a site for a new Public Elementary
and High School Building on the Hermitage Farm near the New Castle & Frenchtown
highways, and that plans have been drawn up and bids obtained for the Building
thereof; and

Whereas it appears that the funds available from all sources for the
said building are insufficient for the erection thereof and that without the
aid of this Board the said plans must be amended and the usefulness
of the said Building curtailed by the elimination of an auditorium, gym-
nasium, three classrooms, manual training room, lumber room and
foundations, the future inclusion of which items can only be had by a
greatly enhanced cost —

And Whereas this Board has always fostered and encouraged the
cause of public education and believes the completion of the said building

according to the present plans of great benefit to the citizens of the City of New Castle.
 Now Therefore Be It Resolved that for the purpose of completing the said Building according to the existing plans the Trustees of New Castle Common give to the New Castle School Building Commission the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars said sum to be paid by the first day of September, 1930, if said sum be needed that time.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Board of Trustees would in all probability have available for the said school purposes upwards of five thousand dollars and it was suggested that the balance, not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars might be borrowed from the New Castle Trust Company when needed, during the month of 1930.

It is upon the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the aid of the Trustees of New Castle Common has appeared indispensable for the completion of the proposed public Elementary and High School Building for the City of New Castle, according to the approved plans and the Trustees have agreed to furnish to the New Castle School Building Commission of Twenty Thousand Dollars by the first day of September, 1930.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the proper officers of this Board make application to the New Castle Trust Company for a loan of a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars to be represented and secured by the Board, said loan to be made during the month of August, 1930.

And Be It Further Resolved that the faith and credit of the City of New Castle Common be pledged for the payment of said sum and the accruing thereon.

On motion it was resolved that when this Board adjourns, it do so adjourn to meet at the regular meeting, the first Tuesday in November.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

November 6, 1929

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jamies, Messrs Hewell, Tolie, Messrs. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (P)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last meeting	6426.70
Recd from William Steel	50.00
Charter County Ins Co	7.50
Farmers Union " "	7.50
Harford Co " " "	7.50
Springfield Hl " "	30.00
	6506.60

The quarterly report of the Light & Water Board, was received & filed to Sept 30

The Committee on Town Hall was authorized to have water run to Third floor and a sink there installed. It was also authorized to have chimney or flue of Cable Print Shop cleaned out.

Report being made that William Steel's lease for the house at corner of Highway & West Port Road (for 5 years) expired on March 1, 1930 the Treasurer was authorized to serve a notice to quit on Mr. Steel so that a new lease may be entered into on new terms if desired. The Treasurer was also authorized to serve a like notice on William Cross tenant of the Model Farm.

The following bills were ordered paid.

N. A. Phelps	18.90
Claude Banta	76.52
Alvan Ingram Sept 162 ⁵⁰	
Oct 56 ⁹⁵	219.45
C. S. Fougland	30.00
Harry Bowen	56.50
John C. W. Howell	99.00
Light & Water Board	69.33
J. T. S. Shaver Sept 125 ⁶⁹	
Oct 60 ⁰⁸	188.77
	758.47

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Water Bill included a large amount (over 16⁰⁰) for excess water used on the Model Farm and the Acting Committee was asked to look into the matter & inquire for any leak in the pipes. The 99⁰⁰ paid to Mr. W. Howell was for a balance of taxes the difference being caused by his error in calculation & this amount being in addition to the amount already paid.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

Dec 3, 1929

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jamies, Tolie, Messrs. Gray, Biggs, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (P)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last meeting	5094.31
Balance Air Craft Co	61.86
William Steel	25.00
Messrs Alfalfa Process Co	1395.15
H. J. Kable	25.00
	6601.32

The following bills were ordered paid

Harry Spahn work on Town Hall	2.30
Harry Bowen painting Centre Hall	185.00
Fred Ford laying pipe	42.00
Joseph F. Grant	125.12
Boyer Brothers	376.99
	731.41
	731.41
	5869.91

The Treasurer also reported that he had served notices on William Cross and William Steel pursuant to the order of the Board. The motion was resolved that the lease be renewed to Mrs. Sophie Higgins without any guaranty of repairs and that the lease should contain a provision that any part of the property be taken by the trustees upon the payment of the actual cost and a proportionate abatement of rent.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 7, 1930

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Challinor, Newlett, Clymer, Rodd, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal from last meeting	5869.90
Rec'd from Bellanca Aircraft Corp	61.88
" William Steele	25.00
" Harry J. Cable	26.00
	<u>5981.78</u>

The following bills were ordered paid

Royal Insurance Company	\$156.71
Leazer & Company Insurance	61.39
Abraham Ingram	160.03
Hayes Tree Expert Co	840.13
William W. Mayeur	76.20
H. A. Phelps	17.13
Thomas Slack	6.00
Warner Company	27.00
J. T. & L. E. Elson	147.32
" "	2.47
	<u>1494.88</u>

A letter was received from City Council requesting the Board in paying for the balance due on the improvement to Street leading to Bellanca Aircraft Co. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and state that the present and former members of the Board with regard to the erection of the new building, make it impossible for the Board to give further help in paying for it. The letter from City Council and answer are appended to these minutes. Considerable discussion was had as to the renewal of the lease to Steele for the old Bruce property at corner of State Highway & New Pat. It was finally resolved that a lease be executed to William Steele for the term of three years from March 1, 1930 at the rental of \$35.00 per month payable monthly in advance.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Jan 5, 1930

Board did not meet for want of a quorum
Present Messrs Janvier, Tobin, Biggs, Mr. Gray & Rodney (5)

Richard S. Rodney, Secy

EDW. F. HUSHEBECK
PRESIDENT

BANKSON T. HOLCOMB
MAYOR

G. ALLEN SMITH
CITY CLERK
D. & A. PHONE 101

ROBERT A. BARNES
SAMUEL T. FARMER
WILLIAM T. PAYTON
CHAS. F. YETTER

City Council of New Castle

"NEW CASTLE, THE PROGRESSIVE CITY
ON THE DELAWARE"

NEW CASTLE, DEL. January 2, 1930

Trustees of the Common,
New Castle, Delaware.

"Attention:--Francis deH. Janvier, Esq. Pres."

Dear Mr. Janvier:

I am enclosing herewith, letter and invoice received from The Levy Court Commission, New Castle County; balance of \$4,726.24 covering the amount due for construction of Thirteenth Street, as per agreement.

At the time this improvement was passed by Council, Mr. Klingmyer, who was President of City Council at the time, informed the members that an agreement had been made with your Honorable Body to assume one half of the City's share, which would amount to \$3,857.00. At a later date, I attended a meeting relative to improvements on Thirteenth Street, at the home of Hon. Judge Richard S. Rodney, and as a result, I found there was no agreement written or verbal existing. In the discussion Mr. Patrick McGrory made a motion which was duly adopted to forward a check to City Council in the amount of \$1,500.00, covering one half of the first estimate, which amounted to \$2,987.76, with the understanding that the Trustees of the Common would not be obligated for any further payments.

Upon receipt of letter and invoice, I made an inspection and found Drainage Conditions along this street in very bad shape. I visited Mr. Charles E. Grubb, County Engineer, regarding drainage on this contract, and he informed me that he had an agreement with Mr. Garlick, that he (Mr. Garlick) would take care of that part of the work; he also stated that he would get in touch with Mr. Garlick and ascertain why nothing has been done by way of improvement on this agreement. However, I have heard nothing up to this writing.

I am taking this opportunity to solicit the aid of your Honorable Body in the payment of the City's share as stated above.

Any consideration you will deem worthy of this communication will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Hushebeck
Pres. of City Council

EFH.
Enc.

BUILD YOUR FACTORY OR HOME IN NEW CASTLE
WE OFFER
IDEAL FACTORY SITES — ALL CONVENIENCES FOR THE HOME

New Castle, Delaware,
January 10th, 1930.

Mr. Edward F. Hashebeck, President
City Council,
New Castle, Delaware.

Dear Sir:

The Trustees of New Castle Commons duly received your letter of January 2nd in which the City Council indicated a desire for the Trustees to assume part of the balance due for the repair of Thirteenth Street.

You are entirely correct in your statement that on March 26th last when the Trustees of the Commons paid the sum of \$1500 on account of this street improvement that such payment was made with a stipulation that it would not commit the trustees to any further payment.

The trustees were never consulted at any time prior to the beginning of the work and at no time have the trustees agreed to defray any part of the cost other than the sum of \$1500 as above indicated.

It unfortunately happens that in September last the Trustees of the Commons agreed to advance toward the erection of the new school the sum of \$20,000 because the school could not be built without this aid being extended by the trustees.

The commitments of the trustees are so large that the Board would not be able for some time to come to assume any other obligations which may amount to any considerable sum.

I am instructed by the Trustees to communicate this fact to you.

Very truly yours,

RSR:EK

March 5, 1930

Board met at 8 P.M. in the room in old Court House. Present Messrs
Jawors, Hewlett, Tobin, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodley (8)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand from last meeting	4486.90	
Feb 4 From William Sleale	25.00	
" H. J. Cable	12.50	
Feb 20 Farmer Unit Bus Co (Ret Pnum)	26.91	
Mar 1 Ulsan Alfalfa Process Co	1395.16	
John A. Reese	75.00	
Tasker T. Clark	350.62	
W. Grant Abbott	150.00	6521.99

Tasker Clark was given permission to install electric lights in the house on the Clayton Farm at his own expense.

The matter of removal of old fences by Tasker Clark and Thomas Clark was left with the Acting Committee

The Treasurer reported that prior to the sale held by William Cross on the Model Farm that he had sent a letter to Mr Cross and also to Mr Klair the Clerk of the sale giving the amount of rent due the Trustees and stating that the Board expected payment of the rent from the proceeds of sale but that up to this time he had heard nothing from either Cross or Klair. The Treasurer was requested to write again to Mr Klair.

The following Bills were ordered paid.

Royal Insurance Company		431. ³⁰
George & Company	82. ⁰⁸	
" "	58. ⁵²	140. ⁶⁰
J. P. Gann		10. ⁰⁰
Wilmington Gas Co		6. ⁰⁰
Light & Water Commission		10. ²⁰
Treasurers Expenses		100. ⁰⁰ ✓
Secretary's "		50. ⁰⁰ ✓
Acting Committee "		50. ⁰⁰ ✓
Commissions of Court House		50. ⁰⁰ ✓
Care of Town Clock		50. ⁰⁰ ✓
Jauntier		25. ⁰⁰ ✓
J. E. Skowlan	42. ²⁵	
" "	8. ⁶⁴	
" "	5. ⁵²	56. ⁴¹
Harry Spahn	#	1. ⁵⁰
J. T. & L. E. Ebsan, Inc		10. ⁸²
William Sleahyne		4. ⁶⁰
Joseph F. Grant		40. ⁴⁰
		<u>1036.83</u>

A letter was received from Mr Genial Garraway, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington stating that in undertaking to light the Bellanca Air Port they had found 3 trees on the Trustees property which

Constituted aviation hazards and asked to be allowed to remove the trees. A photograph was enclosed on which the trees were marked. The Board was uncertain that the trees did constitute hazards and left the matter with the President and Secretary to take up with Mr. Garroway if further action was desired.

A letter was received from Henry E. Sweeney Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Board to the following effect:

"The Board of Education has instructed me to request your permission to use your meeting room for school purposes if we desire to organize a special room for problem children. You understand that the Board would equip the room with furniture for school purposes and that we would furnish reasonable janitor service." After our discussion the Board was not convinced that it was advisable to use the room for such purpose and the matter was left with a committee consisting of Messrs Booker, Shaw & Rodney with power to act.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

April 1, 1930

Board met at S.P. 66, Present Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, Clayton, Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker, Tobin & Rodney (9)

The Treasurer reported that the books were being audited and was no special Treasurer's Report.

The following bills were ordered paid

John T. Sloops 8.50
Thomas Slack 4.00 12.50

The Treasurer reported the receipt of a letter from William H. Clair of the William Cross rent. Mr. Clair stated that he had received no notice of the Cross sale and would have none to turn over to the Trustees.

John Biggs of the Stockton farm appeared before the Board with some fencing and his desire for a garage. The matter of fencing was left with the Acting Committee with power to act & the same was requested to obtain the cost of a garage & report to the next meeting.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

May 6, 1930

Board met at S.P. 66, Present Messrs Janvier, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, Clayton, Clymer, Tobin, Hewlett & Challenger, (9)

In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Challenger was made Secretary Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer presented his annual printed report which was distributed & a copy is added to the minutes.

The Treasurer also reported balance 5766.57

April 1 Wm Steele Apr 1 & May 3-35 each 70.

Bellaire Aircraft Corp 61.88

H J Cable 12.50

5910.95

12.80

Less order at April meeting 5898.15

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures

of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
For the Year Ending March 1, 1930

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
1929 Balance Cash on Hand	\$ 8,182.64	City Council for building 13th Street	\$ 1,500.00
Wm. Grant Abbott	489.38	Trustees Market Square, Repairing Tree	1,032.84
Alfalfa Process Co.	5,580.63	County Taxes	1,008.42
T. Clark	701.25	Insurance	956.12
Wm. Cross	100.00	Board of Water & Light Commissioners, Water	119.33
Elizabeth Holcomb, Estate	30.00	Electric Light & Gas Meeting	16.20
Wm. Steele	310.00	Coal - Meeting Room	4.60
Wm. Currinder, Estate	150.00	Printing Annual Report	9.00
John A. Reese	150.00	Writing Leases - for Farms	10.00
Wm. Steele	50.00		\$ 4,656.51
Workmen	247.50	Repairs and Improvements at--	
Aircraft Corporation	20.00	Basin House	\$ 8.64
Ways Service	121.58	Jefferson Farm	877.66
Stockton Farm, Interest	26.81	Stockton Farm	677.43
Insurance, Premium returned	135.00	Oglethorpe Farm	1,343.76
Insurance, Damage	30.00	Center Hall Farm	1,093.55
Insurance, Damage	30.00	Penn Farm	152.74
TOTAL	\$18,324.79	Union & Bayard Farm	11.30
		Clayton Farm	525.71
DUE FROM TENANTS		Model Farm	704.47
Wm. Cross	841.15	Town Hall	154.45
Wm. Grant Abbott	189.37		\$ 5,551.71
Wm. Steele	58.33	Treasurer Expense	100.00
Ways Service, One Year due June 30th	20.00	Secretary Expense	50.00
Wm. Currinder, Estate	56.25	Acting Committee Expense	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,165.10	Commissioners Court House	50.00
RENTS IN ADVANCE		Care Town Clock	50.00
Alfalfa Process Co. 3 months		Janitors Salary	50.00
Wm. Steele 1 months		Balance Cash on Hand	5,766.57
		TOTAL	\$16,324.79

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

CIS DeH. JANVIER, Pres. PATRICK McGRORY, Treas. RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.

ACTING COMMITTEE

JAMES G. SHAW JAMES E. BIGGS JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING

S. T. CHALLENGER GEORGE T. TOBIN GEORGE T. HEWLETT

LANDS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
1	W. Grant Abbott	90 1-2	\$ 678.75
2		170 3-4	1,280.63
3		79 1-2	696.25
4	Mason Alfalfa	124 1-3	930.00
5	Process Co.	153 1-3	1,150.00
6			
7			
8	Tasker T. Clark	216 1-2	1,623.75
9	Wm. Cross	93 1-2	701.25
10	Elizabeth Holcomb	109 1-3	450.00
11			30.00
12	Wm. Steele		300.00
13	C. W. Currinder Est.		56.25
14	John A. Reese		150.00
15	H. J. Cable		150.00
16	Order United Workman		50.00
17	Aircraft Corporation	33	247.50
18	Ways Service		20.00
Total			\$ 8,414.38

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
James T. Challenger	Elected April 29, 1916
John F. Z. Clayton	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Dr. Julius Dodd	Elected Aug. 1, 1925
George T. Tobin	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer	Elected Jan. 26, 1929

Audited and found correct April 22, 1930

LEWIS BOOKER, Auditing
JAMES E. BIGGS, Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

In the absence of the Secretary
He also reported
The Acting Committee
until called

As within the Acting Committee was attempted to meet necessary Jones letters Biggo & Albert James & lettered Miss Rankin & Miss Jones & also necessary repairs to Stella House.

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. S. Sloan (Meads)	259.64
" "	120.27
Light & Water Board	50.00
John Z. Clayton	11.20
George W. Swanson	16.95
Franklin Reed Gunn Statist.	9.00
J. T. Skelton	9.75
Henry Benson	14.25
Chas. Ingram Meads	80.50
Apr 48 20	128.20
	<u>619.26</u>

June 3, 1930

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Misses Janner, Talm, Elmer Meads, Mr. Shroy, Biggo, Barber, Hunter & Redding @

The Treasurer reported as follows

Bal from last month	5228.57
Money Collected	1395.15
Henry J. Cade	25.00
	<u>6648.72</u>

The President announced the date on May 31st of James T. Challenger a member of this Board and on motion the President and Ben Meads & Barber were appointed a Committee to prepare a resolution for presentation at the next meeting

The Committee at Talm had was arranged to have preparing and printing done at the Barber shop at an approximate cost of \$25.00

Orders were received from Dennis Meads and Eric Swanson Co regarding suspensions until the following resumption of business.

Castle Hill Farm; a back chimney instead of the one used in summer kitchen Meads Farm; 12 point chimney & plastered crack in flue of kitchen chimney

The letters were returned over to Acting Committee to be earned out and due acknowledgment to be made by the Committee to the Swanson Company.

The following bills were ordered paid

John Z. Clayton	33.45
Abram Ingram	101.90
Boyer Brothers	485.27
J. T. Skelton	6.80
J. T. & L. S. Sloan	83.97
Boyer Insurance Co	17.50
	<u>728.89</u>

John Biggo appeared before the Board relative to garage installment under April 1st. He also reported the possible satisfactory condition of Jones just erected by Boyer Bros. The Acting Committee was instructed to withhold payment until completion of two meetings with consent of Jones is ascertained

Released S. Ashby Secretary

85

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Sept. 24, 1930

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Deemer, Hewlett, Tobin, Dodd, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Becker & Rodney.

Election of J. F. Cloud

The Committee appointed to hold an election for the successor of James T. Challenger reported that an election had been held on August 23rd between the house of one and six and that at said election 536 votes were cast with the following result:

John F. Cloud received	416	votes
Howard F. Wilhelm	115	"
Tom Deekyne	1	"
Rejected	4	(536)

Mr. Cloud was present, was sworn in and took his seat as a member of the Board.

Treasurer reported the following amounts received since the July meeting:

U.S. Airway Service	20.00
Tom Steel	105.00
New Castle St. (int.)	51.24
Balance in Bk. Sept. 1st including above items	176.24

Treasurer reported receipts since Sept. 1st of the following:

Mason Alfalfa Process Co	139.51
Sophia Higgins	45.11
Tucker J. Clark	350.61
W. Grant Abbott	534.41
John Rose	75.00
Harry J. Cable	25.00
Gross amount from sale of bases W.H.	187.41
Total	8171.81

The following bills had been paid by the Treasurer since the July meeting, but no orders drawn and these orders were approved at this meeting, these amounts having been paid, are not deducted from the cash bills:

J. & B. Elison	131.53
" "	7.04
George & Co.	34.74
Boyer Bros.	1055.79
Harry Bowen	38.25
Jns. F. Cloud (Wash. D.C.)	11.50
Abe Ingram	9.90

1287.75

Biggs Garage

A communication was received from John B. Biggs of Stockton showing the cost of the erection of a garage amounting to \$127.99. Considerable discussion was had concerning this bill and it seemed that the action of the Board was opposed to the erection of garages by the Trustees. Under the circumstances of this case, however, it appeared that the acting Committee had been authorized by the Board to erect the garage at a cost of \$127.99. Accordingly the Board, while not in favor of the erection of garages, approved the payment to Mr. Biggs of the cost of the garage with \$127.99, the balance had been authorized by the Acting Committee.

The following bills were approved:

Hilton Gas Co.	3.00
Scorger Co. Ins.	20.28
" "	291.66
County Tax	1015.75
Election Committee	12.00
P. F. Demastie Janitor	25.00
Expenses in sale Cross W.H.	64.36
John B. Biggs	127.99

1298.03

Tucker Clark requested permission to install electric lights in his barn at his expense and to have some stalls repaired. The repairing of the stalls was authorized to be done by the Acting Committee and that committee was authorized to allow the electric lights to be installed at the expense of Mr. Clark subject to the approval of the Board of Insurance Underwriters.

An election was held for a member on the Committee on Public Buildings as a successor to the late James T. Challenger. Dr. Lewis Parker was elected as a member of such Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

October 7, 1930

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, Clague, Dodd, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Becker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance from September meeting	6908.31
Received from Tom Steel	35.00
" " H. J. Cable	12.50
Total	6955.81

The Secretary presented three copies of an agreement between Tom Steel and Atlantic Refining Co. relative to installation of certain pumps, tanks &c. & a request that the Trustees sign an unusual consent clause that Trustees would not look to tanks, pumps &c. for payment of Rent. The question the proper officers were authorized to sign such agreement.

The bill of J. T. Stoops for 2.70 was approved & ordered paid.

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

November 18, 1930

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Biggs, Mr. Gray & Rodney (5) As Quorum. Treasurer reported balance from last meeting of 6953.81 & receipts from Tom Steel of 35.00 & from H. J. Cable of 12.50 making 7000.61.

While the following bills could not be ordered paid it was understood that the Treasurer would pay them & the orders would be passed at the next meeting.

J. T. & P. E. Elison	2.23	
F. E. Shendan 36 ¹⁰ + 22.70	58.80	
John W. Cannon	12.60	
Harry E. Spahn	58.80	
Light & Water Board	61.60	193.93

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Egebeul Corporation the leasing of the field on New corner of Boulevard & New Port roads the by Mr Cooper in connection with the development of the Roundale farm some club lines and desiring the Trustees to renew the rental of capital. It was suggested that the Secretary answer the letter stating that the field was under lease to the Warren Alfalfa Producers Co until near 1934 with provision to renew the lease for 5 more years from that time and that preliminary arrangements must be made with that Company.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

Dec 2, 1930.

Board met at 8 P.M.: Present Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, Tobin, Clayton, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (8)
The Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting of

and a balance including those payments of

The Committee on Town Hall reported some minor repairs the bills for which were presented at November meeting.

An ordinance was approved for the payment of bills amounting to \$287.11 being the 193.93 reported at November meeting (see above) and an addition of \$93.42 of A. J. Shendan for 93.42.

A letter was received from Safety Council asking Trustees to be present at a "Safety" meeting on Dec 10th. The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the invitation stating the invitation had been made known to individual Trustees.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 6th 1931.

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Clymer, Cobb, M. C. Gray, Biggs, Booker and Rodney (9)

Treasurer reported receipts for last month as follows:

Cash on hand	820.51	} 8143.42 Balance 61.77 Int on deposits 8205.19
The following bills were ordered paid:		

N. C. Mutual Ins. Co.	12.24	J. F. Cloud
Hartford Co.	14.43	Geo. J. Co
Farmers Mutual	34.72	J. F. Cloud
"	40.19	"
"	7.38	"
Chester Co.	7.98	P. W. Gray
Springfield	25.20	Georgies
Patrick M. Gray	136.71	P. W. Gray
Alvin Seelin - Ptz.	7.00	
J. T. & P. E. Elison	10.36	
	296.21	

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to have the floor repaired or relaid in the part of the Town Hall occupied by H. J. Cable.

A letter was received from Dr. H. V. Holloway, Secy. of the New Castle School Building Commission as follows:-

"We are holding bills amounting to several thousand dollars, on account of the furniture and equipment of the New Castle school. It was the understanding that the Trustees of the Commission would make available the sum of \$20,000 to the school Bldg. Commission for these items. Would it be possible for the Trustees to make this sum available at an early date?"

Will you kindly bring this matter to their attention at your next meeting?"

Pursuant to this letter, and in carrying out the previous resolutions of the Trustees adopted at the meeting of Sept. 27, 1929, the following resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved, that the proper officers of this Board be authorized to borrow from the New Castle Trust Company an amount not exceeding the sum of \$12,000 and to secure the amounts so borrowed that the proper officers of this Board be authorized to make and execute promissory notes of this Board and to deliver the same to the said New Castle Trust Company; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Castle Trust Company;"

It was represented to the Board that a movement is on foot to provide that the State of Delaware would take over all outstanding

bonds of the school districts of the State, said amounts to be assumed by the State.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that a committee be appointed for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to have the amount advanced by this Board for the completion of the school building included in any bill to be presented to the legislature for the payment or assumption of the school bonds, it being the feeling of the members that the amount advanced by this Board was necessary for the completion of the school building and was only advanced because the school district had borrowed its full capacity and was not able to complete the building without the aid of this Board.

The President appointed on this Committee, Mr. James B. Shaw, Dr. Lewis Booker, and Richard S. Rodney.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

The amount guaranteed to the New Castle School Building Commission was the sum of 20000\$, considering the sum of 7500\$ available from the cash on hand the foregoing Secretary, resolution regarding the loan at the bank covered the balance of 12500\$.
Richard S. Rodney

Feb 3, 1931

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Cloud, Clymer, Tobin, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney.

In the absence of the President Mr. Cloud was made President Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last meeting	7908.19
Borrowed from New Castle Trust Co on Demand Note	7500.00
	15408.19
Pd State Treasury for New Castle School Bldg Commission	15000.00
	408.19
Recd from William Steele	35.00
H. J. Cable	25.00

The Treasurer notified the Board that he had, under date of Jan 21, written to Mr. Holloway stating that the Trustees did not desire to pay interest on any more borrowed money than was necessary for the schools and inquiring if he had the full sum of \$20000 would be satisfactory at this time; that he had heard in response that the sum of \$15000 would be sufficient at once with balance at a later date; that consequently the officers had ~~drawn~~ borrowed from the New Castle Trust Company on a demand note the sum of \$7500; that this sum constituted a part of the sum of \$15000 which had been paid to the State Treasury on 1/1 of the New Castle School Building Commission, and that the sum of 5000 will be due at a later date for the school.

The Treasurer also reported a slight fire on Feb 3, in the church at the house of William Steele. The matter of repairs was drawn to the attention of acting committee.

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1931

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
March 1, 1930 Balance Cash on hand.....	\$ 5,766.55	To William Penn School.....	\$ 15,000.00
W. Grant Abbott.....	534.43	County Taxes.....	1,015.74
Mason Alfalfa Process Co.....	5,580.63	Water for Farms.....	111.60
Tasker T. Clark.....	701.25	Insurances.....	481.17
Sophie Higgins.....	450.00	Printing.....	16.00
Wm. Cross.....	189.49	Election Committee.....	12.00
Elizabeth Holcomb, Est.....	30.00	Electric Light and Gas.....	14.00
Wm. Steel.....	385.00		\$ 16,650.51
Chas. W. Currinder, Est.....	150.00	Repairs and Improvements at—	
John A. Reese.....	125.00	Basin House.....	\$ 265.83
Harry J. Cable.....	50.00	Jefferson Farm.....	229.29
A. O. U. Workmen.....	309.38	Stockton Farm.....	527.72
Bellanca Aircraft Corp.....	20.00	Oglethorpe Farm.....	54.28
U. S. Air-Way Service.....	113.01	Center Hall Farm.....	48.20
New Castle Trust Co., Interest.....	7,500.00	Penn Farm.....	97.24
New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note.....	7,500.00	Union and Bayard Farm... ..	327.72
		Clayton Farm.....	1282.49
		Model Farm.....	54.59
		Town Hall.....	\$ 2,887.36
Total.....	\$ 21,904.74		
DUE FROM TENANTS		Treasurer Expense.....	100.00
W. Grant Abbott.....	\$ 339.37	Secretary Expense.....	50.00
Chas. W. Currinder, Est.....	119.25	Acting Committee Expense.....	50.00
Harry J. Cable.....	25.00	Commissioners Court House.....	50.00
U. S. Air-Way Service Due June 30th.....	20.00	Care Town Clock.....	50.00
		Janitors Salary.....	50.00
Total.....	\$ 503.62	Balance Cash on Hand.....	2,016.87
RENTS IN ADVANCE		Total.....	\$ 21,904.74
Mason Alfalfa Process Co.....	3 Months		
Bellanca Aircraft Corp.....	3 Months		

FRANCIS DeH. JANVIER, Pres.	OFFICERS OF THE BOARD	PATRICK McGRORY, Treas.	RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
JAMES G. SHAW	ACTING COMMITTEE	JAMES E. BIGGS	JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
DR. LEWIS BOOKER	COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING	GEORGE T. TOBIN	GEORGE T. HEWLETT

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				
Name	No.	Tenant	Acres	Rent
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1-2	\$ 678.75
Stockton.....	2		170 3-4	1,280.63
Oglethorpe.....	3		79 1-2	596.25
Center Hall.....	5	Mason Alfalfa.....	124 1-3	930.00
Penn.....	6	Process Co.....	153 1-3	1,150.00
Union.....	8			
Bayard.....	9		216 1-2	1,623.75
Clayton.....	10	Tasker T. Clark.....	93 1-2	701.25
Model.....	11	Sophie Higgins.....	109 1-2	450.00
Bellanca Aircraft Corporation.....			33	217.50
Lot part of.....	8	Elizabeth Holcomb		30.00
House and lot, part of.....	3	Wm. Steele		420.00
Lot, part of.....	2	C. W. Currinder Est.		56.25
City Hall Store		John A. Reese		150.00
City Hall Store		H. J. Cable		150.00
Ancient Order United Workman				50.00
U. S. Air-Ways Service.				20.00
Total.....				\$8,534.33

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Patrick McGrory.....	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier.....	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw.....	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney.....	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
John F. Z. Clayton.....	Elected Sept. 23, 1918
George T. Hewlett.....	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker.....	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Dr. Julius Dodd.....	Elected Aug. 1, 1925
George T. Tobin.....	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
John F. Cloud.....	Elected Aug. 23, 1930

Audited and found correct April 20, 1931
JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON,
MARK J. CLYMER,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

industry made it ab
& Blackburn are tenant
Process Co and it
the company would
It was understood
concerns in writ

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & S. Sherson Town Hall 19.56

Jan .76 20.32

Abraim Ingram 10.

J. E. Sherson (New pipes at Model } 175.45 } Subject to approval of
 " (from road to } 17.50 } Acting Committee
 " (to house)

George & Co 48.90

272.17

meeting minutes & journal

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

March 3, 1931

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, Clegmes
 W. E. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (8)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance from last meeting	196.81	
Balance air Craft Co	123.75	
Elizabeth K. Holcomb Est	30. ⁰⁰	
Wason Alfalfa Process Co	1395. ¹⁶	
William Steele	35. ⁰⁰	
Tasher T. Clark	350. ⁶²	
A O U W	50. ⁰⁰	
Harry J. Cable	12. ⁵⁰	
John Reese	75. ⁰⁰	2268.84

The following bills were ordered paid

Light & Water Board Electric Light	9. ⁰⁰	
Washington Gas Co	2. ⁰⁰	
Malthus G. Weston	12. ²⁵	
John T. Steepes	12. ¹⁰	
J. T. & S. Sherson	5. ⁵⁹	
Treasurer Expenses	100. ⁰⁰	
Secretaries "	50. ⁰⁰	
Simons Church Care of Club	50. ⁰⁰	
Acting Committee	50. ⁰⁰	
Treasurer of Court House Rent	50. ⁰⁰	
Javier	25. ⁰⁰	365.94

A Committee consisting of Messrs Howe, Biggs, Blackburne & Baxter

appeared before the Board to request that the Board grant to the Wason Alfalfa Process Co, the tenant of the Board, an abatement of some amount on account of rent on the ground that the general depression in the farming industry made it almost impossible to pay the rent. Messrs Biggs, Baxter & Blackburne are tenants or represent tenants under the Wason Alfalfa Process Co and it was represented that any abatement granted to the Company would in turn be granted by the Company to its tenants. It was understood that Mr Keefer of the Wason Company would communicate in writing to the Board & it would then consider the matter.

STATEMENT

of the

Trustees of New Castle Common

for the year ending

that the sum of \$500 will be due

slight fire on Feb 3, in the chamber of repairs was drawn to the

The Treasurer brought up the matter of the arrears rent due from the heirs of C. W. Connard amounting to \$1,250.00 for two years rent. On motion the Treasurer was instructed to the heirs that the rent must be paid at once or the appropriate action would have to be taken.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to remit the bill due from William Cross and James H. Hatten from the printed statement.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 5, 1930 were corrected so that they might show the election of officers on that date. The officers elected at that time were Francis de X. Janvier, President; Richard S. Rodney, Secretary; Acting Committee James Shaw, James E. Biggs, and John F. Z. Clayton; Committee on Public Buildings James T. Challenger, George T. Tobin and George T. Hewlett, James Bennett F. Lancaster.

The Board then went into the election of officers with the following result:

President Francis de X. Janvier
 Treasurer Patrick W. Gray for 2 years
 Secretary Richard S. Rodney
 Acting Committee James Shaw, James E. Biggs & John F. Z. Clayton
 Com on Public Bldgs George T. Hewlett, George T. Tobin & H. R. Lewis
 Auditor Bennett F. Lancaster

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

March 16, 1931

A special meeting of the Trustees was held this evening at the home of President, Mr. Janvier: Present Messrs Janvier, Mr. Gray, Cloud, Biggs, Booker, Tobin, Hewlett, Clayton & Rodney (C)

The meeting was called for the purpose of selecting a Commissioner of the Light and Water Board as the term of F. E. Bridgewater, the term of this Board expires April 1st.

On motion Mr. Bridgewater was unanimously re-elected a member of the Light and Water Board for the term of 3 years from April 1, 1931.

A letter was received from the Chamber of Commerce relative to the removal of 4 trees along the road to Har's Corner opposite the Ballou's Air Craft field as being dangerous to the landing or taking off of airplanes. A committee consisting of the President and Secretary was appointed to view the trees with power to grant permission to have the same removed if they were found to be dangerous but the feeling was expressed that they should be saved unless they constituted a definite hazard to airplanes landing at the field.

Mr. Biggs presented a request for some papering at W. Grant Allen on the Jefferson farm. On motion the matter was left with the Acting Committee.

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

May 5, 1931

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Janvier, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Cloud (C) No quorum

Mr. Booker was appointed Secretary, Pro Tem

Mr. Baxter & Mr. Hower was present and reported a division fence needed inspection & attention. Mr. Hower reported Gray's looking on Pease farm. Both matters were referred to Acting Committee.

Statement of Light & Water Board received & filed

Treasurer printed annual report received & ordered filed with minutes.

The following bills were authorized to be paid & the orders to be made the following month when a quorum would be present.

Newcastle Trust Co interest	98.75	
H R Lewis cleaning well	12.50	
Nancy E. Spahn	35.25	6.45 + 28.60
Stephen Gattis	16.00	
C H Gray	8.50	
George & Co	27.45	10.60 + 16.85
J. E. Shandon	18.72	15.50 + 3.22
John F Z Clayton	10.95	
H. A. Phelps	8.80	
H R. Marsh	19.75	
J T Sloops	22.05	
O. F. Shandon	19.85	
Abraham Ingram	90.51	
J T & S E Shandon Inc	161.73	
Light & Water Board	52.39	603.20

of Chester Pa

Mr. Joseph S. Rutkowski appeared before the Board relative to the Bruce house tenanted by William Steele. On April 20 he had sent a letter to Mr. Janvier. In this he said his client Julius Kolasevski desired to purchase the business of Steele & build a dairy room 28' x 60' costing about 18000.00. He desired a long lease. The matter was deferred.

June 2, 1931

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Tobin, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker, & Rodney & Wood.

The Treasurer reported

H. J. Cable	12.50
"	15.00
Iron Steels	35

+ balance including those of \$1484.¹²

The Treasurer reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. K. Clowry stating bills for New Castle School had been paid of \$957.¹⁵ + requesting further payment by the Trustees. After consultation with many members here Mr. Gray has forwarded her check for 1000.⁰⁰. The action was approved.

The Bills authorized to be paid at the last meeting were again approved + ordered paid as was also:

P. W. Gray Insurance	46.66
J. T. & L. E. Shanon, Inc	42.78
Alvan Ingram	21.50
John J. Walls	12.00
John F. Clayton	17.50
	140.44

The matter presented by Mrs. Palkowski at the last meeting was discussed + the Secretary was instructed to inform Mrs. Palkowski at this time the Board was not desirous of renting the property for a long term of years.

Richard S. Purday
Secretary

July 7th, 1931.

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, M. Gray, Cloud, Biggs, Shanon, Booker.

Dr. Booker acted as Secretary Pro Tem.

Reading of minutes of last meeting were dispensed with.

Treasurer reported

Receipts:

6/3/31 - Balance	402.73
6/9 Ballantyne Aircraft	61.87
6/27 Messrs. Alfalfa Co.	1395.16
7/7 Iron Steels	35.00
7/7 H. J. Cable	15.00
Total	\$1909.76

Bills:

Farmers Mutual	1400.4
"	8.61
George & Co	34.77
New Castle Tr. Co (Int)	113.75
White Box	26.00
Acorn Elliott	15.00
Shanon	45.20
Alvan Ingram	22.80
Total	\$280.14

The bills were ordered paid.

The Acting Committee requested the Board to consider the part payment of bill now incurred by Mr. Lovatos in digging new well at Union and Bayard Farms.

It was moved and seconded and passed that the Board contribute to Mr. Lovatos the sum of \$300 as its full share in the digging of the new well.

It was moved, seconded and passed that \$1,000 be paid on note at the New Castle Street Co.

The Board adjourned to meet the 15th day of September.

Lewis Booker

Secy. Pro Tem.

September 15th, 1931.

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, M. Gray, Biggs, Shanon, Booker, and Rodney.

Treasurer reported

Salaries: 7/15	632.63
Bank (Int)	25.61
7/15 W. Air Service	20.00
7/7 Iron Steel	35.00
7/1 Zacher Clark	350.63
7/1 H. J. Abbott	389.93
John Rice	75.00
7/8 Iron Steel	35.00
7/14 Sophia Higgins	450.00

The Treasurer also reported Total - \$2012.80

that since the July meeting he had paid bills amounting to

\$510.51 as follows:

Joseph Thomas	35.00
Alvan Ingram	5.95
F. E. Sheridan	60.20
J. T. & L. E. Shanon	10.49
Roger Rice	373.87
H. F. Lancaster	25.00

\$510.51

The local members of the New Castle School Building Commission consisting of Mr. Jacob H. Speicher, J. J. Elison + Newlin J. Booth appeared at the meeting and filed with the Board a statement of the cost of the Stone Penn School and of the matters which have not yet been completed. It was stated that the School Building Commission desired the Trustees of the Commons to have a full understanding as to the expenditures of the money advanced by the Trustees in the completion of the school. It appeared that the School Building Commission

by payments already made by the State Board of Education and commitments at present in existence totalled \$11,000 and that the Trustees of the Commons have to this time paid \$16,000 of their original guarantee of \$29,000 for the erection of the building.

On motion it was unanimously ^{state} Resolved, that the Treasurer of this Board pay to the Treasurer for the use of the school the further sum of \$1100 and for this purpose and for the payment of other bills the proper officers of this Board are authorized to borrow from the New Castle Trust Company the sum of \$1,000 and to secure that sum by the promissory note of this Board.

The local members of the New Castle School Building Commission were also notified upon motion unanimously carried that this Board will complete, when requested, the full balance of the \$29,000 originally planned pledged, said balance being the sum of \$2900 so that the Building Commission may have the assurance of this amount in their future plans.

The letter and statement from the Building Commission is appended to these minutes.

A letter was received from S. St. Berkeley on behalf of the General Engineering Co. Wilmington, Del. in which that company makes offer of for a portion of the land on the west side of Basin Road and north side of DuPont Highway. The letter stated

"for a portion bounded on the north by land owned by Mrs Cooper - on the east by Basin Road and the south by Du Pont Highway extending for approximately 416ft west of Basin Road. This portion I estimate to contain between 5 and 6 acres for which I am offering \$3500 payable within one year of sale in four equal payments. There is a possibility that by the Spring of 1932 fifteen acres of this land would be desirable instead of the portion mentioned and at which time I would submit to your Body a new proposal."

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Buckley stating that at this time the Board does not desire to accept his proposal.

The following bills were approved & ordered paid:

Del. River & Ct.	4.00	
George & Co.	49.94	
County Taxes	1015.74	\$1069.68

The bills since the July meeting heretofore paid by the Treasurer are ordered approved & payments ratified.

(Note: the bills presented at the July meeting have not yet been approved and ratified owing to fact that minutes of July meeting were not present at the September meeting.)

Secretary

October 5th, 1931

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, Clymer, M. E. Sperry, Clayton, Booker, Biggs and Rodney.

The minutes of the July meeting not having been heretofore read were now read and were ordered to be corrected as to the item relating to the contribution of Mr. Horatio's account of the digging of the new well on Union and Bayard farms. It was ordered that the minutes should be corrected to show that the payment of \$300 to be made to Mr. Horatio is to be made when the digging of the well has been satisfactorily completed and the supply of water approved by the Acting Committee.

The Treasurer reported

Sept. 15th - N. C. Tr. Co. (Demand Note)	\$1,000
" 24th - Bellanca Aircraft Co.	61.88
	1061.88

Bal. cash on hand	394.39
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The following bills were ordered paid:

New Castle Trust Co. Int. demand note	101.99
H. E. Spahn	34.10
J. W. Elison	219.84
Abraham Ingram	89.05
	444.98

There not being sufficient funds on hand for the payment of these bills, the proper officers of the Board were authorized to borrow from the New Castle Trust Company the sum of \$100 giving a demand note of this Board for said loan.

The secretary presented an application from Edward S. Megginson on behalf of the Farmers Club of Hare's Corner for the lease of a piece of land on the school house lane lying to the south east of the present school house. The lot desired by the Farmers Club consists of about 150 ft. along the school house lane extending south east from the school house lot with a depth the same as the school house lot of approx. 89 or 90 ft. On this lot it is proposed by the Farmers Club to place one of the Portable school houses purchased by the Club from the school Board of New Castle and which are now located on the green.

On motion it was unanimously Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into a yearly lease with the proper officers of the Club for the leasing of said tract of land at an annual rental of \$10 with the proviso that the Farmers Club would attend to the fencing surrounding said lot leased by them or at least upon those sides where the said lot joins the remaining land of this Board.

Upon motion the meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

November 3, 1931

Board met at 8 P. M.
Present: Messrs. Jannier, Cloud, Clymer, W.S. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw
and Rodney (8)

The Treasurer reported	
Paid from William Steele	70.00
" " H. J. Calks	25.00
New Castle Trust Co (New York City)	100.00
	195.00

Bills last meeting	49.91
Bills " "	2.21
Receipts	12.51
Balance	12.11
Bills	2.71
Expenses	12.71

The following bills were ordered paid

W. F. Hanna laying paper at Centre Hall	174.72
" " " " at Steele's	38.53
Legit & Water Board Gas water	58.75
	272.00

The meeting the previous officers were authorized to borrow a demand note at the New Castle Trust Company the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the payment of the above bills and to take care of other matters before other receipts were obtained. The meeting the Secretary was restricted to communication with the Messrs. Alfalfa Process Company inquiring whether check had been sent by that Company for the rent due on Sept 1st.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 1, 1931

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs. Jannier, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, Clymer, W.S. Gray, Biggs & Rodney (8)

The Treasurer reported	
Balance from last meeting	144.56
New Castle Trust Co Note	400.00
Messrs. Alfalfa Process Co	1395.15
Bills Paid since last meeting	272.00
Notes U.C. Trust Co	100
" " " "	400
	772.00
	1162.71

Two bills were presented one of which had not been approved by the Acting Committee. The meeting the bills were ordered paid when approved by the Acting Committee. The bills were Oscar Elliott 29.50 work on well at Tashers Clinch John T. Storpe 12.75 paper &c

Mr. Clymer brought up the fact that a large hangar or building to store an airplane was being erected on the Stockton farm and it seemed very close to the house owned by John T. Storpe. He stated that Mr. Biggs reported that the Trustees had given their approval. The meeting the matter was referred to the Acting Committee to see if any interests of the Board were being jeopardized by the erection of the building with especial reference to the fire risk or possible increase of insurance rates by reason of the closeness of the building to other buildings of the Trustees.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

Dec 9, 1931

Special Meeting of the Trustees.

Trustees met at 8 P.M. at the residence of the Secretary. Present Messrs. Jannier, Keeser, Cloud, Hewlett, Tobin, W.S. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (9)

The meeting was called to consider the inquiry from the State Highway Dept concerning the amount of damages the Trustees might consider satisfactory as compensation in connection with the widening of the State Road. The State Highway Dept contemplates making the road into a dual highway and desires to obtain an additional 120' all along the East side of the road making the road 200' wide. This additional 120' would entirely destroy the hotel at Hares Corner which cannot be moved. The farm buildings at Hares Corner would have to be moved. The distance of 120' would overlap the residence on Centre Hall farm by about 10'. The State authorities had estimated that at that point the road might be narrowed to 110'; the Centre Hall farm buildings would also have to be moved. The 120' would practically destroy the corner lot between the Basin & the State highway at corner of this Port Road.

A general discussion was had and the Board was of the opinion that a narrowing of the road at Centre Hall dwelling house so that the width there of 110' would come to the house would be most satisfactory.

- While no definite action was taken the following items were discussed:
- Erection of a new dwelling instead of Hotel at Hares Corner 10000 to 12000.00
- 15 3/4 acres of land @ 500 to 700.00 per A 7875 to 11025.00
- Removing all farm bldgs on Hares Corner across Road
- " House & farm bldgs at Centre Hall
- Resetting fences
- Disturbance of lot in front of Basin (depending on depth of lot) 2500 to 4000

The Board appointed the President and Secretary to consult with the representatives of the Highway Department and to report at another special meeting to be held on Wednesday December 16, 1931

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

December 16, 1931

The Board met in Special Session: Present Messrs. Jannier, Keeser, Cloud, Hewlett, Tobin, Clymer, W.S. Gray, Clayton, Shaw & Rodney (10)

The Committee appointed at the last meeting met with Mr. Jannier of the Highway Department on Monday Dec 14 & were told that the Department considered that the Hotel at Hares Corner could not be moved. Mr. Jannier reported that subsequently on the afternoon of Dec 16 Mr. Jannier had stated to him that the Highway Department had re-considered the matter and had determined to move the Hotel.

A general discussion of the items of damage was had & the items considered as follows:

- All fences to be removed and re-set by the Highway Department

Over

Centre Hall farm

The Highway Department to remove and replace the dwelling house and all outbuildings to a suitable location to be selected by the Trustees so as to make a proper agricultural unit for the running of the farm. This is to include a new well to take the place of the one at present at the house and the laying of all water pipes.

Farm buildings at Hare's Corner

The Highway Department to remove all farm out-buildings to other side of Highway together with proper provisions for a satisfactory water supply for a house and outbuildings. This was deemed necessary because the ground on East side would be so reduced in acreage that it was felt that all the farm buildings should be on the West side where the bulk of the farm land.

The Trustees will accept the sum of \$12000 as compensation for the land taken being 16 acres @ 750⁰⁰ per acre. This amount is however subject to the acceptance of all other items and if other items shall not be agreed upon then this sum is not to be considered as conclusive.

Hotel at Hare's Corner

The Trustees do not consent to the moving of the Hotel as they have it would be unsatisfactory in any new location. Damages for the destruction of the Hotel to be fixed at \$20000⁰⁰.

The President & Secretary were again appointed as a committee to take up the matter with the Highway Department.

Richard S. Doherty
Secretary

Jan 5, 1932

The Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs. J. J. Stewart, Cloud, Tobin, Clymer, W. E. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (10)

The minutes of Dec. 1, 9, & 16 were read & approved with the following exceptions. The minutes of Dec. 16 were corrected so as to show that the report of Mr. J. J. Stewart in Item 7 of said minutes should read "that the Highway Department still considered the moving of the hotel" instead of "had determined to move the hotel".

The Treasurer reports Balance brought forward	1125.47
Balance Air Craft	61.87
William Stahl	35.00
Charles W. Currier Est	175.00
New Castle Trust Co Interest	.66
	<u>1398.50</u>

The following bills were ordered paid

John F. Cloud Agent Insurance	94.53
George & Co	97.11
Royal Ins Co (P. M. Gray agent)	167.55
William Washington Adm	8.25
New Castle Trust Co interest	116.05
	<u>423.49</u>

The Committee (J. J. Stewart & Doherty) relative to the Highway damages reported that during the last meeting they had sent to the Highway Department the following letter

New Castle, Delaware,
December 18th, 1931.

State Highway Department,
Dover,
Delaware.

Attention: Mr. Yocum.

My dear Mr. Yocum:

The Trustees of New Castle Common met Wednesday evening and gave a very full consideration to the question of damages sustained by the Board by reason of the Highway Department's plans of taking a strip one hundred and twenty feet wide from Hare's Corner to the northerly line of the Common's lands--a distance of approximately five thousand eight hundred and sixty feet. The actual land taken is about sixteen acres. The proposed line makes necessary the destruction or removal of the brick tenant house at Centre Hall Farm (opposite Basin) and all the farm buildings on that farm. It also makes necessary the removal of all the farm buildings at Hare's Corner and the destruction or removal of the large Hotel at Hare's Corner. The Trustees considered the several items involved in the following order:

CENTRE HALL.

The Trustees will be content if the Highway Department will move and re-establish as a farm unit the house and all outbuildings to a site to be designated by the Trustees. This will, of course, include a satisfactory well, as there located and relaying water pipes to the buildings on their new location.

FARM BUILDINGS AT HARE'S CORNER.

The Trustees will be content if the Highway Department will move and re-establish the farm buildings at a convenient place to be selected by the Trustees on the Western side of the State Highway. This will, of course, include a satisfactory water supply at the farm buildings on their new location.

LAND.

The Trustees will accept the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) in payment of the item of land -- provided that the other terms as herein outlined are mutually agreed upon and if the other items are not agreed upon, then this valuation of the land shall not be deemed to be conclusive. It is understood that the Highway Department will reset all fences upon

the new line.

HOTEL AT HARE'S CORNER.

The Trustees were surprised to hear at the last moment that the Highway Department suggested the moving of the large Hotel. On December 14th the representatives of the Trustees were told by a representative of the Highway Department that the Department conceded that the Hotel could not be satisfactorily moved and the Trustees agreed with this conclusion. The Trustees, therefore, cannot agree to the moving of the large Hotel. They are, however, willing to put a most moderate valuation on it and for the purpose adopted the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) as the value of the interest of the Trustees of New Castle Common in said Hotel.

The Trustees repeat the statement made by their representatives to the Department that the Trustees of New Castle Common are most anxious to cooperate with the Department and do not desire any excessive payments made to them, but desire only such sums as will be a fair compensation for the damages sustained by the Trust in their charge.

While the proposed dual road will undoubtedly be of great public benefit, its creation will entail great loss upon the property held by the Trustees. A few instances are as follows:

(a) The land of the Hare's Corner farm on the east side of the Highway is so reduced in quantity as to make it imperative that the farm buildings be removed to the west side of the road where the great bulk of the farm lies. It would be almost impossible to move cattle across the road after its completion.

(b) This applies with great force to the eighteen acre field on the northwest corner of the Highway and Basin road (a part of Centre Hall farm). This tract will be utterly disconnected with and cut off from any other land of the Trustees.

(c) The taking of a hundred and twenty feet will seriously damage the lot on the southeast corner of the Highway and Basin Road and between the Basin and the highway.

The Trustees of New Castle Common have again appointed Francis Dell, Janvier and Richard S. Rodney as a committee who will be very glad to discuss these matters with the representatives of the Highway Department.

Very truly yours,

A communication was received from H. H. Mack of the State Highway Department setting forth that it was very important that the Unemployment Relief Committee should have the opportunity at once of commencing grading on the State Highway as they desired to employ 500 or 600 men on the work immediately. The request was therefore made if the Trustees would allow the grading to start prior to the settlement of the damages involved. It was especially pointed out in the letter that such permission on the part of the Trustees would be subject to the permission of the Mason Alfalfa Process Company and that the grading would not disturb any building.

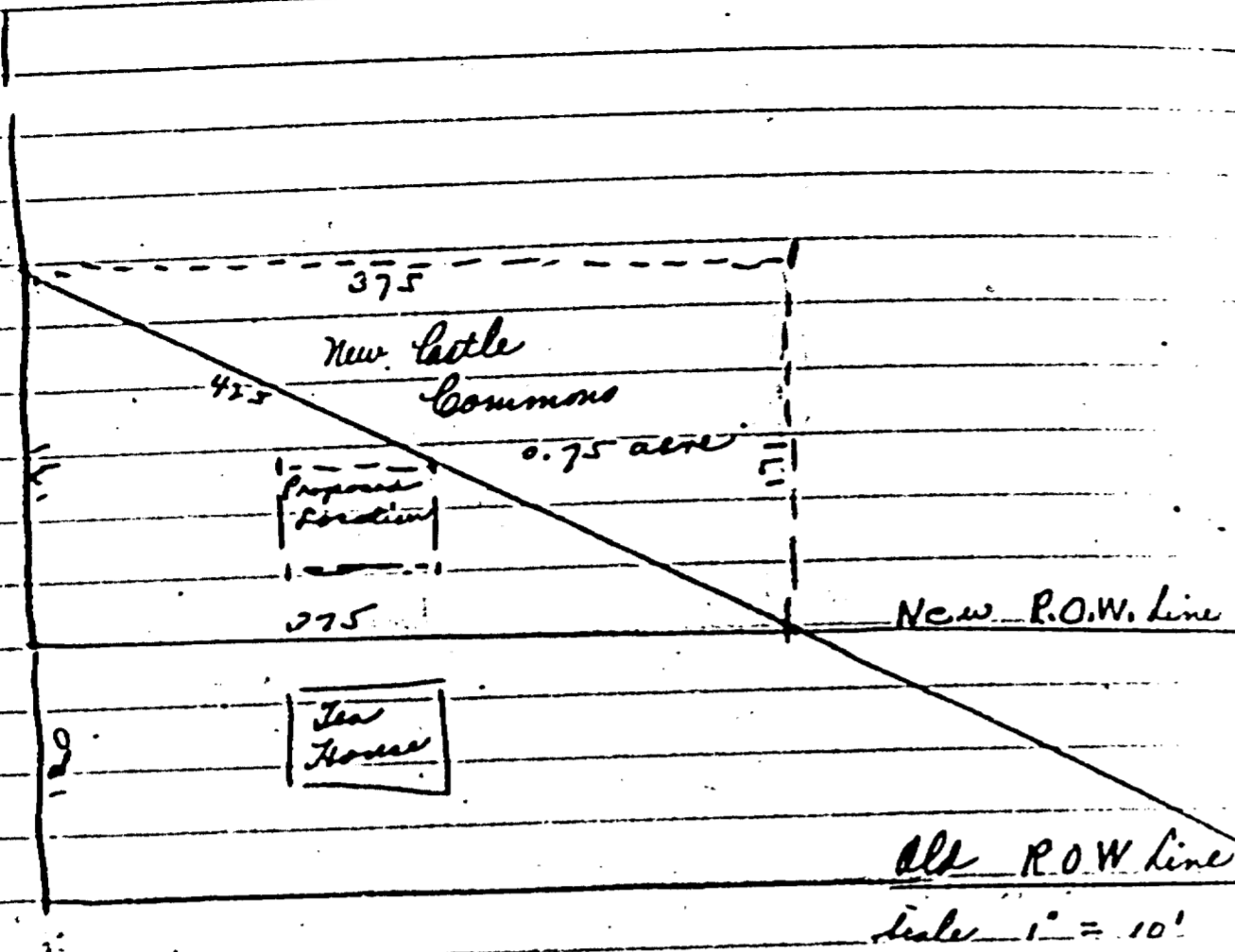
Upon motion the following resolution was duly passed:

"Resolved, that this Board desires to cooperate in the fullest degree with the efforts to furnish employment in the grading of the new Highway and therefore grants its consent that the grading operations upon the lands owned by the Trustees of New Castle Common could commence immediately without awaiting the adjustment of the damages or the appointment of any commission. Provided, however, that this consent apply only to the interest of the Trustees of New Castle Common and be subject to the consent of any tenants holding leases on the property involved, and Provided further that said grading operations shall not disturb the physical conditions connected with or adjacent to any building on said land."

The following letter was received from the State Highway Dept., signed by C. G. Yocum:

"In the construction of the Dual Highway from Frankfort to State Road it will be necessary to take for road purposes a strip of land 125 feet in width from the property of Mrs. J. G. Justice and known as the 'Diamond State Tea House'. As the land is triangular in shape, and we take 75 ft. of it, it will be impossible to move the building and have room for parking cars. It occurred to me that you might be willing to lease to Mrs. Justice enough land, approximately 3/4 of an acre, to square her land, provided she could make suitable arrangements with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company."

The plan accompanying the letter is as follows:



The foregoing matter was somewhat discussed and the matter was referred to the President and Secretary with power to indicate to the parties interested that the Trustees would be willing to rent or lease the desired land and to fix the terms of lease and the consideration and to report back at a future meeting of the Board for final action as to both terms and consideration.
Meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

February 22, 1932.

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Tobin, Clymer, M. Gray,

Biggs and Rodney.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand \$973.01
 Mason Alfalfa Process Co. 1395.16
 William Steel 85.00

The Treasurer also reported that there had been some correspondence between Edwin J. Booth, Chairman of the New Castle School Bldg. Commission and Dr. H. W. Holloway concerning the payment of the amount donated by the trustees for the building of William Penn School. It appeared from this correspondence that the payment made by this board of trustees on September 16th, had not been credited by the State Treasurer to the New Castle School Bldg. Commission, but had been credited by him to the New Castle Special School District. It was understood that the Commission write to the State Treasurer and have this payment credited to the New Castle School Building Commission.

The Treasurer stated the following payments had been made on account of the school:

January 14, 1931	\$ 15,000.00
May 14, "	1,000.00
Feb. 14, "	1,100.00
	\$ 17,100.00

Bal. due on appropriation 2,900.00

And that the account with the trust company for these payments was as follows

Loan from Trust Company	1/12/31	\$ 7,500.00
" " " "	9/17/31	1,000.00
" " " "	10/8/31	1,000.00
" " " "	11/5/31	400.00
		9,000.00

Pd. account	July 8/31	1,000.00
" "	Nov. 12/31	500.00
		1,500.00
Balance due		\$ 7,500.00

It was reported to the Board that the State Highway Dept. had taken up the old fence along the easterly right of way and had left this old fence in rolls instructing the Trustees that they might retain this old fence where necessary. It was also reported that Mr. John Loratos the sub-tenant at the Hare's Corner Farm had removed some of this fencing and had taken it to his own farm on the Christiana Road.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Loratos to the effect that if these facts are true, the fencing should be returned.

A letter was received from the State Highway Department enclosing a blue print of the land desired in the rear of the Diamond Tea House property according to the minutes of January 5th and enclosing a description of the land.

On motion the proper officers of the Board were authorized to execute a deed for the land mentioned with a consideration of \$500. and the erection of a new fence along the property line provided that the State Highway Department should prepare the necessary papers and obtain and furnish the Trustees with a copy of the consent of the Mason Alfalfa Process Co. and any sub-tenant of the property.

The President and Secretary reported that they had taken up with the Highway Department the question of obtaining, thru the Department, as far as possible, some security for the payment of the rent coming due from March, 1932 to March, 1933 from the Mason Alfalfa Process Company in case the buildings of that

company should not be removed and not rebuilt. The officers were accorded a vote of thanks for their services.

On Motion, it was

Resolved, that the sum of \$700²⁰⁰ be paid to the United Welfare Association; said amount to be expended by the officers of the Welfare Association either in direct relief or in indirect relief as in the payment of any salaries that might contribute to the lessening of the burden of the Welfare Assn.

A letter was received from Mr. R. C. Martin who has heretofore owned a small fruit and produce stand on the Harris' Corner Property follows

New Castle, February 21, 1932.

Trustees of the Common Gentlemen:

I hereby make application for a lease of about one acre of land on the northwesterly side of the Basin corner of the Newport Road and State Highway. I would be willing to pay \$120 per year without improvement or \$150 with a building suitable for carrying on the fruit & produce business. I would prefer a 5 year lease.

Signed R. C. Martin

He stated he was living at 15 East 6th Street and referred to the Wilmington Trust Company and H. F. Monette of Wilmington.

On Motion the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

It was reported to the Board that Bennett F. Lancaster formerly acting as Janitor for the Board was about to remove from the State and nomination James L. Bacon was elected Janitor at the usual compensation. The meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

March 1st, 1932.

The Trustees met at 8:00 PM.

Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Tobin, Clymer, McCreary, Riggs, Shaw, Booker and Rodney.

The Treasurer reported Bal. on hand	2217.60
Farmers Ins. Co., return Premium	185
A. M. H.	50.00
Tucker J. Clark	350.62
John Rice	25.00
H. J. Cagle	12.57
Total	2706.57

The Treasurer also reported the he had received from the State Highway Department the sum of \$500 being the consideration of the small lot of land back of the Diamond Tea House which was recently conveyed to Mrs. Justice by the Trustees. This amount of \$500 the Treasurer had deposited to a special fund until the determination of the Board. The Committee to arrange consisting of Messrs. Janvier and Rodney, reported that they had taken up with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company and the State Highway Department the question of delaying the payment due to the Alfalfa Company for the destruction of their plant until the rent of the Trustees from March '32 to March '33 was secured. After various negotiations the Committee accepted the written guarantee of the Directors of the Alfalfa Company that they would personally guarantee the payment of the rent by the company. This guarantee was presented and ordered filed with the papers of the Board. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The matter of the rebate of the rents to the tenants was considered and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that owing to the recent and existing state of the agricultural industry, there be allowed to Mr. Grant Abbott, Tucker J. Clark, and Mason Alfalfa Process Company for the term from March 1, 1931 to March 1, 1932 a rebate of one dollar an acre for the lands rented by them.

Provided, that such rebate be also allowed and passed on by the said Mason Alfalfa Process Company to the sub-tenants renting farms from it, to wit: Alexander Baxter, John Riggs and Mrs. Thomas J. Clark.

Such rebate is to be allowed and deducted from the next payment made to the Trustees of New Castle Common on account of rent.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mason Alfalfa Process Company, Tucker J. Clark, Mr. Abbott, and to the sub-tenants of the Mason Alfalfa Process Company, Mrs. Thomas J. Clark, John Riggs and Alexander Baxter.

April 5th 1932

Meeting called to order by the President.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, McGray, Rodd, Clymer, Tobin, Booker, Hewlett and Cloud. (11)

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Special meeting called for March 15th not held.

Report of Treasurer

Balance in Bank	\$32.02.72
Kellam Aircraft	6.1.88
Harry J. Cable	12.1.50
	\$3277.10

Following bills were ordered paid -

A. S. Geist	12.95
N. C. Tr. Co. (Int.)	11.3.75
F. E. Sheridan	5.45
Chas. H. Gray	8.50
J. T. & B. Faberson Inc	69.19

\$209.84

Committee appointed to audit books of the Treasurer reported audit had been made and found correct, books being kept in a satisfactory manner.

Acting Committee reported that fencing to be done on Clark Farm had not been completed owing to weather conditions.

Committee on Peck's Buildings made no report.

Committee on renewal of lease with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company reported that they had received no further reply from the Mason Company regarding renewal of their lease.

No word was received from the Highway Dept.

The Committee to confer with the General Engineering Company regarding purchase of 18 acres of land along State Highway payment to be made part cash and balance in series of notes, reported they had been in touch with Mr. S. H. Buckley of that Company, but no definite arrangements could be agreed upon for the purchase of the land.

On Motion, Mr. Buckley be notified that the Trustees are not ready to take up his offer at the present time.

Letter received from Miss Rebecca J. Holcomb asking for a reduction in rent on the 4 acre plot along Harris Corner road from \$7.50 to \$6 per acre - on motion that the matter be laid over until the next meeting.

A Committee from the Good Hill Fire Company consisting of Fire Chief Campbell and Charles J. Dougherty made a request on behalf of the Fire Company for a donation or help to the extent of \$250 to pay for architect or engineering fees for alterations now under consideration by them on their building at 5th & Delaware Streets. On Motion the Good Hill Fire Company be allowed a sum not to exceed \$250 for architect fees in remodeling their building. Carried.

and Dr. Lewis Booker

called by the President consisting

April 15, 1932

John F. Cloud

Acting Secretary

May 22, 1932.

Trustees met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Hewlett, Cloud, McCreary, Clymer, Biggs, and Rodney

In the absence of the President Mr. Hewlett was made President.

The Treasurer reported

Balance in Bank

\$ 3067.26

H. J. Hable

12.00

3079.26

The following bills were ordered paid:

Water Rent

\$ 150.00

George Co.

16.95

Deer Elliott

17.00

Harry Spahn

11.30

J. T. & Co. Eliason

13.82

Jno F. Clayton

11.95

\$ 116.08

Considerable discussion was had concerning the re-renting of farms by the Mason Alfalfa Process Company. Mr. Kiefer for the day had sent word that he could not have a letter before the Board for a week or ten days.

It was reported that the clock deal surrounding the Town Clock had condition. On Motion the matter was left to the Committee on Public Works to consult with Mr. A. M. George about the matter.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary

June 7th, 1932.

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Tobin, Clymer, Dodd, McCreary, Shaw, Hewlett, Biggs, Cloud and Rodney.

The Treasurer reported-

Balance last meeting

\$ 2968.68

May 6th, Hon. Steele

43.00

June 5th " "

62.00

Total

\$ 3068.68

The Committee on Public Buildings reported that they were having some repairs made to the dials of the town clock but that the work had not been completed.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

J. T. & Co.

13.70

Abram Ingram

53.25

Ed Longland

36.93

J. T. & Co. Eliason

74.21

P. McCreary, inn

46.66

\$ 234.75

The officers of the Board reported that they had received no word from the Mason Alfalfa Process Company as to the renewal of its lease. The lease provided (page 225) that the Mason Company had the option of renewing the lease for the further period of five years provided that the company should give written notice to the trustees of its intention so to renew said lease at least nine months before the expiration of the five year period. The nine months' notice expired on June first, 1932. It was understood that the Secretary would communicate with the Mason Company stating that the Board had not received any notice of the intention to renew the lease.

It was also reported that no word had been received from the State Highway Department in answer to suggestions of damages set out in the letter of December 18th (page 279.) It was understood that the Secretary would communicate with the State Highway Department to know its plans in the matter as it would be necessary to know these plans in order to properly provide for the re-renting of the Harris Corner Farm and with reference to said repairs to be made to the barn yard fence at Centre Hall Farm.

A letter was received from the New Castle School Building Commission concerning the balance of \$2900 still due from the Trustees on account of the original appropriation of \$20,000. Upon reference to the minutes of September 15th, 1931, it was seen that

the Trustees assured the Building Commission that this sum would be available. The letter from the School Building Commission is as follows:

"To date your body has paid for account of New Castle School Building Commission \$17,100. A contract has recently been placed with Andrew Mitchell & Son for certain walks, driveways, etc. amounting to \$2,798.10 and in all probability a very desirable extra of \$150.00 will be added to this amount, the total for work now in process would then be \$2,948.10.

The Commission would greatly appreciate having the balance of \$2,900. made available as soon as convenient to you."

On Motion it was

"Resolved, The proper officers of this Board should pay to the New Castle School Building Commission at such times as they may need the same, such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$2,900. and if the funds of this Board would not admit of said payments, the proper officers of this Board be authorized to borrow from the New Castle Trust Company such amount as may be necessary to make said payments and to make a promissory note to secure the said amount so borrowed."

The Acting Committee was authorized to arrange for a visit of the farms on some Thursday at 2 P.M. the date being dependent upon the answer received from the State Highway Department to the letter to be written by the Secretary.

Upon motion, meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

July 5th, 1932.

Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Jamieson, Newlett, Tobin, McSherry, Biggs, Shaw, & Barker.

In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Barker was elected Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of last meeting dispensed with.

Report of Treasurer:

June 16 - Alfalfa	1395.16
" " cash on hand	3394.60
Total	4789.76

June 16 drawn	3460.67
July 1 balance	\$1329.09

Acting Committee reported that plaster board or some similar material was necessary on ceiling in one room at Mr. Steele's house.

Following bills were read and ordered paid -

Clayton	\$ 33.80
Elison	44.36
Sheidan	18.20
Thomas	27.00
White	153.87
N. C. Trust	113.75
Cloud Agt	22.65
Ellsworth	16.80

Total \$430.43

Mr. McSherry reported amount due from H. J. Cable. Trustees decided a post-dated check would not be acceptable, and some effort should be made to get a further reduction in amount due, before any action as to another tenant.

Mr. Shaw reported his conversation with Mr. Yocum and that the State Highway would agree to all demands except the \$20,000. for the Aares' Corner Hotel.

Moved and seconded 2 more members be added to present committee to act with the Department. The President appointed Mr. Shaw & Mr. McSherry as the additional members.

Moved & seconded this new committee further discuss damage with the Highway Department and endeavor to secure prompt action.

Meeting adjourned until regular meeting in September subject to call for special meeting.

Acting Secretary,

July 21st, 1932

Trustees of the New Castle County Commons met in
 Present: The entire membership of the Board (thirteen)
 the meeting was called for the purpose of further
 the damages sustained by the Trustees by reason of the widening
 of the State Highway from Hare's Corner northward. The
 Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the State
 Department dated July 16th, which stated that the Highway
 Department was willing:

1. to move all buildings on the Centre Hall Farm to a
 location selected by the Trustees.

2. to move the barn and other frame buildings at Hare's
 to a location on the westerly side of the duPont Road
 selected by the Trustees.

3. to move the Hare's Corner Hotel if the Trustees should

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 that the Highway Department thought the money damages for the
 land and hotel together aggregating \$32,000 was excessive
 made a counter proposition of \$25,000.

On Monday July 18th nine members of the Board (all of the
 Board except Messrs. Deemer, Clymer, Cloud and Clayton) visited
 the farms with a view to inspecting the damage and filing
 for the removal of the buildings.

Upon motion the committee was instructed to appear
 to the Highway Department stating the views of the Board
 follows.

These views are embraced in a letter sent to the
 Highway Department by the Secretary, a copy of which
 is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Clymer reported that the Mason Alfalfa Process
 had stored at the Penn Farms a large quantity of corrugated
 which they were disposing of very cheaply and it might be
 to use some as roofing. The acting committee was authorized
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Mr. Janvier reported that Mr. Henry W. Manchester and
 Muenner had spoken concerning the possibility of renting
 on the Stockton Farm along the Newport Road adjoining the
 for the purpose of maintaining a Sun Club. Upon motion
 committee consisting of Messrs. McHenry, Bosker and Clymer
 was appointed to see whether the Biggs were desirous of
 the farm exclusive of their fruit field and to find out
 attitude concerning the location of the Sun Club and to see
 it would affect the neighborhood. It was the feeling of
 Board that the Biggs family should have the privilege of
 the farm which has been given up by the Mason Alfalfa
 Company.

New Castle, Delaware,
 July 22nd, 1932.

State Highway Department,
 Dover,
 Delaware.

Attention: Mr. Yocum.

Dear Mr. Yocum:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th in which
 you state that the Department is willing to meet the
 desires of the Trustees of the Commons with reference to
 the widening of the State Highway in the following par-
 ticulars:

1. Move all buildings at the Basin Corner farm
 to a new location selected by the trustees.
2. Move the barn and other farm buildings at Hare's
 Corner to a location on the westerly side of the duPont
 Road as selected by the trustees.
3. Move Hare's Corner Hotel if the trustees desire
 it.

This letter was laid before the meeting of the Trust-
 tees of the Commons last evening and I am directed to
 forward this communication.

All of the terms embraced in the letter of the Trustees
 dated December 18th, 1931 not having been agreed upon, the
 Trustees are therefore not bound by their then offer of
 settlement and submit the following as a conservative and
 reduced estimate of their damages with which they will be
 content without an adverse condemnation:

CENTRE HALL.

The trustees will be content for the Highway Department
 to move the dwelling house and granary at the Basin Corner to
 a site designated by a committee of the trustees. This site
 will be in the immediate vicinity of the present building
 so as to take advantage of existing shade. We think the
 barn will not have to be moved, but the granary and cow shed
 and chicken house may and the lane and fencing somewhat changed.
 The well may not be disturbed, but new water pipes must be
 installed.

The Highway Department most substantial damage to the
 has taken a small but valuable orchard at Centre Hall Farm,
 we request no compensation for it.

The above proposal is submitted as a whole and not as
 separate items.

It is most essential that the entire matter be deter-
 mined at a very early date as arrangements for new tenants
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 provided for the new tenants.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

RSR:EK

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 Board that the Biggs family should have the privilege of
 the farm which has been given up by the Mason Alfalfa
 Company.

FARM BUILDINGS AT HARE'S CORNER FARM.

The Trustees will be content for the Highway Department
 to move and re-establish the frame farm building to a place
 to be selected by the trustees on the western side of the
 State Highway, including water supplies for the new dwelling
 house and barn at that location.

LAND.

The Trustees will accept the sum of sixteen thousand
 dollars (\$16,000.00) in payment for the sixteen acres of
 land taken with the understanding that all fences will be
 re-set upon the new lines.

HOTEL AT HARE'S CORNER.

The Trustees do not desire the removal of the hotel
 at Hare's Corner to a new location. They are therefore
 willing to place a moderate valuation upon it and for this
 purpose will accept the sum of fourteen thousand dollars
 (\$14,000.00) for the interest of the Trustees of New Castle
 Common in said Hotel.

Of course, it is understood by the Trustees that when
 a building is removed to a new location that the old founda-
 tions and flooring will be removed and the land left in a
 tillable condition.

I suppose it is unnecessary for me to again repeat the
 feeling of the Trustees in their desire to cooperate with
 the Highway Department. We evidenced such fact when, for
 \$500, we made the conveyance to Mrs. Justis saving the
 Department most substantial damages and while the new road
 has taken a small but valuable orchard at Centre Hall Farm,
 we request no compensation for it.

The above proposal is submitted as a whole and not as
 separate items.

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 mined at a very early date as arrangements for new tenants
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Very truly yours,

Secretary.

F. V. DUPONT, CHAIRMAN
C. DOUGLASS BUCK
NEWTON L. GRUBB
CHARLES W. CULLEN
J. HENRY HAZEL

The State of Delaware



State Highway Department
Dover, Delaware
July 28, 1932.

W. W. MACK
CHIEF ENGINEER
ALLEN CRAIG
SECRETARY

Hon. Richard S. Rodney
New Castle, Delaware

Dear Sir:

I have taken up with the different members of the Department the settlement for the taking of the land and property of the Commons for the dual highway and they have approved the settlement proposed by you for the sum of \$30,000.00, the Department to do the necessary moving of the buildings.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance in this work, I am

Very truly yours,

State Highway Department

Chief Engineer.

WWM:MBP

September 6th, 1932.

Trustees met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, M'Grooy, Riggs and Rodney.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

$\frac{7}{5}$ Cash in hand	878.66
$\frac{7}{4}$ Bellanca Co	61.87
$\frac{7}{4}$ H. Gleable	12.50
$\frac{7}{2}$ Iron Steel	357.00
$\frac{3}{16}$ U.S. Airways	20.00
Int.	13.40
$\frac{7}{6}$ J. J. Clark	257.13
$\frac{7}{6}$ John Reese	75.00
	1373.56

Mr. Janvier reported that since the last meeting of the State Highway Department had commenced the moving of the house on the Leontine Hall farm and that upon notification to the members he had appointed Patrick M'Grooy as agent for the Board to act as inspector of the work to see that the interests of the Board were protected. It was reported that the cellar under the original building had no cellar door and Mr. M'Grooy had arranged with the contractor for the new cellar to install such door at an approximate cost of \$25. This action was approved.

Mr. Janvier also reported that the State Highway Department had spoken relative to the delivery of the check and the execution of the deed for the land taken by the Department. On Motion the officers of the Board were authorized to execute the deed upon the receipt of the check from the Highway Department and the issuance by the Department of the compliance by that Department with the terms of the agreement.

A committee of persons interested in the formation of a gun club appeared before the Board, consisting of Messrs. Winchester, Quincey, Anderson, and others, relative to the renting of the front field on the Stockton farm containing approximately 36 acres. A general discussion was had in which it appeared that they contemplated erecting a number of gun traps and the erection of a club house and the time and terms of the lease were discussed generally. It was understood that this committee will forward to the Board a proposition for the renting of the tract for a term of approximately ten years, the communication to be taken up at a special meeting of the Board.

The Board considered the arrears of H. Cable and on motion the Treasurer was instructed to communicate with Mr. Cable stating that unless a substantial amount was paid to discharge the arrearage prior to September 25th a notice to quit would be served on him prior to October first to vacate the premises November first.

A communication was received from the General Engineering Company relative to a survey of the entire tract of the Trustees.

On Motion, the Secretary was instructed to answer the communication stating at this time the Board did not feel able to undertake it.

A lease was presented for approximately seven acres on the northeast side of the Newport Road being the piece of land in front of and including the entrance to the old Currinder Farm, the lease running in the name of Giuseppe Maccari, the present owner of the farm for the rental of \$56.25 per year, being the same rental provided in former leases.

The following bills were approved:

W. Sheridan	8.52
J. & B. Ellison	56.00
Am. Ellsworth	33.80
George Co.	99.68
County Taxes	968.58

The Board somewhat discussed the building of the new farm house on the Haris Corner Farm and the re-adjustment of any farm lands in connection with the part of the Haris Corner farm on the easterly side of the State Highway. The matter, however, was continued till the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned to meet in special session, Thursday, September 15th.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary.

September 16th, 1932.

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, M. G. Gray, Riggs, Deemer, Clayton, Hewlett, Becker, Dodd, Tobin, Celymer, Cloud, Rodney.

The Treasurer reported that pursuant to instructions he had given notice to Mr. Cable.

Treasurer reported that agent and inspector of the moving of Centre Hall Buildings, he had installed cellar windows which had not been in the original building, the expense of which would be born by the Trustees.

Treasurer also reported the receipt from the State Highway Department of a check for \$30,000 being the sum of \$16,000 for the land conveyed to the Department and \$14,000 for the valuation of the Hotel at Haris Corner. Treasurer stated he had deposited \$16,000 in a special fund as Capital Account and \$14,000 in the ordinary checking account of the Trustees until after the erection of the new buildings. He also reported that he had examined the minutes of the Trustees and found that in past years the Trustees had received certain sums aggregating \$1661.60 for condemnation of certain lands which had been set up as a separate fund, but had been withdrawn in 1903.

On Motion, this sum was also set up in a separate fund as Capital Account. The former receipts were listed as follows:

Dec. 1852, Land Jefferson Farm taken by R.R.	\$465.
" 1886 " " " " " " "	403.60
Mar. 1900 " Jeff. Stockton " " " "	800.00

In 1903 these funds were withdrawn to meet the expenses of the grants to the steel plants.

The Secretary presented two letters from the Wilmington Trapshooting Assn. dated September 13th and 14th in which the Association made an offer for the 26 acres on the Riggs Farm for the use of the Gun Club. The rental offered by them was \$234 per year for a minimum of a ten year lease. The Association pointed out that the farm rental of \$250 included the maintenance of buildings and suggested that without the maintenance of the buildings their offer was a more attractive investment. After considerable discussion the offer of the Association was refused, and

It was resolved that the Secretary communicate to the Association the fact that the Board would grant a ten year lease for the tract at a rental of \$500 per year for the first five year period and \$700 per year for the second five year period payable quarterly in advance, reserving the right of way of thirty feet wide to the house and building of the Stockton farm with a provision that the lessee would maintain the fence along the highway and with proper provisions safeguarding the right of re-entry in case of default in payment of rent for

30 days after it becomes due and the restoration of the land to a tillable condition at the expiration of the tenancy. The lessee have the right to remove any buildings erected by it at the expiration of the tenancy but any increased taxes by reason of the buildings to be born by the lessee. The foregoing offer, however, was made contingent and dependent, if accepted by the Association, to an actual test of ground on the premises to be withdrawn if upon such test it was determined the maintenance of the club would constitute a nuisance.

Mr. Dodd voted in the negative on the question and desired his vote be recorded.

The Treasurer was authorized to advertise or otherwise obtain of prospective tenants for the Penn. Farm and for the Union and Bayard Farms at Haves' Corner.

It was generally agreed that the part of the Union and Bayard Farms east of the highway would be consolidated with the Penn. Farm with the exception of that part covered by the present barn and running from that point to the corner.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Roday, McShay and North was appointed to consider plans for the new dwelling house to be erected on the Union and Bayard Farm and to obtain a general idea of the difference in costs between brick, frame, and cinder block construction.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Janvier, Cloud and McShay was appointed to make recommendations for the investment of the fund heretofore set aside, said recommendations to be reported for adoption to the next meeting of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Rebecca S. Roday
Secretary

October 4th, 1932

Board met 8 P.M.
Present Messrs. Janvier, Cloud, Newbitt, Tobin, Clymer, Dodd, McShay, Biggs, Shaw, Booker and Rodney. (1)

Treasurer reported

Cash on hand	\$ 14,206.42
Wm. J. Abbott	200.00
Lupia Higgins	450.00
Wm. Steele	50.00
Return from ins. premiums	52.11
Settlement of fire loss	20.00
	\$14,978.53

While the Treasurer reported the receipt of \$20 for the slight fire loss on the Biggs Farm he also stated that he had not actually received all of the money, but expected to do so the following day.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid-

Del. Lt. Powers Co.	1.20
New Castle Trust	115.00
Ex. Journal Pub. Co.	2.72
James L. Bacon, Janitor	25.00
J. T. & S. Elison	41.05
" " "	31.59
Joseph Thomas	20.00 236.06

The bill of Thomas had not been approved but was ordered paid subject to approval being the work for the repair of the damage done by the fire.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Mason A. P. C. stating that the Trustee did not appear to have a definite statement in writing that the Mason Company would deliver up the premises on March first next and asked for such a letter.

The Committee on the erection of the new house on the Union-Bayard Farm reported progress that they were considering the style of building desired and requested instruction as to the character of heat to be installed as it would make a difference in the construction of the house. The Committee was authorized to employ aid in drawing plans and to obtain rough estimates as to the difference in the cost of heating systems.

It was Resolved, that when the Board adjourned it would meet at the call of the Committee.

The McShay reported that the moving of the house of the Centon Hall Farm had almost been completed but that the grading was in a very unsatisfactory condition. He also reported that he had installed a sink in the kitchen but the elevation of the reservoir was such that the sink could only be installed at a very low position.

Applications for the farms were presented as follows—
John Lovatos offered \$7.50 an acre per year for all of the Penn Farm and all of the Union-Bayard farms with the exception of three acres where the old Hotel stood for which he agreed to pay the sum of \$100 per acre.

H. Hilson Price offered \$5.00 per acre for the Union-Bayard farms.

David M. Katt offered \$5.00 per acre.

Mr. Thomas H. Halmaley appeared before the Board with reference to the Penn Farm and offered to rent it at \$7.50 per acre provided that the Board would make certain improvements or alterations with reference to the water supply, milk house, and concrete work in the barn sufficient to meet the requirements of the Board of Health governing the production of milk.

The matter of renting the farms was continued to the special meeting to be called.

A letter was received from the United Welfare Association in which they desired a contribution from the Board.

Upon motion the Board resolved that an amount of \$100 per month be appropriated for the use of the Welfare Association for a period of 12 months, said payments to be made as directed by the Welfare Society.

A communication was also received from a committee having in charge the commemoration of the landing of William Penn in New Castle asking for an appropriation. On Motion the sum of \$100 was granted for this purpose.

Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary.

November 1st, 1932.

Present: Messrs. Jamieson, Hewlett, John, Celymer, McGoory, Biggs, Shaw, Booker, Cloud and Rodney.
The Treasurer reported as follows:

The following bills were ordered paid—

Geo. H. Bryson	\$ 38.55	
Harry Spahr	8.85	
Welfare Assn.	50.00	
Every Evening	1.98	
Water rents	55.54	
John J. Halls	31.20	
[Mrs. Hauer Mfg Co.]	25.00	} This Bill was not ordered paid but bill up until next meeting
Feldman	16.65	
J. T. & E. Elison	1.86	
	\$ 229.73	
	25	
	204.73	

John Lovatos appeared before the Board in person relative to the leasing by him of the lands of the commons, known as the Penn Farm, Union Farm, and Bayard Farms. The application heretofore made by Thomas H. Halmaley, was reported as having been withdrawn.

On Motion, it was

Resolved, that a 3-acre lot at the corner of the State Highway and of the road leading from New Castle to Christiana, near where the old Hotel now stands, which is about to be torn down, be rented to John Lovatos, for a term not exceeding 5 years, at the rental of \$100 per acre, payable quarterly in advance, with permission to said Lovatos to erect buildings upon said lot and remove them at the expiration of his tenancy provided that the lands be left in proper condition and provided that no part of the lot be sub-let without the consent of the Trustees in writing.

It was also agreed that the Penn, Union and Bayard Farms be rented to the said John Lovatos upon a yearly basis at the rental of \$7.50 per acre, payable quarterly in advance and it is understood that the lease for these farms would be modified so that the growing of wheat might not be required.

The quarterly statement of the light and water board was received and ordered filed.

A communication was received from the committee having in charge the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the landing of William Penn and the Board for their donation which made the celebration possible. The event was celebrated by a pageant held at William Penn School on October 28th.

A letter was received from the Mason Alfalfa Process Company in which they formally notified the Board that they would relinquish all of the land rented by them on March 1, 1933, with the provision that they could exercise the option to cut, before July 1st, an acreage of Alfalfa equivalent to that in wheat which they entered into possession.

A letter was received from John J. Hanley representing Giuseppe Maccari, the purchaser of the Currier farm on the road to Newport. The owner of this farm for many years had rented a portion of land from the Trustees and Mr Hanley stated that Maccari had bought the premises with the understanding that the former owners would take care of the Commons' rent for the current year and he asked that Maccari be made to begin March 1, 1933 instead of March 1, 1932. The matter was put on the next meeting for consideration.

The Treasurer was authorized to serve notices on Harry J. Calletto vacating the premises from the old Town Hall, occupied by him.

The proper officers of the Board in addition to Mr. Cloud, were authorized to purchase

\$5,000 Town of Newark 4 1/2% Bonds, due 1957 @ \$98 and accrued interest
 \$5,000 - - New Castle 5% " " 1945 " 102 " "
 \$2,000 - - Laurel 5% " " 1930 " 100 " "

and to pay for these securities from the separate fund set up from the proceeds of the sale of the real estate to the Highway Department and to have the bonds registered in the corporate records of the Board as to the principal of said Bonds. The Committee was authorized to make suggestions as to other investments.

The Committee on the new farmhouse reported that they had retained Mr. H. Rogers to draw plans for the suggested building and presented a sketch of the proposed building. The plan was approved by the Board and the Committee was authorized to obtain specifications and ask for bids from contractors in and around New Castle, it being desired that the workmen of New Castle be employed on the work.

Meeting adjourned.

Richard Rodney
 Secretary

January 20, 1933.

A special meeting of the ^{Trustees of} New Castle Commons was held this evening pursuant to notice.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Cloud, Clymer, McGrooy, Riggs, Rosker and Rodney.

Treasurer reported.

Regular account

Nov 3/32	Bal cash on hand	14,274.78	
Dec 1	Wm Steele	45.00	
Dec 31	N.C. Trust Int.	46.73	
Jan 14/33	Bellanca Aircraft Co	61.88	\$14,428.39
Special or Capital Fund			
Nov 3/32	Cash on hand	18,168.00	
Dec 3, 1932	purchase \$2,000 5% W of Laurel St Imp. Bonds	2,008.89	
Nov 30	purchase \$5,000		
City New Castle 5% Bonds			
102 1/2		5,125.00	
			7,133.89
			11,034.71
Dec 31/32	Int. on deposit	48.09	\$ 11,082.80

The Town of Laurel Bonds principal is due April 1, 1930 Int. Apr. 1st & Oct. 1st
 City of New Castle Bonds principal due May 1, 1944 Int. May 1st & Nov. 1st.

The above bonds have been deposited in the safe deposit box belonging to the Sewer Commissioners in the New Castle Trust Company. The accrued interest on the Laurel Bonds was paid from the Special or Capital Account. The accrued interest on the New Castle Bonds was paid from the General Fund.

On Motion, the investment of the Laurel and New Castle Bonds was approved.

The Committee reported that they could not purchase the Newark Bonds at the price mentioned in the former minutes and submitted the following recommendations:

\$7,000 Sussex County Highway Bonds 4 1/2% due July 1, 1943

7,000 Town Newark 4 1/2% due 1957

The Committee stated that the above bonds could be purchased for per (\$100) and accrued interest on the Sussex Bonds from January 1, 1933 would be \$20.12 and accrued interest on Newark Bonds would be from August 1, 1932 and amounts to \$86.50.

On Motion the Treasurer was authorized to purchase these bonds now held by the New Castle Trust Company, having been

purchased by that company for the Trustee and sold to the Trustee with profit to the Trust Company.

On Motion the Treasurer was instructed to rent a safe deposit box in the Castle Trust Company and to place therein all the securities held by the Trustee that all securities insofar as possible should be registered as to principal name of the Trustee.

It was further moved that access to the safe deposit box should be given for in the name of the Treasurer together with either the President or Secretary.

The Treasurer was authorized to have the proper leases prepared with new tenants taking the places of the Mason Alfalfa Process Co retaining such assistance in the matter as might be found necessary.

No action was taken on the application of Maccari concerning the arrears of rent for the right of way to the Currinder farm.

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Beble had given up the possession of the room in the Town Hall and that there was a balance due from Beble of unpaid rent \$145.

The Treasurer reported that application had been made to him, while the room was vacant, by the Police Department of New Castle for permission to store seized alcohol in this room and that he had granted that permission.

The action of the Treasurer was approved.

Mr. D.R. Rogers appeared before the Board with the plans and specifications for the suggested new dwelling on the Bayard farm and the committee was authorized to have blueprints made and invite bids for the following general contractors - Bruce Gordon; Nathaniel Hiteon; Jack Joseph Thomas; Harry C. Clark - for plumbing and heating John J. Walls and F.E. Sheridan and also for electrical installations.

The following bills were approved:

United Welfare Assn Dec. 1932	50.00
" " Jan 1933	50.00
Federal tax on checks	1.50
N.C. Tr. Co. Int. on demand loan of \$7500	115.00
Hosmer Meggison, cost of Penn Payment	135.96
Accrued Int. N.C. Bonds	20.83
" " Laurel "	8.89
Mason Alfalfa Process Co., iron roofing	35.00
White Bros., repair Clark furnace	22.10
F.E. Sheridan, Clark Farm	2.25
Concrete Block Co.	13.80
H.A. Phelps, sand & pebbles	7.95
Harry Spahn	26.05
J. T. L. Co., Eliaison	107.95
Abram Ingram	84.80
John Van Neen	20.80

O. M. Grossy, Agent Ins.	93.15
George & Co. Ins. other than Mut	102.85
" " Farmers Mut.	81.65
" " N.C. Co.	12.24
Press House Moving Co.	25.00
	\$1016.83

Upon motion, meeting adjourned.

Richard S. Rodney

Secretary

February 7, 1933

Trustees met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jamin, Hewlett, Alford, Tobin, Cleaver, Lee S. Gray, Shaw, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Capital account

Balance in Bank	91.69
Investments Laurel Bonds 5%	2000.00
Unwick " 5%	5125.00
Snover Co " 4 1/2%	7000.00
Unwick " 4 1/2%	4000.00

Regular account

Bal from last meeting	13306.42
Jan 26 From William Steele	15.00
" " Mason Alfalfa Process Co	1395.15
	14716.57
Amount to be represented in Buildings + (Private ? House) + (House)	14000
Bal in general fund - Income	716.57

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. S. Eliaison	36.05
United Welfare Assn	50.00
P. Lee Gray, Agent (Insurance)	3.71
Unwick Trust Co (Safe deposit box + U.S. tax)	4.40
	94.16

F.R. Rogers for Architects fee 3% to 9% on amount of 7000 being the approximate amount of construction of house 252.00

John Biggs one of tenants of Blockton Farm appeared before the Board and stated that his dwelling house needed sporting and a chimney needed fixing. He also reported the need of a chicken house as the present one was almost beyond repair. He stated that if the Trustees would provide the foundation and the roof that he would do the carpenter work and the lumber was on the farm. He also reported that some of the fencing had been engaged by some employees of Mason Alfalfa Process Co and it was now only reported so that it would not be later thought it had been done by the Beppi.

Mr. Biggs also discussed with the Board the provisions of the lease to be entered into with him for the term beginning March 1st after the termination of the lease alfalfa Process Co's lease. He suggested that it would be impossible for tenant farmers to pay 7⁵⁰ per acre and that careful consideration should be given to obligate themselves by a lease for that amount when they felt they could not pay the rent even though they might expect a rebate at the end of the year.

The treasurer was authorized to rebate to farmers renting directly from the Trustees (Tasker Clark & Abbott) the sum of 1⁰⁰ per acre from the rent coming due on March 1st. It was understood that the same rebate will be granted the lease alfalfa Process Co. on condition that that company pay it on to their tenants. The rebate or rather re-payment to lease alfalfa (which pays its rent in advance) was not ^{yet} made because there might be an unsettled account with that company with relation to repair of fences.

A few weeks a committee was appointed to meet representatives of the lease alfalfa Process Co and inspect the condition of the farms on the lands occupied by that company with a view to determine the quality of the Co. therefor. The President appointed Messrs. Gray & Clymer and it was understood that they should be re-imbursed for their time and expenses.

On motion it was ordered that for the year from March 1, 1933 to March 1, 1934 the rental per acre for the farms (excluding the Model Farm and the lot rented to John Govatos) be fixed at 6⁰⁰ per annum. This reduction was made in view of the extremely low prices the farmers are now receiving for their produce with wheat about 42¢ and corn from 25¢ to 30¢ a bushel with selling at wholesale at 3½¢ a quart.

The quarterly statement of the Light & Water Board was received & filed.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1933

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES	
	CREDITS	CASH		
March 1, 1933 Balance on Hand.....		\$ 3,202.72	The New Castle Trust Co., Int.....	\$ 561.52
W. Grant Abbott.....	\$90.50	290.00	United Welfare Association.....	300.00
Mason Alfalfa Process Co.....		4,185.47	Wm. Penn School.....	2,900.00
Tasker T. Clark.....	93.50	614.25	County Taxes.....	968.53
Sophia Higgins.....		450.00	Printing and Advertising.....	12.70
Wm. Steel.....		250.00	Transferred to Principal Fund.....	1,668.60
John A. Reese.....		150.00	Repairs to Town Clock.....	39.86
Harry J. Cable.....		37.50	Federal Tax on Checks.....	1.10
Giuseppe Maccarri.....		28.13	Gas mantels.....	1.20
Bellanca Aircraft Corp.....		247.50	Accrued Interest on Bonds.....	29.72
U. S. Air-Way Service.....		20.00	Wm. Penn School Pageant.....	135.96
Center Hall Farm, Imp. Fund.....		396.29	Galvanized roofing.....	35.00
Union and Bayard, Imp. Fund.....		252.00	Center Hall Farm.....	396.29
Fire Insurance, Damage.....		20.00	Lausatt Rogers, U. & B. Farm.....	252.00
Fire Insurance, return premium.....		62.07	Safe Deposit Box.....	4.40
Interest, from Principal Fund.....		48.09	Insurance.....	479.54
Interest, New Castle Trust Co.....		60.13	Water, Light and Gas.....	122.10
Interest, Newark Bond.....		90.00	Delaware Comm. of Blind.....	6.90
Total.....		\$ 10,294.15		\$ 7,918.47
DUE FROM TENANTS			Repairs and Improvements at—	
W. Grant Abbott.....		\$ 873.00	Basin House.....	\$ 115.38
Harry J. Cable.....		145.00	Jefferson Farm.....	107.01
Wm. Steel.....		170.00	Stockton Farm.....	246.97
Reba T. Holcomb.....		30.00	Oglethorpe Farm.....	31.07
A. O. U. Workmen.....		50.00	Center Hall Farm.....	18.63
Total.....		\$ 1,268.00	Penn Farm.....	12.95
BILLS PAYABLE			Treasurer Expenses.....	
The New Castle Trust Company.....		\$ 7,500.00	Secretary Expenses.....	\$ 100.00
			Acting Committee.....	50.00
			Comm. of Court House.....	50.00
			Care of Town Clock.....	50.00
			Janitors Salary.....	350.00
			To Balance.....	1,107.21
			Total.....	\$ 10,294.15

IMPROVEMENT FUND		EXPENDITURES	
Receipts			
Received from State Highway Dept.....	\$ 14,000.00	Center Hall Farm.....	\$ 396.29
Total.....	\$ 14,000.00	Union and Bayard Farm.....	252.00
		Balance.....	13,351.71
		Total.....	\$ 14,000.00

PRINCIPAL FUND		EXPENDITURES	
Receipts			
State Highway Dept.....	\$ 16,500.00	2, Town of Laurel 4½% Bonds.....	\$ 2,000.00
Delaware R.R. Co. Condemnation Comm.....	1,668.60	5, New Castle St. Imp. 5% Bonds.....	5,125.00
Total.....	\$ 18,168.60	7, Sussex County 4½% Bonds.....	7,000.00
		4, Town of Newark 4½% Bonds.....	4,000.00
		Uninvested Funds.....	43.60
		Total.....	\$ 18,168.60

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
FRANCIS deH. JANVIER, Pres. PATRICK McGRORY, Treas. RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
JAMES G. SHAW ACTING COMMITTEE MARK J. CLYMER
DR. LEWIS BOOKER COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING GEORGE T. HEWLETT
MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
FRANCIS E. BRIDGEWATER, Term expires March 31, 1934

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES			
Name	No.	Tenants	Acres
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1-2
Stockton.....	2	John & Alex. Biggs.....	134 3-4
Oglethorpe.....	3	Alex. Baxter.....	78 1-2
Center Hall.....	5	Mrs. Eliz. W. Clark.....	120 1-2
Penn.....	6	John Govatos.....	153 1-3
Union & Bay.....	8-9	John Govatos.....	204 1-4
Clayton.....	10	John Govatos.....	3
Model.....	11	Tasker T. Clark.....	93 1-2
Part of No. 8.....	6	Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	109 1-2
Part of No. 3.....	8	Bellanca Air. Corp.....	33
House Lot No. 3.....	2	Reba T. Holcomb.....	3
Part of No. 2.....	2	William Steel.....	2
Part of No. 2.....	2	Giuseppe Maccarri.....	7 1-2
Part of No. 2.....	2	Wilm. Gun Club.....	38
City Hall Store.....		U.S. Airway Service.....	20.00
City Hall Store.....		A.O.U. Workmen.....	50.00
		John A. Reese.....	150.00
		Vacant.....	150.00
Total.....			\$7,613.75

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Name	Term Expires
Patrick McGrory.....	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier.....	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw.....	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
James S. Deemer.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Selden S. Deemer.....	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
Richard S. Rodney.....	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
John F. Z. Clayton.....	Elected July 26, 1919
George T. Hewlett.....	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
Dr. Lewis Booker.....	Elected Aug. 1, 1925
Dr. Julius Dodd.....	Elected May 1, 1926
George T. Tobin.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
Mark J. Clymer.....	Elected Aug. 23, 1930
John F. Cloud.....	Elected Aug. 23, 1930

Audited and found correct April 20, 1933.
DR. LEWIS BOOKER,
JAMES E. BIGGS,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

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March 7th 1933

Trustees met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Jamieson, Toland, Tobin, Glycer, McHenry,
Chaw, Biggs, Booker, and Rodney.

The Treasurer reported

Feb. 8 Balances cash on hand \$14,370.41
Dec. Fund 1,014.74
Proceeds Harri Learner 13,255.67 \$17,370.41

Cash 1,014.74
Feb. 15 Int. Newark Roads 90.00
Mar. 7 Tacker Clark 257.12
John Reese 25.00 \$1436.86
Imp. of as above 13255.67
Total chks. of 14,792.53

Investment to total receipts \$18,255.58
Total Investments 18,133.95
91.63

The Acting Committee reported a letter from Tacker Clark in which
he desired the erection of a fence 93 rods long. The matter was
left with the Acting Committee as was also a question of painting to
be done at Penn Farms, it being stated that the tenant might do the
painting, if the paint were furnished.

The following bills were ordered paid:

J. J. & E. Gibson 25.85
A. Ingram 11.00
H. A. Phelps 6.84
Del. P. & Co. 7.00
Del. Com. for Blind 6.90
Lt. & Water Board 9.00
Harry Spohn 57.20
Treasurer - expenses 100.00
Secy - " 50.00
Acting Comm - " 50.00
Comm. C. H. H. - rent 50.00
Immi. Ch. - Care clock 50.00
Janitor - 25.00
United Shilfare Assoc. 50.00
Fed. Tax on checks 1.04

\$499.83

The Committee appointed in connection with the new dwelling house on the Harris Corner Farm made a report wherein it stated that the costs of erecting the building were higher than anticipated and that it had in contemplation changes in the plans and asked the Board to indicate the maximum amount the Board desired to invest.

On motion, it was resolved that the Board desired the new building erected at a cost not exceeding \$65,000.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Wilmington Trapshooting Assn in which it again made an offer for the 36 acres of land on the Stockton Farm for the purposes of the gun club offering a rental of \$500 a year and in indicating that this offer was contingent on a 10 year lease with privilege of renewal.

On Motion it was resolved that the land be leased to the gun club for 10 years for the sum of \$500, but that the Board would not agree at this time to a renewal for a further term of 10 years. See minutes pages 295 & 297. It was understood that the lease should embrace the provision set out in the letter of September 17th/1932, and that the secretary communicate with the Association.

A letter was presented from the Bellanca Aircraft Corp., in which it stated that the lease of the tract occupied by the corporation had expired and that they desired to re-rent for a further 5-yr period.

On Motion it was resolved that the lease be renewed for the terms of 5 years subject to the same terms and rental. (see pages 236 and 237).

A letter was received from J. J. Henley as agent for Giuseppe Maccari in which it was again asked that the rent for the portion of land occupied by Maccari be made to begin March 1st, 1933 instead of March 1st, 1932. It appeared that Maccari bought the land in 1932 and that the rent had been paid by the former owner, the Currinder estate, and there was an arrearage of \$532.25.

On Motion, it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to collect and release any portion of the rent prior to September 1, 1932, it being pointed out that if the former owner, Currinder, had paid the rent he would only have paid it up to September 1, 1932 and that since that time Maccari had actual possession of the land.

The Committee on Public Buildings presented the condition of the barber shop in the Town Hall and suggested the installation of plaster board in said shop. The matter was left in the hands of the Committee to take such action as it might deem proper.

This being the annual meeting the Board went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

- J. de N. Janvier was elected President
- Richard Rodney was elected Secretary

The Acting Committee was elected consisting of Messrs. Biggs and Glynor.

see p 236-237

The Public Building Committee consisting of Newlett, John, and Booker.

James L. Baron was re-elected Janitor.

An Auditing Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Biggs and Booker.

Meeting adjourned

Richard Rodney
Secretary

April 4, 1933

Trustees met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Cloud, Tobin, Clynor, W. S. Gray, Biggs, Shaw & Booker (E)

In the absence of the Secretary Mr Booker was made Secretary Pro Tem. The Treasurer reported the form of the annual report which will be printed. A Representative of the Star Line presented two plans of stanchions for the barn at Peem Farm with estimates of cost of installation.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer from principal fund to income fund 48⁰⁶ representing income and U.S. tax on checks. Committee on Public Buildings reported work on Town Hall (barber shop) completed.

The Acting Committee was authorized to have all necessary fencing done on the farms for the purpose of providing pasturing.

A letter was received Giuseppe Maccari regarding an exchange of land. The letter stated ^{dated March 17, 1933} "I am the owner of what was formerly known as the Currinder farm on the Basin Road near New Castle and as I already have more ground than I need I am unable to pay the expense of the rental for the seven and a half acre plot belonging to the Commons and adjoining my land to the Basin Road. In order to straighten out the line to both properties to our mutual benefit I respectfully submit the offer of exchanging some of my land in the near for this seven and a half acres. I realize of course that your ground would be the more valuable and naturally expect to deliver to you a larger plot. Trusting you will favor me with prompt consideration, I am, Respectfully yours — Giuseppe Maccari"

The following bids were ordered paid

J. T. L. S. Esham Inc	21.72	
N. G. Watson	126.35	
Bruce Carpenter	15.73	
William Cannon	38.40	
Oscar Elliott	6.00	
Abe Syman	10.50	
Bee Thomas	79.80	
Light & Water Board	5 ⁰⁰	
New Castle Trust Co	112.50	466 ⁰⁰
Welfare Association (office)	50	

Adjourned to meet Friday April 14, 1933

April 14, 1933

Trustees met in adjourned session at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Jawier, Hewlett, T. Drie, Clymer, W. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (10)

The treasurer reported the only financial change was the payment of the bills authorized at the meeting of April 4th

William Steele, tenant of the Bruce property on N.W. corner of 25th St. & New Port Road who is in arrears of about 200.00 came before the Board. A letter was also received from his wife in which it appeared that they were endeavoring to sell the small building erected by them and some other property to Atlantic Refining Co. for 1000.00 but that that company was declining to purchase at that price. A Mr. Stewart of the Pure Oil Co. was with Mr. Steele to see on what terms that Co. could obtain the site. He offered two plans (1) For trustees to continue lease to Steele and Pure Oil Co. would pay Steele 1¢ per gallon for gas sold & Steele would be responsible for rent to trustees or (2) That Pure Oil Co. be made the lessee of the ground covered by the filling station and that the Pure Oil Co. would pay the trustees 1 cent a gallon for all gas sold as rent. As Steele indicated his chief desire was to sell the place the matter was continued to give them an opportunity to make and suggestions in writing for the consideration of the Board.

The Acting Committee was authorized to act in the matter of installation of stanchions in Penn farm barn in an economical manner.

At the meeting the President appointed the Acting Committee (Shaw, Biggs & Clymer) and the Committee preparing plans for a new house on Union farm (Booker & W. Gray & Hewlett) to select site for new buildings on that farm and for removal of barns across the road notifying Board when they were ready to remove the same.

The following bills were ordered paid

William Clewley	40.46	
Water Rent	53.47	
Ben Thomas	35.15	129.02

Richard S. Rodney, Secy

April 25th 1933

Board met pursuant to notice at Har's Corner farm to consider location for new house building

Present: James, Booker, Clymer, W. Gray, Rodney, Hewlett & Rodney

After the inspection the Board proceeded to the meeting room. Some members present. The Board shortly considered the question of bids for the erection of the farm but in view of the lack of a quorum, concluded to postpone the matter until the regular meeting on May 14.

Secretary

May 21, 1933.

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Jawier, McGrovy, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, Hewlett, Booker, John, Clymer, Cloud, Rodney.

The President reported the death of Dr. Dodd, which occurred April 16th, and on motion the President appointed a committee to present resolutions on his death, the committee to consist of the President and 2 others; the committee appointed was Mr. Jawier, Dr. Booker, and Mr. Biggs.

The treasurer reported the presentation of the Auditor's Report, printed, for the year ending March 1, including the payment of the March bills, and the further reports as of this date showing receipts.

Robt. J. Holcomb	\$30
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A. D. W. W.	50
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Cash on Hand	\$511.80
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Balance in the Improvement Fund	\$13,351.71
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The Acting Committee reported contract had been awarded Harry C. Clark for the installation of stanchions at the Penn farm barn at a price of about \$730.

The following bills were paid -

John J. Stoops	\$ 4.80
Abram Ingram	56.60
J. J. St. Claire	49.74
C. H. Gray	7.50

\$118.64

A letter was received from City Council notifying the Board that Horace L. Deakyne had been elected by Council as a member of the Light & Water Board for a 3 year term, commencing April 1, 1933.

The Committee appointed at the February meeting to examine the condition of the fences on the lands occupied by the Mason Alfalfa Process Co. to determine the liability of that company for any fences, made a report as follows:

"We beg to report that we find the following replacements needed to be made by the Mason Alfalfa Process Company to the fences on the farms recently leased by them:

On Penn farm 2 gates west side of State Highway
2 sections wire fence south side of School House Lane and west side State Highway.

On Bayard farm 2 gates west side of State Highway, 2 sections wire fence south side of School House Lane & west side State Highway.

Union farm south side School House Lane, and east side State Highway, entire length of field.

2 sections wire fence between fields on Union & Penn farm - 1 gate.

Sections of fence Penn farm from driveway to Lane, line of fence on Penn farm north side of School House Lane to be adjudicated.

On Stockton farm, gate at entrance.
C. W. Gray
J. J. Clymer

An motion the committee was authorized to settle with the Mason Alfalfa Company for a lump sum for the repairs to the fences payable by the Mason Co. taking into consideration the rights of the Mason Company to cut alfalfa as an away going tenant under the lease it being thought that the final settlement with the Mason Company should settle all matters between that company and the Board or having relations to the Board's property.

The Treasurer reported that Alexander Baxter who was a tenant under the Mason Alfalfa Process Company of the Aglethorpe farm at the River had declined to sign the lease presented to him by the Treasurer. On motion the Secretary was authorized to notify Mr. Baxter in writing that he is an occupant of the farm without lease, that he must sign the lease on or before May 25th or give up and vacate the property as of June first.

The Board went into a consideration of the bids for the new farmhouse on the Harris Corner Farm and it appeared that the following bids were submitted:

Harry C. Clark	\$6,125.00
Joseph Thomas	5,804.05
Bruce Gordon	4,958.00
Nath. Watson	4,865.50
F. S. Sheridan	330.00
Plumb 260	
Brain 85	
Pumps 85	
Jos. F. Grant Pipules Hts.	1,900.00
E. M. Dewell Elect. Work	1,764.40

Nathaniel S. Watson being the low bidder the committee was instructed to prepare a contract to be entered into by Watson for the erection of the house according to the plans and specifications, provided that he give a bond with corporate surety for the full amount of the bid conditional for the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all bills, the cost of the bond to be paid by the trustees. It was determined that the house must be completed not later than September 1 and in the event that the bond was not given or the contract entered into, that the committee should give the contract to the next lowest bidder upon the same terms.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

May 15, 1935.

Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, G. Lymer, M. G. Gray, Biggs, C. Layton, Rodney.

The meeting was called to consider the question of the contract for the new farm dwelling. It appeared that Mr. Nathaniel S. Watson, the low bidder, was unable to give a corporate bond for the completion of the building and it was suggested that this condition might exist as to one or both of the other local bidders.

It was reported that J. T. & E. Eliason, Inc. were furnishing practically all of the material and that they would be willing to leave their material bill until the completion of the building and that Watson would not require all of the labor cost.

On Motion it was resolved that the requirement of the bond be waived if proper arrangements could be made whereby the payments by the Board could be so delayed as to insure that the Board would not suffer loss in the erection of the building.

A letter was received from City Council requesting the Board to install two Rest Rooms in or near the old Town Hall. The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings to consult with City Council and ascertain if the City would care for the rooms and police the same in case they were erected and to report at a later meeting of the Board.

Mr. Steele appeared before the Board and stated that if the Board could give him a lease for 3 years at \$25. per month he could sub-rent a portion of the premises for \$25. a month together with an amount payable on each gallon of gas beyond a certain amount and thus discharge the rent in arrears. He could not tell the name of the person to whom he would sub-let and stated that an oil company would guarantee the rent. He was informed that he should obtain this statement in writing before any consideration would be given it by the Board.

A communication was also received from the Atlantic Refining Co. by H. S. Tait under date of May 8 stating they understood that Mr. Steele might be having the property and in that event that the Atlantic Refining Co. would be agreeable to take over a five year lease on the premises under the same terms as rented by Mr. Steele. No action was taken on this communication.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

June 6th 1933

Trustees met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Cloud, Tobin, Clymer, McGrooy, Clayton,

Bizz Shaw & Rosney

The Treasurer reported as follows:

May 3d Balance Gen. Fund	\$487.26
20th Balance Aircraft	61.88
	549.14

May 3 Improvement Fund Balance	13,351.71
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13,900.85

Mr White, representative of the Sun Oil Company appeared before the Board with Mr Steele relative to the house occupied by Mr Steele corner of Basin Road. Mr White stated his company would be willing to rent the property at \$35 a month and would then sub let the house to Mr Steele at \$10 a month. At the same time Mr Steele presented a letter to the Board in which he stated he was willing to turn over to the Board under certain conditions the buildings and other property owned by him at the filling station. The Board stated they would not consider moving the building and other equipment from Mr Steele under any condition and he stated to the Board that he was willing to turn over the buildings and other property unconditionally. Mr White stated he was not prepared to turn over to the Board the arrearage of rent owed by Mr Steele amounting to \$275.00. After considerable discussion he said he would inquire of his company if they would pay that arrearage.

The matter of the lease of the Helmington Trap shooting area was discussed and the Secretary informed the Board that the Association would probably want to start their rent as of June 1. This was approved by the Board in consideration of the fact that the property was not occupied by the Association before that date.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Am. Newlove Painting Town Hall	\$ 39
George & Co. Inc	16.95
P. McGrooy Inc.	19.44
George & Co. Treas. Bond	15.00
J. B. McPike	5.00
A. Ingram fencing Co.	54.00
H. T. Boyer	519.52
J. L. E. Eliason	97.33
J. J. Clayton Lumber	12.10
Acas Elliott Mill work	15.00
A. J. Phelps	7.28
F. E. Skinsan	36.33
H. C. Clark, Stanchions & concrete work	
Penn Farm	777.00

\$1614.05

MINUTE ON DEATH OF DR. JULIUS DODD.

The Trustees of the New Castle Common record with sorrow the death of our Fellow Member, Dr. Julius Dodd, on Sunday, April Sixteenth 1933.

Dr. Dodd was elected a Member of this Board on August 1, 1925, and throughout the period of his membership took an active and helpful interest in the administration of the Trust. By his gentle courtesy and wise counsel and sound common sense, he held the affection and confidence and respect of his associates, and his death removes a most valuable Member and Advisor. His life, first as a Minister of the Gospel and later as an active Practitioner of Medicine was devoted to the service of his fellow men in ministering both to their souls and to their bodies. In his work as a medical doctor, he brought not only the skill of an able physician but the charity and comforting influence of a devoted Christian. In this community, into which he came in his mature years, he quickly won the confidence and respect and friendship of all who came in contact with him, and the remembrance of the kindly spirit which illumined his whole life will long remain in our hearts as a memorial to him and to his works. He died - an upright and true man, an honored neighbor and friend, and a devoted husband.

RESOLVED, That this minute be adopted and spread upon the records of the Board, and that a copy be sent to his widow with the sympathy of the Board.

James E. Bizzell
Francis de H. Jamieson
Committee

The Committee of Mr. M. Gray & Mr. Clymer presented a letter from the Mason A. P. Co. showing that the arrangement as to the amount due from that company for repair to fences was satisfactory.

Upon Motion the allowance of the rebate of rent of \$744.08 was allowed to the Mason A. P. Co. less \$140 for damage to fences making a total payment to the Mason Co. of \$604.08. This was with the understanding that that company would in turn pass on this abatement of rent to their tenants for the acreage occupied by such tenants the amount of such acreage having been furnished to the Board by the company.

A letter was received from Mr. H. C. Clark, who had demolished and was rebuilding on the opposite side of the road the large barn at Hares' Corner. During the progress of this work certain changes had been made - the walls and barn had been raised 6" at a cost of \$140; the roof was changed from an asphalt paper roof to a 2 1/4" random length width wooden shingle roof at a cost of \$80. Mr. M. Gray was authorized to make any other changes in connection with the erection of this barn that might appear to him to be proper. Also a curtain wall around two ends and the front of the granary at a cost of about \$65 and also finish under the garage & also some lumber & materials on the hay barracks.

The committee appointed to present a minute upon the death of Dr. Dodd, presented their report which is attached hereto. A copy was authorized to be forwarded to the family of Dr. Dodd.

On Motion an election was authorized to be held for a successor to Dr. Dodd, said election to be held on Saturday, June 24th, 1933 at the hours of from 1 to 6, daylight saving time. Messrs. M. Gray, Shaw & Hewlett were named to hold said election.

The Secretary presented a letter from the General Engineering Company, regarding a survey of the farms indicated, and stated that such survey would be in the neighborhood of \$650. It was resolved that this could not be undertaken at the present time.

Secretary.

rickson & concrete work

Penn Farm

777.00

\$1614.05

June 27th, 1933.

Board met 8 P.M.

Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, M. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker, Rodney.

The Committee appointed to hold an election for a successor to Dr. Julius Dodd reported that at an election held on Saturday, June 24th, 546 votes, that Jacob H. Speicher received 465 votes, George Pedrick received 81 votes. Jacob H. Speicher was declared elected and appeared and took a place in the Board.

The Treasurer reported that the bills paid at the meeting of June 7th exceeded the balance in the General Account and that, according to the instructions of the Board, he had transferred from the improvement fund to the General fund the sum of \$432.57 to meet the deficiency in payment of bills. The account was as follows:

Improvement Fund	
June 7-53 Balance	\$ 11,418.60
Trans. from Gen. Fund	432.57
Balance	10,986.03
General Fund	
June 7- Trans. from Imp. Fund.	432.57
June 8- Expended in Bills	432.57
June 22- Received W.J.R.	125.00

A communication was received from H.S. Tait, Mgr. Atlantic Ref. Co. stating that that company had made arrangements to purchase the site of William H. Steele located at the N.E. intersection of du Pont Highway & Newport Road. The company proposed to rent from the Trustees of the Common property heretofore occupied by Steele for a period of 3 years from March 1, 1933 at a rental of \$35 per month. The company agreed when making settlement with Mr. Steele to see to it that the Trustees of the Common be paid in full the indebtedness from Steele to the Trustees amounting on July 1 to \$310. The Atlantic company also presented a letter from William Steele to the effect that he approved this arrangement and was to become a sub-tenant of the Atlantic Refining Co. at \$10 a month.

Mr. Carwell representing Diamond State Petroleum was also present and made a written proposition in substantially the same terms except that they have no arrangement with Steele as to remaining on the property.

On Motion the proposition of Atlantic Refining Co. was accepted and the proper officers authorized to execute a lease.

William Steele was personally present and requested the Board to execute this lease.

The Acting Committee reported a letter from the underwriter about the condition of some chimneys which have been corrected and also reported that the barn at Penn Farm had been finished and a concrete trough

at Centre Hall installed. The Acting Committee was authorized to extend the shed on the Model farm some thirty feet so as to house implements required to be removed from the barn. The matter of the concrete in the barn was continued for investigation.

The Committee of the Town Hall presented bids for erecting restrooms in the Town Hall at the request of City Council and the matter was continued to the next meeting for a definite understanding as to the maintenance of the rooms and the assurance that they be kept in a sanitary condition.

The Goodwill Fire Company presented a letter and Chief James V. Campbell appeared and requested the aid of the Trustees in obtaining additional fire hose. He stated the hose would cost about \$1.10 per foot and that the Board had heretofore appropriated \$250. for the company to be used in connection with a fire hall but that that matter was in abeyance and this sum not needed.

On Motion it was unanimously resolved that the Board grant to the Goodwill Fire Co. 500 feet new hose at approximately \$1.10 per foot and requested Mr. Campbell to make the purchase.

The following bills were paid -

Hall at Penn Farm	\$ 54.85
J. W. E. Talison	126.77
	46.05
	2.31
W. B. Watson of new house	275.13
Electron Committee	250.00
	12.00
N. C. F. Co. Int.	113.75
	705.73

The Treasurer was authorized to pay these accounts, borrowing from the Improvement fund if necessary.

Bids were presented for painting the outbuilding at Hare's Corner as follows:

R.H. Harrington	365.00
H.C. Clark	279.00 First Class Material
"	260.00 2d " "
William Newlove	250.00

On Motion it was resolved that Mr. M. Gray be authorized to have the buildings painted by Mr. Newlove in case the Highway Department declined to assume the liability for the painting.

The Board decided to meet at Hare's Corner to inspect the buildings on Thursday June 6th at 5 P.M.

The matter of the erection of the water tanks at Hare's Corner was discussed and it was the feeling of the Board that a gravity tank should be installed rather than a pressure tank.

The Treasurer was authorized to continue the monthly donations toward the Relief Association in case it was found necessary. The matter of preparing leases with John Lovatol and

ascertaining the amount of rent due was left with the officers of the Board with authority to have the lease executed.

It was determined that the Board should adjourn until the meeting night in September unless called in special session.

Secretary

September 5th, 1933

Board met 8 PM.

Present: Messrs Spinkler, Cloud, Clymer, Biggs, McGray, and Rodney.

There being no quorum the meeting adjourned until Wednesday September 13th.

Secretary

September 13th, 1933

Board met 8 PM.

Present: Messrs. Shaw, Tobin, Clymer, Spinkler, McGray, -Rooker, Cloud, Biggs and Rodney.

Treasurer made the following report:

Regular Account	
Receipts to 4/30/33 incl. \$432.57	\$
from Improvement fund	1,806.66
Total expenditures	2,035.08
Deficit	228.42
Receipts to 7/12	1,159.17
7/12/33 Cash Balance	\$ 930.75
Bills paid, no orders drawn	1,951.36
Deficit	1,020.61

Improvement Fund

3/1/33 Balance	13,351.71
4/30/33 Paid out, incl \$432.57 to Reg. Ac.	2,135.40
9/30/33 Bills paid, no orders drawn	2,729.86
Total	4,865.86
Balance	8,486.45
Less deficit Reg. Ac.	1,020.61

Balance Cash in Bank 7,465.84

Bills passed, but no orders drawn since meeting 4/30/33

	Reg. Ac	Imp. Fund	
7/9 Ab Ingram	96.90		
H.A. Phelps	3.84		
White Bros.	10.00		
7/4 Eliason, J. & L. E.	329.75	63.78	393.53
Ab Ingram	94.05		
John Van Veen	120.00		
7/5 H.A. Phelps	10.87		
Harry Spahr	29.50		
"	14.90		
7/7 George & Co.	53.99		
A. M. Gray, Agt.	52.59		
County taxes	885.40		
Clarence Blackburn	7.50		
Tax	98		
Wm. F. Hanna	3.50		
John Biggs	5.00		
Ab Ingram	107.40		
H.A. Phelps	6.77		
J. J. & L. E. Eliason	89.52	12.38	101.90
Mark Clymer	3.90		
James D. Bacon	25.44		195.136
7/17 H. C. Clark		622.00	
Nat. Watson		150.00	
7/22 " "		100.00	
7/4 J. J. & L. E. Eliason		1,000.00	
Nat Watson		100.00	
J. J. & L. E. Eliason		63.78	
7/12 Nat Watson		50.00	
"		100.00	
"		30.00	
9/2 " "		100.00	
9/9 " "		100.00	
9/12 " "		40.00	
9/12 " "		11.70	
Wm Newlove		250.00	
J. J. & L. E. Eliason		12.38	2729.86

Receipts

Laurel Bond Interest	50.00
New Castle	125.00
Swasey	157.50
Newark	96.00
Tramway Ins. Co.	3.12
Royal	4.05
U.S. Mail Service	20.00
F. C. Trust Co.	67.50
Clay Clark	361.50
Thomas Clark	280.00

Mr. Watson presented an order in favor of Joseph F. Grant which was ordered paid in amount \$127.00.

The bids for the erection of the tank at Haris Corner were considered and the Committee was authorized to give the work to A. S. Gist of Newark.

Mrs. Steele's letter with reference to the condition of the house in which she lived was referred to the Acting Committee for action by the committee.

On Motion the meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

October 3, 1933

Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Shaw, Hewlett, Clymer, Speiker, Mr. Brody, Cloud, Briggs, Booker, Cleyton, and Rodney. (10)

In the absence of the President Mr. Shaw was made Chairman pro tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Mar. '33 Balance \$ 13,351.71

Total expenditures incl. \$432.57

trans. to reg. '4 June 30, 1933 \$2,135.40

Sept 12, total of bills paid since

June 30, 1933 for which no orders drawn 2,729.86 4,263.26

Balance Improvement Fund 8,486.45

Sept 13, less deficit Reg '4 1,020.61

Cash 7,465.84

Receipts - General '4

Sept. 7, John Briggs 5.00

22, Hil. Trophort, N. S. 125.00

22, Sophia Higgins 450.00

30, Atl. Ref. Co. 105.00

31, " " 35.00

Oct. 3, H. Grant Albott 350.00

Total Balance 1,070.00

Oct 3, Balance Imp. Fund 8,486.45

Balance Gen. Fund 79.39

The following bills were presented and allowed:

W. F. Hanna \$5.05

Benj. Thomas 41.40

George & Co. 20.28

New Castle Jr. Co. 115.00

Joseph F. Grant 102.20

" " Pigeon Hts. 190.00

Math. Watson 50.00

Edward McDowell Ele. Fk. 45.76

" " " Hrs. 178.65

The Committee on the erection of the new farmhouse was authorized to erect a new door as an extra at the top of the cellar stairs and also to run the electric wire from the house to the pump either underground or by the erection of an additional pole.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were constituted a committee to settle all matters with Mr. Lovatos with reference to the Penn Farm, Bayard Farm, and the 3 cornered tract at Haris Corner rented by him and to have prepared and executed the leases therefor, making such abatement to Mr. Lovatos as to the committee would seem proper.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

November 7th, 1933

Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Tobin, Clymer, Speiker, Mr. Brody, Briggs, Shaw, and Rodney. (8)

Treasurer reported

Nov. Account 61.87

Oct 11, 1933 Bellair Aircraft 61.88

" " " 310.00

20, " Am. Steele 35.00

" 31, " Atlantic Ref. Co. 7.5

Nov. 6 " John Rice

Total Receipts from Reg. \$4,579.58

Expenditures 4,233.54

Balance 346.04

Imp. Account

Nov 6 Receipts 13,351.71

" Expenditures 8,297.62 5,054.09

Balance cash in Bank \$5,410.13

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On Motion the meeting then adjourned

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Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Shaw, Hewlitt, Clymer, Speiker, Mr. Brody, Cloud, Biggs, Booker, Clayton and Rodney (10)

In the absence of the President Mr. Shaw was made Chairman pro tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Mar. 133 Balance	\$	13,351.71
Total expenditures incl. \$452.57		
trans. to reg. 4/6 June 30, 1933	\$	2,135.40
Sept 12, total of bills paid since		
June 30 1933 for which no orders drawn	2,729.86	4,863.26
Balance Improvement Fund		8,486.45
Sept 13, less deficit Reg 4/6		1,020.61
Cash		7,465.84
Receipts - General 4/6		
Sept. 4, John Biggs	5.00	
22, Wil. Trophort Man.	175.00	
22, Sophia Higgins	450.00	
30, Atl. Ref. Co.	105.00	
31, " " "	35.00	
Oct. 3, H. Grant Abbott	350.00	
Total	1,070.00	
Oct 3, Balance Imp. Fund	8,486.45	
Balance Imp. Fund	79.39	

The following bills were presented and allowed:

H. F. Hanna	\$5.05
Genl. Thomas	41.40
George & Co.	20.28
New Castle Jr. Co.	115.00
Joseph F. Grant	102.20
" " " Pajamas Htr.	190.00
Nech. Watson	50.00
Edward McDowell Ele. Fk.	45.76
" " " Hire	178.65

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On motion, meeting adjourned.

Secretary

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Nov. 6 " John Reese	7.5

Total Receipts from 4/6	\$4,579.58
Expenditures	4,223.54
Balance	356.04
Imp. Account	

Nov 6 Receipts	13,351.71
" Expenditures	8,297.62
	5,054.09

Balance cash in Bank \$5,410.13

The Treasurer reported he had made settlement in full with N. S. Watson, General Contractor, and that there was a balance due to L. R. Rogers, architect, of \$92.82, and presented to the Board a release of Mechanic's Lien signed by the contractor and those furnishing materials to the contractor.

The following bills for improvement and separate contracts not embraced in the general contract were ordered paid-

A. H. Geist, water tower tank, elec. pump, elec. lines and 6" drain in the backyard	\$ 710.30
Wm. Newlove, cleaning	91.00
L. R. Rogers, Balance of fee	92.82
F. E. Sheridan, plumbing	345.00
	\$ 1157.12

The Treasurer stated that upon a test, made on Monday, November 6th of the electric pump when attached to the well, it was found that the water supply was deficient. The pump ~~was~~ drained the well and the supply of water was not sufficient. Treasurer stated he had immediately gotten in touch with the Highway Department and they in turn with Mr. A. B. Clark, contractor, and stated that immediate steps would be taken to remedy the water supply.

Some discussion was had as to the arrearage of rent owed by John Grotas for the Penn Farm which has been in good order, it being understood that abatement of rent would be necessary to Mr. Grotas for the Bayard farm and the three acre tract at the corner. Discussion was also had as to the arrearage of rent due by Alexander Baster from Aglethorpe farm. It was pointed out that the rent from Mr. Grotas was, by agreement, to be in advance. In order to facilitate the settlement of these matters the Treasurer was authorized to serve notice to quit on Mr. Grotas as to the three parts rented by him, namely, Penn farm, Bayard farm and the three acre tract at the corner and also on Mr. Baster as to Aglethorpe farm.

The Acting Committee reported repairs to the Baster farm to the roof, side of the house and outbuildings and informed the Board that the buildings seem now in good shape.

The Acting Committee also reported a new roof and a pointing were needed on the Clayton farm tenanted by Jack Clark and repairs to the interior where the chimney had been removed.

Upon Motion the Acting Committee was authorized to attend to these matters.

The quarterly report of the Light and Water Board was received and ordered filed.

The Treasurer presented a letter from the Penn Mutual Insurance Co. which had underwritten 1/6 of the insurances on the Bayard farm in which the sound values of the buildings as made by that company were much lower than those by the other company undertaking said insurance and lower than the sound values as approved by this Board. This was notably the case of the new barn upon which that company fixed a sound value of \$5,000 as contracted with \$6666 by other companies and if the sound value of \$5,110 be adopted total insurances would have to be reduced to \$87,500.

On Motion the Treasurer was instructed to continue the 1/6 insurance on these buildings in the Penn Mutual Ins. Co. if they would accept the

sound values adopted by the other companies; otherwise to place this proportion of insurance with some other company.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

Hairy Bowen, painting roof at Abbotts	\$ 20.00
John S. Hise	72
B. T. Dank	72
Cement	1 145.00
J. J. & L. E. Elison, Baster farm	159.26
" " Basin "	54.71 213.97
F. E. Sheridan, Clark's	185
John T. Stroops	17.50
H. F. Hanna	24.45

Water Commissioners

Mosel	11.41	}	51.61
Centre Hall	10.00		
Aglethorpe	10.00		
Blackton	10.20		
Basin House	5.00		
Town Hall	5.00		

473.38

The following account of the Improvement Fund will show the disbursements from that fund:

February, 1933	Received	\$ 14,000.00
March	Centre Hall farm, Improvmt. 396.29	
June	Penn Farm, H. Clark, Bas 777.00	
	" " A diagram 54.00	
	Jeff. Farm, Boyer Bros. fence 189.60	
	Clayton " " 329.92	
July	Trans. Gen. ac 432.57	
"	Bayard farm, H. Clark, material 622.00	
"	" " Elison " 178.47	
"	" " Wm Newlove painting 250.00	
"	" " N. S. Watson repairing 51.70	
"	" " J. F. Grant, pointing 10.20	
"	" " Geist & Geist 355.15	
	50% cost of water inst.	355.15
		3,646.90
		10,353.10

Bayard Farm - Dwelling -

N. S. Watson, Gen. Cont.	4,987.75
Jos. F. Grant, Heater	190.00
E. M. Howell, wiring & fixtures	124.41
F. E. Sheridan, plumbing	345.00
Geist & Geist, 50% water inst.	355.15
L. R. Rogers, acct. plan	252.00
" " Bal. "	92.82
Wm Newlove, cleaning	91.00
	6,456.13
	\$ 5,296.57

It would seem from the foregoing statement of the Improvement Account that certain items have been paid from it which were not properly chargeable to the operation of Bayard Farm by reason of the new dwelling or removal of farm buildings

Centre Hall Farm	\$ 396.29
Penn Farm, H. Clark	777.00
" " A. Ingram	541.00
Jefferson Farm, - Boyer Bros. fencing	189.60
Clayton " " "	329.72
Trans. from General Fund	432.57
	\$2178.73

Meeting adjourned

Secretary

December 5th, 1933.

Board met. P. 7:30.

Present: Messrs. Jamies, Cloud, Clymer, ^{W. B. Burt} Speicher, Clayton, Shaw, Biggs, Brooker & Rodway.

Treasurer reported as follows:

November 7 - Balance	\$ 356.04
17 - Missippi Masari	39.13
Ad. Ref. G.	35.00
December 5 - John Govatos	1,833.88
Total	2,963.05
Nov. 7 - Expenditures	418.85
December 5 Balance	\$ 1,834.20
Improvement Fund Balance	3,896.77
Total Cash	5,730.97

Treasurer reported that at the new Bayard Farm, the water supply having given out, the Highway Department had Mr. Ennis of Odessa drive the well to a depth of 81 feet and that a supply of water simple and sufficient at present had been obtained.

The Treasurer also reported a letter from the Penn Mutual Ins Co stating that it still valued its sound value of the Bayard Farm but that it would continue its insurance for the current year.

Treasurer also received a letter from John Govatos referring to the removal of manure from Bayard Farm. Mr. Govatos stated it was being removed because of the possibility of the infection of a cow with Bangs disease and the necessity of removing all possible cause of infection. The Treasurer also reported the receipt from Mr. Govatos of the rent in full to December 1, subject to such abatement as the Board should make. The rent received was as follows:

Penn Farm, and former part of Union 201 ^{1/2} a.	\$905.63
3 acre tract at corner (275 a quarter)	225.00
Bayard Farm, remainder 156 ^{1/2} a.	703.25
	\$1833.88

It was resolved that the acreage of the old Union Farm amounting to about 51 acres, more or less, lying on the easterly side of the State Highway with the exception of the 3 acre tract at the corner, be consolidated with, and known as part of the Penn Farm.

It was resolved that the 3 acre tract at the corner be considered as a separate parcel.

It was further resolved that that part of the farm lying west of the Highway heretofore known as East Union & Bayard Farm to be hereafter known as the Bayard Farm.

An application was received from Jesse Biggs Longacre to rent the store in the town hall for \$1.00 a month, he to make all necessary improvements except the floor, after some discussion, this offer was refused, but the Treasurer was authorized to rent the store for \$12.50 payable in advance, the tenant to make such alterations and improvements and to be allowed for the same out of the rent as may be approved by the Committee on Public Buildings.

The Acting Committee reported the new roof having been placed on the residence at the Clayton Farm.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Services of parties to quit on Alex. Baxter	\$ 1.00
O. M. Gray, ins. vacancy clause,	1.75
Fire hose	500.00
J. S. & G. Elison, Baxter Farm	5.88
Trice & Lank, " "	4.20
	\$ 512.83

An motion, it was resolved that John Govatos be continued as tenant for the Bayard Farm and the 3 acre tract.

The question of allowance or rebate to be made to John Govatos by reason of the fact that the 3 acre tract and the Bayard Farm had not been available to him by reason of the lack of buildings on said farm was given careful consideration. It was pointed out that the Messrs. Alpha Process Company

had the right to cut the alfalfa until July and that the buildings were not available to Horatio until a very recent date.

It was also pointed out that the rental of Horatio for all 3 tracts rented by him was due in advance and that on December 1 there was due \$611.29 for the rental from December 1 to March 1. On motion a rebate of \$500 was allowed to him provided that the balance of rental due from him of \$111.29 be paid by January 15th.

Discussion was had as to Ogletrope Farm tenanted by Alexander Baster.

It was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to advertise this farm for rent unless Mr. Baster made some effort to pay the rent due and desired to remain on the premises. The Treasurer was authorized to make some adjustment of the rent in connection with the erection of the fence on the Baster Farm, about which he had made some objection. Mr. Clymer agreed to see Mr. Baster about the matter. If no satisfactory arrangement was made the Treasurer was authorized to advertise the farm for rent.

The rentals of the small tracts to Luisippi, Maccari and Miss Rhea J. Holcomb were considered and it was thought these were possibly too high. The Maccari tract of 7 1/2 acres was reduced to \$45 a year and the Holcomb tract of 3 acres was reduced to \$18 a year.

The question of allowance to Mrs. M. G. Gray and Mr. Clymer for their services in adjusting all items of dispute with the Mason Alfalfa Process Company was considered and \$10 allowed to each for their time and services.

The services of Mr. M. G. Gray in connection with the moving of the house on Carter Hill Farm and also of the moving of the buildings on the Bayard Farm and the erection of the new building on that farm was considered and it was resolved that the sum of \$125 be paid Mr. M. G. Gray as a reasonable compensation for the great outlay of time and services rendered in connection with these two operations.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary

January 21, 1934

Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, Cloud, Clymer, Speicher, M. G. Gray, Clayton, Biggs and Rodney.

The members of City Council appeared at the suggestion of Mr. Janvier and asked the assistance of the Board in providing a heater for the old Arsenal, or High School Building on the Green, now vacant. This building is to be used for the purpose of a receiving unit under the national Civil Works Administration. City Council suggested that the cost of the heater would be about \$100 and asked that this Board join with City Council and the Trustees of the Court House in providing these repairs.

On Motion Council was informed that this Board would cooperate in the matter and provide the entire cost of the repairs to the heater not exceeding \$100.

City Council also brought up the question and presented plans for the installation of public rest rooms in the Town Hall, the Ladies' Rest room to be on the second floor and the suggested Mens' room on the first floor, in the rear of the shop on the southeast side of the building.

On Motion, the secretary was instructed to notify Council that by reason of the recent renting of this shop the Board did not feel that it could deprive a tenant of that part of the property rented by him and that the rest rooms would have to remain in abeyance for the time being.

Alexander Baster appeared before the Board relative to the notice to quit received by him. He renewed his suggestion about a portion of the property being cut off by a fence and upon motion the Trustees resolved to give him an allowance upon his rent due to the facts stated by him. The resolution of the Board was that if Mr. Baster paid his one half year's rent to September 1st in full, the Trustees would be willing to allow \$70 on account of the one half year's rent due March 1. Mr. Clymer agreed to state this to Mr. Baster and if it was not satisfactory to him to notify the Treasurer to rent the farm.

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to work with Council or the Trustees of the Market Square as to any painting work to be done on the building, to the extent of \$20.00.

The following bills were approved -

Peun Farm, B. J. Thomas	\$15.00
Clayton " N. H. Watson	242.00
Stephen E. Gattis	5.46
Harry Spacher	.95
Farmers Mut. Ins. Co.	102.29
George K. Co. Ins.	103.27
P. M. Gray "	88.98
T. C. Dr. Co. Ent.	115.00
	672.95

Meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

The Acting Committee reported some of the water pipes were frozen at the farms.

The following bills were ordered paid

St. J. Hanna	\$ 12.10
F. E. Sheidan	14.29
J. T. & S. C. Clason	3.66
Elect Light	9.00
P. M. Gray, Treas.	100.00
R. S. Rodney, Secy.	50.00
Acting Committee	50.00
Immanuel Church % Town Clock	50.00
Commissioner Ct. House, rent	50.00
J. L. Bacon, Janitor	25.00
	<u>\$ 364.05</u>

A letter was received from Charles E. Klingmeyer, Mayor, relative to a meeting of the rural section of the Delaware Safety Council to be held March 15th, 1934 and requested attendance at that meeting. The letter was ordered to be filed and acknowledged.

A letter was received from H. S. Lait, representative of the Atlantic Refining Company, tenant of the triangular tract at the Basin Road and the Highway ^{West Side Company} desired to place their station operator in the dwelling house on said premises in place of Mrs. H. Stale. It was determined that the Board had nothing to do with the matter and that the question as to who should reside in the premises was a matter to be determined by the company.

A letter was received from the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation as follows -

March 3, 1934

"Trustees New Castle Commons,

New Castle, Del.

Attn. Judge R. S. Rodney, Secy.

Honorable Sir -

As you undoubtedly know, the Federal Government (C. W. A.) has adopted a program of improving and increasing the number of available flying fields throughout the country and to this end has allotted certain sums for expenditure in Delaware.

It has been suggested that part of this money be spent for the improvement of Bellanca field - Wilmington Airport, should it be made a municipally-owned or controlled airport. The City of Wilmington has expressed a willingness to acquire our field by lease and to operate it for a period of five years, with option to purchase at the end of the five year period. As that portion of New Castle Commons adjoining our field property also enters into the flying field, we are

desirous of having the Trustees' consent to a sub-lease to the
Commons land rented by us to the City of Wilmington

Respectfully yours
Bellanca Aircraft Corporation
Andrew Bellanca, Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and to state
that the Trustees have no objection to the sub-letting of the land in
question by the Bellanca Corporation to the City of Wilmington for the
balance of the term of the lease, but at this time no agreement is to be made
as to any terms of renewal or continuation of the lease and it being expressly
understood that no option of purchase was asked for or included.

The being the annual meeting the following officers were
unanimously elected

President Francis deH. Janvier
Treasurer P. M. Gony
Secretary Richard S. Rodney

The following election took place for the Acting Committee

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Shaw	9							
Biggs	9							
Clymes	5	5	5	5	5	3		
Clayton	5	4	4	4	5	6		
Booker	1							
John	1	1		1				
Speicher			1					
Booker						1		

As a result Messrs. Shaw, Biggs and Clayton were elected.

An election was had for members of the Committee on
Public Buildings, with the following result:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Booker	9							
John	9							
Speicher	5	4	5	4	5	3		
Sholett	5	5	5	5	5	6		
Clymes	2	1		1				
Cloud							1	

As a result, Messrs. Booker, John and Sholett were elected.

It being reported to the Board that the term of Frank E.
Bridgewater, a member of the Light and Water Commission elected

on the part of the Trustees of the Commons, was about to
expire,

On Motion, and by ballot Mr. Bridgewater was re-elected
a member of such Commission and the Secretary was in-
structed to notify the fact of his election to the Mayor, City Council
and Board of Light & Water Commissioners.

James D. Bacon was re-elected Janitor.

Messrs. Speicher and Cloud were appointed Auditors to audit
the books of the Treasurer.

It appearing that the sum of \$4,321.57 had, during the last
year, been transferred from the Improvement Fund to the General
Fund, it was now ordered that this sum be re-transferred from the
General to the Improvement Fund, making the Improvement Fund
now amount to \$4,204.54.

On Motion, it was resolved that the sum of \$4,000 be
transferred from the Improvement Fund to the General Fund
as a loan to that Fund, and to be paid from the General Fund
on account of the note of \$7,500 now held by the New Castle Trust
Company, leaving a balance due on said note of \$3,500.

The Acting Committee was instructed to ascertain the
approximate cost of a barn to be erected on the Clayton Farm
tenanted by Jasper J. Clark, it not being understood that the
barn is to be built at the present time.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

April 3/1934

Trustees met 8 P.M.

Present, Messrs. Janvier, McSherry, Shaw, Clayton, John Cloud, Hewlett, Booker, Biggs, Speicher. (C)

In the absence of the Secretary, J. H. Speicher was made Secretary Pro Tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported as follows -

Gen. Fund

3/4 - Bal. 14,541.13

7/8 - Atl. Ref. Co. 35

14,891.13

Imp. Fund

Bal. 20,454

1,693.67

Treasurer reported he had paid \$4,000 to the New Castle Trust Co. on account of a loan as directed at the last meeting.

Mr. Shaw reported a conversation with Mr. Kovacs, who informed him he could not use the electric light at the Hare's Corner Farm as it was not working properly. Mr. McSherry was asked to look into this matter, the house not being occupied.

The Committee on Public Buildings made no report.

A letter was received from the Aracantha Garden Club, stating that it had organized for the purpose of cleaning and beautifying the vacant lots and approaches to the City as its first undertaking. The Club asked a contribution, in view of the fact that it had chosen Fort Casimer Park near the northern entrance to the City to be done first, and on motion of Mr. Cloud a donation of \$50 was made.

Mr. McSherry presented a letter from Miss Margaret Janvier making application to rent the vacant shop in the Town Hall for an antique shop. On motion it was resolved that the shop be rented to her at \$8 a month.

Following bills were approved:

J. I. Stoops 9.55

F. E. Sheridan 161.20

37.70

Thos. Slack 11.00

N. C. Trust Co 4.40 Safe Deposit Box

" " 761.50 Int. on loan

R. S. Rodney 21.00 Repairs to Min. Bk.

\$1,791.35

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

May 1st, 1934

Board met 8 P.M.

Present Messrs. Janvier, Hewlett, Cloud, Celymer, McSherry, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker and Rodney (C)

Treasurer reported as follows -

April 30 - Balance 1231.41

Atl. Ref. Co. 35.00

Him. Gun Club 125.00

Guiseppi Maccari 21.00

Reba T. Holcomb 18.00

John & Alex. Biggs 803.50

Atl. Ref. Co. 35.00

2,268.91

Apr. 3 - Improvmt. Fund 204.54

2,473.45

A question was raised as to whether the Treasurer's Report had not included an extra payment by the Atlantic Refining Company and this matter was ordered to be investigated.

The Acting Committee was authorized to erect a fence along the Hare's Corner Road along the Bayard Farm and extending from the Penn Farm to Hare's Corner and also to furnish materials, if necessary, for an inner fence on Penn Farm. The Acting Committee also were authorized to furnish the material labor and any extra materials necessary for the erection of poultry houses on the Biggs Farm, utilizing the material on hand.

A letter was received from H. H. Stait, Mgr. of Atlantic Refining Company, stating that William A. Steele had removed from the dwelling house at Basin Road, and called attention to the fact that repairs were needed to the building as follows: Painting building; Repairs to stairs railing; Replacement of floor boards and base boards; Porch railing; papering two rooms and repairing roof. The letter was directed to be turned over to the Acting Committee with authority to have the necessary repairs made.

A letter was received from Louis H. Collier requesting the lease on one of the corners at Basin Road, on the north-bound traffic lane. On motion the letter was instructed to be acknowledged, and to state that at present the board does not desire to rent either of these corners for the purpose mentioned.

A letter was received from John F. Fillion, member of City Council calling attention to the fact that beauty and interest in New Castle would be greatly enhanced by the planting of more trees and asked aid of the trustees and stating that City Council would cooperate in their care. The letter quoted a conversation of Mr. Fabor of the State Forestry Dept. giving the price as \$2.50 for Sugar Maple Trees, 1-3.65, planted. On motion the letter was ordered to be acknowledged, stating that the

Trustees would underwrite the cost of the planting of the trees up to 100 trees, provided that City Council would cooperate in the matter as to care and that the consent of the owner of the premises would be obtained and their interest in the care of the trees insured.

A committee was appointed to assist in carrying out this resolution, consisting of Messrs. Rodney, Booker and Clymer.

The Quarterly Report of the Light and Water Board was received and ordered filed.

The following bills were ordered paid:

W. C. Hutton (Comm. Hall)	118.74
A. Ingram	18.79
Acas Elliott	55.80
Chas. H. Gray	9.00
Light & Water Bd.	55.46
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	\$257.79

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

June 5th, 1934

Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. W. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, Lohr, Cloud, Speicher.

In the absence of Mr. Janvier, Mr. Cloud acted as President.

In the absence of Judge Rodney, Mr. Speicher acted as Secretary.

On Motion, the minutes of the last meeting (May) were dispersed with.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Regular Fund, May 2, 1934, Bal. on Hand	\$2080.99
June 5, M. Janvier	81.00
June 1, Atl. Refining Co.	35.00
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Imp. Fund June 1, Bal. on Hand	\$2123.99
Uninvested Funds	204.54
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Mr. Shaw of the Acting Committee reported fences had been erected on Penn Farm and presented the following bills:

Newport Fencing Co.	157.03
F. E. Llanidan	6.52
J. J. Clayton	15.85
J. & S. E. Eliason	107.02
Joseph Thomas	98.60
P. M. Storm Ins. Fire	27.16
George & Co. " "	16.95

\$429.13

The Acting Committee presented bills for painting as follows:

- 2 coats - Barn, Stackton Farm, Roof not included
- 2 " House Penn " " "
- 2 " " Basin Rd. " " "

	Barn Stackton	House Penn	House Basin Rd.	Total
P. H. Harrington & Son	121.00	93.00	86.00	300.00
Shw. Newlove	75.00	108.00	60.00	243.00
Star Bennett Bid To paint Barns of Lovatos, Biggs and Abbots; also house at Basin Road			665.00	

On Motion, the bids were left in the hands of the Acting Committee with power to act.

A letter was received from Mr. Lovatos with reference to a fence to provide a lane from barn to the two fields on the highway. Mr. Lovatos had a fence erected and requested the Trustees to pay the bill when received. The letter was received and filed; action to be taken when bill comes before the meeting.

A letter was received from the Department of Commerce, Dept of ~~Aeronautics~~ ^{Aviation} Branch, Air Navigation Division, Request to renew present lease executed May 6, 1932 for period of one year beginning July 1, 1934 and ending June 30, 1935 to occupy property in New Castle County and State of Delaware, for the maintenance of Air Navigation facilities. On Motion letter was referred to the President for signature and forwarding to the Department.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary P. M. Storm

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Meeting adjourned.

Secretary

June 5th, 1934

Board met 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs. M. Gray, Shaw, Rigg, Clayton, Lakin.

Cloud, Speaker.

In the absence of Mr. Janvier, Mr. Cloud acted as President.

Pro Tem.

In the absence of Judge Rodney, Mr. Speicher acted as Secretary.

Pro Tem.

On Motion, the minutes of the last meeting (May) were dispensed with.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Regular Fund, May 2, 1934, Bal. on Hand	\$2,080.99
June 5, M. Janvier	8.00
June 1, Atl. Refining Co.	35.00
	<u>\$2,123.99</u>
Imp. Fund June 1, Bal. on Hand	204.54
Uninvested Funds	43.58

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F. E. Christian	6.52
J. J. Clayton	15.85
J. S. E. Eliason	107.02
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Meeting adjourned

Secretary Pro Tem

July 10, 1934

Board meeting held Tuesday, July 10, 1934, being called to order by the President, Mr. Janvier, at 8:10 P.M., daylight-saving time. In the absence of Judge Rodney, J. H. Speider, at the request of the President, acted as Secretary Pro Tem.

Present: Messrs. Janvier, McGraw, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, Booker and Speider.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with.

The Treasurer, Mr. McGraw, presented his report as follows:

June 5	To Balance	2080.99
June 30	Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00
June 30	Wilmington Gun Club	125.00
July 5	New Castle Antiquie Shop	8.00
		<u>2248.99</u>
	Orders for June	429.65
	Regular funds	1819.34
	Improvement funds	204.54
	Total - cash -	<u>2023.88</u>

Acting Committee: Mr. Shaw, Chairman reported barn painted, at Abbott farm, two coats; roof of barn yard shed repaired and porch at house repaired. Biggs farm. Barn painted two coats, side of house weather boarded and painted, and new chicken house built, one of the finest in the State. Bruce property. Roof repaired, house painted two coats, and inside of house repaired, all as ordered at last meeting.

Board of Health sent notice about barn on farm tenanted by Mrs. Higgins. Must concrete floor where cows are kept, separate horses from cows, cracks in floor overhead filled up and whitewashed, as required under the provisions of the Dairy Commission.

It was moved that, when we adjourn, we meet on the second Tuesday in September, unless called by order of the President if anything special comes up.

The following bills were presented approved by the Acting Committee:

George & Co.	\$ 15.00	Premium - Treasurer's Bond
P. McGraw, Agt.	17.53	Fire Insurance Premium
George & Co.	14.18	(Farmers Mut. F. Ins. Co.)
New Castle Tr. Co.	53.08	Interest on demand loan
George & Co.	35.06	Fire insurance premium
" " "	35.07	" " "
Joseph F. Grant	17.55	Roof repairs - Gas sta. house - Basin Road
Wm Newlan	91.40	Painting Biggs farm
" " "	96.50	" Abbott "
" " "	55.00	" Basin Road
John M. Wise Est.	88.40	Repairs - Biggs farm
B. J. Laid	106.60	" " " ; also Bruce farm
J. J. & L. E. Ellison	132.14	Abbott farm \$21.74; Biggs farm \$110.40
Total	<u>757.51</u>	

On motion, the bills were allowed and orders drawn for their respective amounts.

On motion, the Acting Committee was authorized during the summer to proceed with the absolutely necessary work at the Model farm as required by the State Board of Health for milk inspection.

Mr. McGraw reported that Mr. Goates has not paid any rent lately; that he is paid up to February 28th.

The annual report of the Board of Water and Light Commissioners as prepared by Mr. Keen, Auditor, for the year ending March 31, 1934, was presented. It shows a net profit for the year of \$8,704.16. The President directed that it be noted on the minutes that the report was received, has been read to the Board, accepted with the thanks of the Board, and filed.

Secretary Pro Tem.

September 11, 1934

The following trustees met this evening Messrs Hewlett, Cloud, Biggs, Clayton, W. Gray & Rodney (6). There being no quorum no meeting was had but the Treasurer submitted his report viz

July 31	Balances in Bank	1819.34
" "	Orders drawn for July	757.51
		<hr/> 1061.83

July 17	U.S. Airways	20. ⁰⁰
Aug 1	Atlantic Refining Co	35.
" 6	New Castle Antiques Shop	8.
" 14	Guaraffe Macaroni	34.87
" 29	Alex Baxter	159.50
" 30	W. Grant Abbott	400.00
Sept 1	Atlantic Refining Co	35. ⁰⁰
6	Tasler T. Clark	280.50
6	Elizabeth Clark	361.50
6	New Castle Antiques Shop	8. ⁰⁰
11	Sophia Higgins	450. ⁰⁰
11	John A. Passer	75. ⁰⁰
		<hr/> 1867.37
		2929.20
	Improvement fund	204.54
		<hr/> 3133.74

The following bills were submitted and while not passed because of the lack of quorum it was understood that those present would subsequently ratify their payment

Abram Ingram	131
New Port Ferry Co	134 ² Hares Corner
" " "	153 ¹⁸
R H Harrington & Son	213. Painting Penn Run
J T & L E Elmore Inc	21.80 Biggs
" "	12.66 Tasler Clark
Taxes	920.31
	<hr/> 1465.37

October 2, 1934

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, John, Clayton, W. Gray, Clayton, Booker, Biggs, Cloud, Speaker & Rodney (11)

The notes made on September 11th were read and the bills there presented were approved and ordered paid.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to interview Mr. John Gervais and to determine within 10 days whether he desires to re-rent the premises leased to him and if he is in a position to pay a substantial portion of his arrearage of rent and if either he does not desire to re-rent or is not prepared to secure a substantial portion of his indebtedness to serve a notice to quit on Mr. Gervais and to advertise the properties rented by him as for rent. In case this step is taken the Treasurer was authorized to secure legal aid and to take such steps by distress or other wise as may be most effective in securing the back rent and rent coming due.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of 204⁵⁴ which has been carried as the balance of the Improvement account be transferred into the general account to replace a greater fund paid from the general account for expenses which would have been properly charged to against the Improvement account.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

Abram Ingram covering loan at Wood Farm	155. ⁰⁰
New Castle Trust Company	Interest on 3500 note 53.57
George and Company	Insurance 20.28
	<hr/> 228.95

A letter was received from the United Welfare Assn of New Castle, as follows

Trustees of New Castle Census
New Castle, Del

Oct 2, 1934

Gentlemen: During the last four years your body has been of assistance to the unemployed of New Castle through contributions to the United Welfare Assn. Your last contributions to this work were at the rate of \$50.⁰⁰ a month until June 1933 at which time the contributions from other sources seemed to be sufficient for the requirements and, at the request of your Treasurer, your contributions ceased.

During the late winter and Spring of this year all Helawans were expecting some action at Dover whereby the needs of all those in need would be cared for. From week to week we were looking for relief from our local load and the local Association was continuing assistance with the hope that the load would be lifted any day. The expense & aid did not happen and for various reasons we found that our contributions were crumbling to the point where expenses were larger than income. A tapering off process of expenses was started in March and finally orders were stopped in April.

Through the aid of City Council the outstanding bills have been reduced to slightly over \$300.⁰⁰ with a bank balance of approximately \$25.⁰⁰. It will take \$300 additional to clean up all outstanding bills. It is very desirable that the various New Castle merchants be paid and with this in mind we ask that you consider our request for 300.⁰⁰ - Yours very truly

United Welfare Assn of New Castle by N.T. Booth, President

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay the sum of 300.⁰⁰ to the United Welfare Assn for the purposes set out in the above letter

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 7, 1934

A meeting of the Trustees was held this evening (the regular meeting night (last evening) being election night.

Present Messrs Shaw, Hewlett, Cloud, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs + Rodney + Booker (8)

In the absence of the President Mr. Shaw was made President Pro Tem.

The Treasurer showed the following transactions since March 6, 1934

Balance March 6, 1934 in General Fund	1458.76
Collection to Oct 2, 1934	3228.74
Transferred from Improvement Fund to Gen Fund	204.54
	<u>4892.04</u>
Amounts paid out from Mar 6 to Oct 2 inclusive	3666.94
Balance	1225.10

Receipts

Oct 12 Alex Baxter	229.50
23 Wilminton Trapshooting Assn	125.00
Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
New Castle Antiques Shop	8.
	<u>397.50</u>
	1622.60

Two letters were received from Mr. Govatos addressed to Mr. Mr. Gray who also had an interview with Mr. Govatos this evening. Mr. Govatos stated he desired to re-rent the farms to but had been disappointed in raising the rent. He stated that he had 250 tons of baled hay on the farms + had moved 30 head of cattle to the new barn.

Govatos Rent

The motion it was resolved that if Mr. Govatos pays or legally and fully secures the payment of the rent due to March 1, 1935 that he may remain as tenant for the premises rented by him for the coming year.

The quarterly statement of the light + water Board was received + filed.

The following bills were ordered paid.

Water Rent	62.41
J. E. Shankau	8.82
George H. Haubly	8.50
J. T. + L. E. Elason	48.32
	128.05

Corner of Model Farm

Mr. Booker stated that C. H. Foraker had interviewed him relative to the grading of the North Corner of the intersection of the New Castle + Truettan Turnpikes with the U.S. Post Road. Mr. Foraker gave Mr. Booker a letter from Governor Bush stating "The matter of grading one of the corners at the intersection of the Hanes Corner-Basin Road will be taken up with the Highway Department to see if it can be arranged for. Do you know whether the Trustees of the Corner will agree to the work being done. It will be necessary to have their consent."

The Board did not know what had been written by Mr. Foraker to Governor Bush but it was apparent that it was contemplated that the Board should give up the corner without compensation. Mr. Booker was requested to tell Mr. Foraker that the Board was not willing to do this.

Mr. Mr. Gray also stated that the contractor (who is now completing the new road or street from 4th + Chestnut Streets, in

a curved driveway across the wash to Delaware Street near Seventh) had also spoken to him relative to grading off this corner of the Model Farm. The contractor seemed to have heard that it was desired to have the corner graded. Mr. Mr. Gray was requested to inform the contractor that at present there were no plans to grade the corner or in any way change the present condition.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 4, 1934

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Speaker, Clymer, Tobin, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker + Rodney (9)

The Treasurer reported as follows

New S. Balance after payment of November orders	1494.55
Received from Bellanca Air Craft Co	123.76
Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
	<u>158.76</u>
	1653.31

Two cattle mortgage

The President and Treasurer reported that a chattel mortgage had been executed by John Govatos and by Kellham Co. on a number of registered cattle securing the rent due to March 1, 1935 and that the chattel mortgage had been placed on record.

The following bills were ordered paid

James L. Bacon Janner	25.00
Harry Spahn	24.60
J. T. Steops	11.50
A. R. Geist	45.95
Abram Ingram	5.40
W. F. Hanna	57.05
J. T. + L. E. Elason	<u>25.40</u>
	194.90

The motion it was resolved that adjournment be had until the second Tuesday in January (Jan 8th) because the first Tuesday is the day that the ~~new year~~ New Year Day.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 8, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, Clymer, Speaker, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs + Rodney (10)

The President announced to the Board the death of Selden S. Hauser on December 20, 1934. Mr. Hauser had been elected as a member of the Board on January 26, 1907. The President appointed a committee to prepare Resolutions on his death and for this purpose named Messrs Speaker, Cloud and Shaw

The Treasurer reported as follows:-

CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK
MARKET, SHIPLEY AND TENTH STREETS
WILMINGTON, DEL.

JOHN GOVATOS
PRESIDENT

November 7, 1934

Mr. Patrick McGrory, Treasurer
Trustees of New Castle Commons
New Castle, Del.

Dear Mr. McGrory:

I wrote you a few days ago and told you I would have all the rent for the farm straightened out before your next meeting; but I am sorry that I was unable to accomplish that. I have several things pending, but nothing has been closed yet.

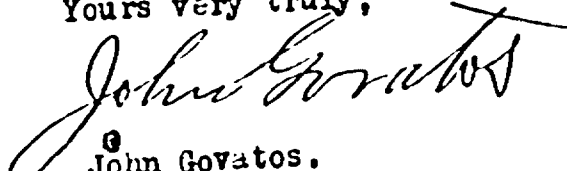
I just moved thirty head of cattle down to the new barn yesterday, and I will have someone in the house soon.

I have over two hundred fifty tons of hay for sale, a good bit of which is already baled. I baled this during the last two weeks, which cost me over \$400.00 for the baling, and of course this had to be paid in cash, as the men worked by the day. Also, I had to pay the help all during the summer, and the hay I now have cost me over \$4,000.00, but I think I will get my money out of it, as hay is very much in demand now due to a drought out west.

I had a man here this Saturday who wanted to buy one hundred tons, but the payments were not satisfactory, and he went back. He called me on the telephone this morning, but I happened to be out, and he left word he would call me again in a day or two, to make arrangements for this one hundred tons; so if I do not get the money from the sources I have been expecting it, I will have the money from the hay, and I hope that between now and the first of the month, I will have the rent all paid, and everything will be clear.

As to another year, of course that depends on what you people intend to do. I have not fully decided myself. I would like to talk to you at your next meeting.

Yours very truly,


John Govatos.

Treasurer's Report

December 5, 1934	Cash on hand	1458.41
Rec'd Dec 10	from Antique Shop	8. ⁰⁰
31	Atlantic Refining Co	35
Jan 5	Antique Shop	8. ⁰⁰
		51. ⁰⁰
		1509.41

The following bills were ordered paid

James W. Co. & Peke	62.45
Frank E. Shouder	37.27
Harry Spahn (3 bills)	41.10
N. G. Watson	1.75
J. T. & L. E. Elason (4 bills)	64.98
New Castle Trust Company (2x)	53.67
Insurance James Mitchell	81.65
" George & Co	122.05
" New Castle Co. Rent	18.96
" Royal	70.20
	554.08

Trees

A letter was received from Mrs. John F. Cloud indicating that the cost of the trees authorized by the Board May 1, 1934 (Page 353) would be \$235.⁰⁰. The planting of the trees has been postponed until Spring.

Penn Farm

Mr. Chymer reported that he had paid a visit to the house on the Penn farm and found the house in a miserable condition. At his suggestion the matter was referred to the Acting Committee for their investigation and report.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Feb 5, 1935

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs. Booker, Tobin, Chymer, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs and Rodney. In the absence of the President, Mr. Booker was elected President Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer, Mr. Mr. Gray, reports as follows

Jan 9/35	Bel Cash on hand	955.23
Feb 5/35	Atlantic Refining Co	35. ⁰⁰
	Antique Shop	8. ⁰⁰
	Int on Bonds New Castle	5000 - 5% 250. ⁰⁰
	Newark	4000 - 4 1/2 186. ⁰⁰
	Laurel	2000 - 5% 100. ⁰⁰
	Sussex Co	7000 - 4 1/2% 315. ⁰⁰
		1843.23

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Elason Inc	2.85
Alvorn Ingram	1.60
New Castle Trust Co (Saf. Report Pay)	4.40
	8.85

The quarterly statement of the Light and Water Commission was received and ordered filed.

The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions on the death of Selden S. Deemer reported the following which, on motion, was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

In Memoriam

Selden S. Deemer.

With deep sorrow, the Trustees of the New Castle Common record the death of one of its earnest and interested members, Selden S. Deemer, who died on December 20, 1934.

Mr. Deemer was elected on January 26, 1907. While gradually failing health during the last few years forced him to curtail his activities as one of the Trustees and to restrict some of his other interests, he continued to the end not unmindful of his responsibilities.

A man of varied interests and numerous accomplishments, he long will be remembered as an industrial and civic leader, and his call from our midst will be a distinct loss to the community.

Jacob H. Speicher
John F. Cloud

Committee.

On motion it was resolved that an election be held at the Mayor's office on Saturday February 23 between the hours of 1 and 6 P. M. to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Deemer. Messrs. Speicher, Hewlett and Mr. Gray were named as the Committee to hold such election.

A letter was received from C. E. Klingmeyer, Mayor of New Castle advising the Board of a meeting to be held Feb 20th to organize a Safety Committee to work in conjunction with the Delaware Safety Council. While Mayor Klingmeyer requested the appointment of a Committee to attend the meeting such Committee was not appointed but the meeting was referred to the members of the Board as individuals in the hope that such as might be able would attend.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

A letter was also received from Mayor Klingmeyer stating that he had on January 9th 1935 appointed Mr. James B. White as a member of Board of Light and Water Commission to succeed Charles J. Daugherty who resigned Dec 7, 1934.

March 5, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Tobin, Speicher, Cloud, Clymer, W. S. Gray, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney & Booker (10)

Election of Chandler H. Gebhart

The report of the Committee appointed to hold an election for a successor to the late Selden S. Wheeler reported that at an election held at the Mayor's office in the old Court House on Feb 23, 1935 between the hours of 1 and 6 there had been cast 46 votes all of which were for Chandler H. Gebhart. Mr. Gebhart presented himself and took his position as a member of the Board.

The Treasurer's report was as follows

Feb 6, 1935	Bal on hand	1834.38
Recd Feb 22	Wilmington Trapshooting Club	125.00
28	Alex Baxter	229.50
28	Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
Mar 5	W. Grant Abbott	200.00
5	Tasker Clark	280.60
	John Reese	75.00
	New Castle Antique Shop	8.00
		<u>2787.48</u>

Shade trees at Tasker Clark's

The Treasurer also reported a conversation with Tasker Clark in which he reported trouble with his pump and also requested the Board to furnish him with some shade trees for the front of his premises. The matter was referred to the Acting Committee to investigate the matter of the pump and the Board expressed great willingness to furnish the ornamental and shade trees desired.

The following bills were ordered paid

Electric Committee	9.00
Royal Ins Co (under two Spruce farms)	399.10
Abram Ingram	9.00
J. T. & L. S. Shanon	7.80
Treasurer's Expenses	100.00
Secretaries	50.00
Acting Committee	50.00
Demand Church	50.00
Commission Court House	50.00
James L. Bacon	25.00
	<u>749.90</u>

Officers

The Board then went into the annual election of officers with the following result
 President Francis de H. Janvier
 Secretary Richard S. Rodney
 Acting Committee James S. Shaw, James E. Biggs, John F. Z. Clayton
 Committee on Public Bldg Mr Lewis Booker, George T. Tobin & George T. Hewlett
 Janitor James L. Bacon
 Messrs John F. Cloud and Jacob H. Speicher were appointed auditors

STATEMENT

of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees of New Castle Common FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1935

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
March 1, 1934, Balance Cash on hand.....\$1,458.76	New Castle Trust Co., Interest and Box Rent. \$ 265.72
W. Grant Abbott..... 600.00	N. C. County Taxes..... 873.19
John and Alex. Biggs..... 618.50	Fire and Tornado Insurance..... 300.00
Alex. Baxter..... 723.00	Welfare Association..... 50.00
Elizabeth Clark.....	Arphasia Garden Club..... 126.87
John Govatos..... 561.00	Board of W. & L. Comin..... 9.00
Tasker T. Clark..... 450.00	Election Expenses..... 1.30
Sophia Higgins..... 185.03	Federal Taxes on Checks..... 17.50
Bellanca Aircraft Corp..... 18.00	Printing..... 2.00
Reba T. Holcomb..... 76.87	Repairing Minute Book.....
Giuseppe Maccari..... 500.00	Total.....\$2,565.99
Wilmington Gun Club..... 20.00	
U. S. Air-Way Service..... 150.00	
John A. Reese..... 50.00	
A. O. U. Workman..... 420.00	
Atlantic Refining Co..... 845.00	
Interest from Investments..... 204.54	
Transferred from Improvement fund..... 16.75	
Royal Insurance Co..... 88.00	
New Castle Antique Shop.....	
Total Receipts.....\$7,789.55	
	Repairs and Improvement at—
	Jefferson Farm.....\$ 188.92
	Stockton Farm..... 500.75
	Oglethorpe Farm..... 117.72
	Center Hall Farm..... 150.70
	Penn Farm..... 586.08
	Bayard Farm..... 51.03
	Clayton Farm..... 166.29
	Model Farm..... 301.96
	Basin House..... 217.58
	Town Hall..... 123.01
	Total..... 2,404.04
	Treasurer Expenses..... 100.00
	Secretary Expenses..... 50.00
	Acting Committee..... 50.00
	Comm. of Court House..... 50.00
	Care of Town Clock..... 50.00
	Janitors Salary..... 350.00
	To Balance..... 2,469.62
	Total.....\$7,789.55

BILLS PAYABLE
 The New Castle Trust Co.....\$3,500.00

INVESTMENT FUND

2, Town of Laurel 5% Bond.....	\$2,000.00
5, New Castle St. Imp. 5% Bonds.....	5,125.00
7, Sussex County 4 1/4% Bonds.....	7,000.00
4, Town of Newark, Del. 4 1/4% Bonds.....	4,000.00
Uninvested Funds.....	43.58
Total.....	<u>\$18,168.58</u>

DUE FROM TENANTS

W. Grant Abbott.....	\$1,040.45
John and Alex Biggs.....	608.50
Alex. Baxter.....	4.79
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00
John Govatos.....	3,058.13
Bellanca Aircraft Corp.....	61.87
Harry J. Cable.....	145.00
Wilmington Gun Club.....	125.00
Total.....	<u>\$5,261.74</u>

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
 FRANCIS deH. JANVIER, Pres. PATRICK McGRORY, Treas. RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
ACTING COMMITTEE
 JAMES G. SHAW JAMES E. BIGGS JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING
 DR. LEWIS BOOKER GEORGE T. TOBIN GEORGE T. HEWLETT
MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
 FRANCIS E. BRIDGEWATER, Term expires March 31, 1937

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

Name	No.	Tenants	Acres	Rent
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott...	90 1-2	\$ 543.00
Stockton.....	2	John & Alex Biggs...	134 3-4	808.50
Oglethorpe.....	3	Alex. Baxter.....	76 1-2	459.00
Center Hall.....	5	Eliz. W. Clark.....	120 1-2	723.00
Penn & Union.....	6	John Govatos.....	201 1-4	1,207.50
Part of Union.....	8	John Govatos.....	3	300.00
Bayard.....	9	John Govatos.....	156 1-2	939.00
Clayton.....	10	Tasker T. Clark.....	93 1-2	561.00
Model.....	11	Sophia Higgins.....	109 1-2	450.00
Part of.....	6	Bellanca Air Corp.....	33	247.50
Part of.....	6	Reba T. Holcomb.....	3	18.00
Part of.....	3	Atlantic Refining Co. 3 1-2		420.00
Part of.....	2	Giuseppe Maccari.....	7	42.00
Part of.....	2	Wilm. Gun Club.....	36	500.00
Part of.....	6	U.S. Airway Service		20.00
		A. O. U. Workmen		50.00
City Hall Store		John A. Reese		150.00
New Castle Antique Shop				96.00
Total.....				<u>\$7,534.50</u>

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory.....	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier.....	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw.....	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney.....	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
John F. Z. Clayton.....	Elected Sept. 28, 1918
George T. Hewlett.....	Elected July 28, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker.....	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
George T. Tobin.....	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
John F. Cloud.....	Elected Aug. 23, 1930
Jacob H. Speicher.....	Elected June 24, 1933
Chandler H. Gebhart.....	Elected Feb. 23, 1935

Audited and found correct April 10, 1935
 JOHN F. CLOUD,
 JACOB H. SPEICHER,
 Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
 Treasurer

March 5, 1935

A letter was received from Mrs Helen T. Booth as follows:-

"The Committee appointed by the Arasapha Garden Club to make plans to, in some way, replant the Green, has been asked by the members of the Garden Club to appeal to you for some financial aid.

Realizing that any planting should be done with thought of the future, the Committee asked the services of a Landscape Gardener - Mrs Elizabeth Clark of Wokingham, to offer her suggestions. We are sending her blue print for you to study and her description. Her plan is in no way final or binding but in most respects seems to us to be a good plan and one that makes for a stately and beautiful Green.

One of the most essential things is to arouse Town interest so that after planting trees and shrubbery they may have some chance of growing and being taken care of.

The Trustees of Market Square are seriously considering removing the Arsenal which, though a landmark, is fast falling apart. This would change the plan on the blue print though Mrs Clark has stated how it would be changed. They have also promised \$40 toward the purchase of trees.

Although Mrs Clark's idea is the trees all go in at one time this seems impossible without cutting some down and this we hesitate to suggest doing, partly for Town sentiment and partly because the Green would look so bare while the new trees were growing. The dead and bad ones should of course come down.

We are writing this at length realizing that you are as interested as any in Town, though the Green is not under your jurisdiction. We would feel much helped and encouraged if your body would appoint a Committee of three to work with us on the whole question which seems to involve more than we had anticipated. Will you consider this and also an appropriation to help in the work? Could the Garden Club count on some regular annual contribution for the Green?

Most Sincerely,

Isabel J. Booth

Chairman

The Board indicated some interest in the matter and on motion the President appointed the Committee requested in the letter. Such Committee consisted of Messrs Sparrow, Tobin and Shaw.

The Committee was instructed to inquire as to the matter and the needs and was to have authority to assume an annual donation of \$50.00 for at least three years.

Richard S. Parson

Secretary

Mr. H. Sparrow were appointed Auditors

April 2, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Gebhardt, Hewlett, Clymer, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Tabin, Barker & Rodney

In the absence of the President, Mr. Hewlett acted as President Pro Tempore. The Treasurer's report was as follows:

March 6/35 Balance	2419.62
A.C. U. W	50
	2469.62

A statement from the New Castle Trust Company showed as due the sum of \$2.50 for 90 days interest on demand loan of \$3500 & this was ordered paid.

Biggs Lane

The Acting Committee reports that John and Alex Biggs, tenants on the Stockton farm desired some aid in permanently improving the lane of said farm. It was stated that the tenants would obtain 3 or 4 carloads of cinders and pay 1/2 of the cost of hauling if the Trustees would pay the remaining 1/2 cost of hauling. On motion it was resolved that the Trustees assume 1/2 the cost of hauling the cinders not to exceed the sum of \$50.00.

Trees in Town

Mrs. John F. Clark & Frank E. Sheridan, part of the Committee of the Annapolis Garden Club having in charge the planting of the trees through the town, exclusive of the School Green, appeared before the Board. It was stated that some 103 trees had been planted at the Harrison Nurseries at a cost of \$153.00. The Committee came to inquire whether the original resolution of the Trustees had been to guarantee 100 trees or to guarantee trees up to the cost of \$386.00. Upon reference to the Minutes of May 1, 1934 it appears that the Trustees had guaranteed the cost of 100 trees. The Committee asked the Board to guarantee the cost of boxing the trees for protection and also of some 12 additional trees made necessary to carry out the plan of the Committee on certain streets. On motion the Board of \$153.00 was ordered paid and the Board assumed the cost of protecting the trees by boxes (approximately 40¢ a tree) and enjoined the Committee that the Board would pay for the additional 12 trees.

Trees in Green

A letter was received from Mrs. Hewlin T. Booth, Chairman of the Committee of the Annapolis Garden Club having to do with the replanting of the Green and stating that the Committee had met the Committee of 3 of this Board appointed at the March meeting. The letter stated that arrangements had been made with Robert Hoyle of Berwyn Pa (who is planting the State Highway) to plant 14 good Red Oaks & some 11 Lombardy Poplars with proper supports at a cost of \$88.94 and some shrubbery costing about 20.00. The letter stated it would receive 40.00 from the Trustees of the Market Square & 50.00 from this Board leaving a deficit of some \$18.94 and asked if this Board could cover this deficit. On motion the Board which has guaranteed the sum of \$50 for a period of three years agreed to raise the present year's donation to 70.00.

Richard S. Rodney

The letter stated that the Red Oak trees furnished by Hoyle would be 10 to 12 feet high and 2 to 2 1/2 inch caliber at a cost of \$5.00

May 7, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Gebhardt, Cloud, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Hewlett & Rodney. In the absence of the President Mr. Shaw acted as President pro tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

April 3, 1935 Balance on hand	2299.12
" 10 Red Antique Shop	8.00
" 22 " Biggs Brothers	808.50
" 25 " Wellington Inn Club	125.00
May 1 Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
" 6 Raba T. Holcomb	18.00
	3293.62

The Treasurer also presented the printed annual report.

The Acting Committee was authorized to erect a fence on the driveway line between the Offutt's Farm and the Stockton farm.

The Acting Committee presented a suggestion of an electric pump to be installed at Taylor Clark's but this matter was continued until next meeting.

The following bills were ordered paid

Patish & Gray, agent - Insurance	27.16
George and Company "	16.95
Hoopes Bros & Thomas Co 4 trees at Clayton farm	18.00
William H. Hoyle 14 Red Oak trees in "Green"	70.00
Water Rent	50.00
Charles H. Gray - printing statements	9.00
Harry Spahn work on Town Hall	5.95
S. R. Chaney " " "	4.30
George Boyer " " "	6.00
Abraham Ingraham	3.60
R. F. Sheridan	8.75
J. T. & L. E. Shasen	20.04
	239.75

1500 paid in debt

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay the sum of \$1500 on the indebtedness due to the New Castle Trust Co having 2000.00 due.

A letter was received from General Engineering Co relative to a survey of the farms but on motion the letter was ordered to be filed on the Board is not in a position to undertake the matter.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

June 4, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Jamies, Gebhardt, Cloud, John, Clymer, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Hewlett, Speicher, Biggs, Barker & Rodney

The Treasurer reported as follows:

May 7, 1935 Balance on hand	1628.63
Rec'd May 9, 1935 Antiquer Shop	8.00
June 1, 1935 Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
4 " Balance - Cash on hand -	43.00
	1671.63

A letter was received from General Engineers Company requesting information as to whether the Trustees expected to have a survey made of the farms. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the General Engineers Company to the effect that, while the Board would like to have a survey made, it did not see its way clear to do this at the present time.

A letter was also received from Walter C. Pleasanton in which he states "I will give \$500.00 a year for Haris Corner for five years, rent paid one year in advance at it comes due. Will clean corner up and put up new building." The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Pleasanton that the corner was leased to John Goodie until March 1, 1936, and that it would be several months before it would be definitely known whether there would be a change in tenancy on March 1st, and that he could renew his offer at a later date.

A communication was received from the Department of Commerce extending the lease executed May 6, 1932, for one year from July 1, 1935, to June 30, 1936, it being the property covered by the Airway Beacon Light at Bellanca Field. The proper officers were authorized to sign the renewal on the part of the Board.

Two bids were received for the new barn on the Clayton Farm; from Harry C. Clark and James R. Roberts but as there had been no specifications and the bids did not cover the same items, the acting committee with the assisition of Mr. Hewlett was requested to prepare standard plans and specifications and to obtain bids thereon to be reported at a special meeting of the Board.

The action of Mr. Janvier in donating \$10.00 for prizes at the William Penn High School was approved and assumed by the Board.

The following bills were paid:

George T. Co.	15.00	
Harrison Murrens - trees @ Clayton Farm -	24.00	
John DiMandi - taking trees -	65.50	
Newport Fencing Co.	179.39	
F. E. Sheridan	23.72	
John F. Z. Clayton	14.60	
F. DeH. Janvier	10.00	332.21

Secretary

July 2, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Booker, Shaw, Biggs, Clayton, McElrany, John, Cloud, Hewlett, Leebart and Speicher. In the absence of Judge Rooney, Mr. Speicher acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of June 4th were read and approved. Mr. McElrany, the Treasurer, made the following report:

June 5, 1935	To Balance	\$1,266.45
July 1, 1935	Atlantic Refining Co. rent -	
	for July	35.00
"	Antique Shop - Dairy D.H. Bailey	
	for July	8.00
		\$1,309.45

On motion of Mr. McElrany, seconded by Dr. Booker, the following bills were allowed and orders drawn for the respective amounts:

P. McElrany	17.53
George T. Co.	70.13
" " "	14.18
New Castle Trust - interest	40.08
J. J. & L. E. Election	29.91
Donald C. Bantz (plans and specifications for proposed barn on Clayton farm)	50.00
	\$221.83

Dr. Booker, for Committee on Public Building, reported that the walls needed around the Antique Shop, beginning with July 1st; that the work needed some attention and the necessary work was being done by Nathaniel Watson.

Mr. Shaw, for the Acting Committee with assisition of Mr. Hewlett, reported that they had Donald C. Bantz prepare plans and specifications for a new barn - 50 ft x 60 ft., with 14 ft. overshoot - on the Clayton farm (Foster J. Clark, tenant) and presented the following bids:

John Dumindi - New Castle, Del. -	5790.00
Bruce H. Gordon " " "	5850.00
Joseph Thomas " " "	6279.25
Andrew Mitchell & Son " " "	6450.00
James R. Roberts, St. Georges "	6535.00
Nathaniel Watson New Castle "	6775.00
H. C. Clark & Son Delaware City "	6827.00

After some discussion, Mr. Shaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booker, that the present Committee be requested and authorized to look into the various bids and the ability of the different bidders to finance the project and ability to perform the work at the bids presented; that no award be made tonight but that we adjourn to meet next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock to receive the report of the Committee.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary

July 9, 1935
 Special meeting of the Board at 8 P.M. Present: Gebhart, Speiker, Janvier, Clout, Hewlett, John, McBray, Biggs, Shaw, Barker, Clayton and Rodney.

A letter was received from Harry C. Clark withdrawing his bid, heretofore made, for the erection of the barn.

The bid of M. G. Watson of \$3870 for work on the Town Hall was approved.

The Acting Committee was authorized to install an electric pump on the Clayton farm.

On motion, the Trustees unanimously resolved to reject all the bids received for the erection of the barn as, in the judgment of all of the Trustees, the said bids represented more money than the Trustees felt could be invested in a barn on a farm of that size.

The Committee was requested to see if plans could be drawn calling for a less expensive barn of either a cellar and ramp construction or of a different type, and to obtain bids thereon and report to a special meeting to consider such questions.

Secretary.

July 16, 1935
 Special meeting of the Board at 8 P.M. Present: Gebhart, Speiker, Clout, Hewlett, John, Clymer, McBray, Biggs, Shaw, Barker, Clayton and Rodney.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Clout was made President Pro Tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with.

Mr. Chemistry P. Holcomb and Mr. A. E. Bordin, members of the Trustees of The Market Square, appeared before the Board and represented that the Trustees of The Market Square were desirous of removing the plaster from the old Court House, laying out walks in The Green and restoring the old Arsenal Building with the aid of the U. S. Government Work Program. It is suggested that all of the City offices would be housed in the Arsenal Building.

The Committee represented that it would be necessary to secure the sum of \$1400.00; of which sum that Committee has available the sum of \$700.00, and asked that the Trustees advance or secure the sum of \$700.00.

On motion, it was agreed that the Trustees make available to the Trustees of the Market Square the sum of \$700.00, in furtherance of their plans to restore the public buildings in their charge and to improve The Green, said advancement to be made when called for by the Trustees to meet the requirements of the U. S. Government and to be made with the expectation that it may be repaid at some time in the future but without any specific date for repayment.

Mr. McBray, Dr. Barker and Mr. Hewlett requested to have their votes recorded in the negative by reason of the Arsenal Building being included in the proposition, they being opposed to the restoration of that building, but in favor of an appropriation for the preservation of the Court House and the improvement of The Green.

The matter of the building of the barn on the Clayton farm was again considered, and Mr. Donald C. Banks, who had prepared the plans for the barn, was present. He stated that he had somewhat revised the plans and had discussed the barn with Mr. Roberts but that Mr. Roberts had made no bid upon the revised plans. Mr. Banks had also called into conference John Dillanti, who was the low bidder on the previous bids on July 2nd and Nathaniel G. Watson, who was, substantially, the highest bidder; that the two together would undertake to build the barn under the revised plans for the sum of \$5500.00, the written bid being in the name of Nathaniel G. Watson.

On motion, it was resolved that the Trustees erect a barn on the Clayton farm according to the revised plans and that the contract be awarded to Nathaniel G. Watson for the sum of \$5500.00; said Nathaniel G. Watson to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of the contract, and the work to be finished in fifty working days.

Mr. Rodney and Mr. McBray, both being in favor of the erection of a new barn upon the premises, asked that their votes be recorded in the negative on account of the excessive cost of the new barn, which they felt was disproportionate to the size and rental value of the farm.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to advance, until the next meeting of the Board, an amount not exceeding \$1000.00 on account of wage claims on bills and receipts, approved by Mr. Banks, for the erection of the new barn.

On motion, it was resolved that the Board adjourn to meet on the second Tuesday in September.

Secretary.

September 10, 1935.
 Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Gebhart, Clymer, Speiker, McBray, Clayton, Shaw, Biggs, Hewlett, Clout, and Rodney (11).

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Date	Description	Amount
July 9, 1935	To Balance	\$1048.97
" 20	Margaret Janvier	8.00
" 24	U. S. Government	20.00
Aug. 1	Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00
3	Mrs. Bailey	8.00
15	Wilmington Telegraphing Assn.	125.00
31	Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00

September 3, 1935	W. Grant Abbott	325.00
3	Alva Borden	229.50
3	Eliza W. Clark	361.50
3	Jackie J. Clark	280.50
4	Mrs. Baily	8.00
10	Total	\$ 2484.42

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Mathaniel S. Watson	\$ 200.00
" " "	10.50
J. J. + L. E. Ellison	6.80
Abv. Sugman	7.69
County Taxes	423.96
Board Water and Light	370.04
George Company	20.28
	\$ 1039.27

A letter was received from L. M. Boone, President and General Manager of the Delaware Breeding and Raising Association, as follows:

"The Delaware Breeding and Raising Association herewith makes formal application to lease one hundred and fifty acres of land (described as Moorl Farms), for a period of thirty years. We propose to build a motel and up to date Raising Plant, modern in every way, and it will be conducted under the Raising laws of the State of New York.

We propose yearly rental of Three Thousand Dollars. This, however, is for your approval.

We also ask for an option to purchase the land after this contract has run in effect for five years, at a price to be agreed on later. This looks like a good location for the track. We have taken the matter up with the Pennsylvania R.R., and they are in hearty accord with us, and will give us good service with their line. Trusting this will meet with your approval,

Very truly yours,
(Signed) L. M. Boone

Mr. Boone and Mr. Sugman, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and another appeared before the Board and explained the letter. After some discussion, a Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report back to the Board. This Committee consisted of Messrs. McBray, Spicker and Cloud, with the President acting in connection with said Committee.

It was reported that Mrs. Clark requested the Trustees to assist in wiring the house at the Centre Hall Farm and that she would supply the fixtures. The Acting Committee was authorized to install the wiring to the extent of about \$4000.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of the surety bond of M. S. Watson for the erection of the farm on the Clayton Farm, which bond was ordered to be filed among the papers of the Board.

A letter was received from the Wilmington Improving Association

requesting a reduction of rental of the plot occupied by the Association, to a maximum rental of \$10.00 per acre, the reduction to be effective at the beginning of the next year of occupancy - in the spring of 1936. A Committee was appointed to consider this matter, said Committee consisting of Messrs. Janvier and Rodney.

A letter was received from Thomas B. O'Toole, enclosing a letter from Sinclair Refining Company indicating that that Company was anxious to obtain a lease for the North East corner at Hare's Corner. The Secretary reported that he had informed Mr. O'Toole that the Refining Company should submit an offer for the premises.

Some discussion was had as to the arrearage of rental due from John Kovatos and the fact that no payments had been made on the chattel mortgage held by this Board. On Motion, the Treasurer was authorized to consult counsel and to take steps to collect the amount secured by the chattel mortgage, or a large portion thereof.

Secretary.

October 1, 1935

Board met at 8:00 P.M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Gethart, Clymer, John Spicker, Biggs, Shaw, Becker, McBray, Cloud and Rodney (Ill).

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Sept. 10, 1935	To Balance	\$ 1345.15
13	Eniappi Mearns	21.00
27	Sophie Higgins	450.00
27	John Kovatos	2446.50
Oct. 1	Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00
		\$ 4297.65

In connection with the Treasurer's Report it was announced that the Treasurer had spoken to James M. Malloy, Esq., relative to the indebtedness of John Kovatos and that, as shown by the account, Mr. Kovatos had made a payment of \$2446.50, which paid the rent due to March 1, 1935.

Mr. McBray drew attention to the fact that, where rentals are in arrear, all tenants are charged with interest, and it was understood that the Treasurer was to bill Mr. Kovatos for the interest due.

Mr. Donald C. Banks appeared before the Board and spoke of the practical completion of the new barn on the Clayton Farm, and that it only included the sum of \$1200 as extras, which amount was accepted by the Board.

It was resolved to appropriate the sum of \$1000 as compensation to Mr. Banks for his inspection of the building of the barn.

The following bills were ordered paid:

New Castle Trust Co. - interest on demand loan	\$ 25.55
James L. Bacon - Janitor	25.00
Moore Bros. - wiring Centre Hall Farm	40.00
Mr. J. Hanna -	36.00
Donald C. Banks -	100.00
Mathaniel S. Watson - on % of farm	600.00
	\$ 826.55

On motion, it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance due on the farm, amounting to \$4712.00, and in order to provide the funds for that purpose, that the proper officers be authorized to borrow an additional sum of \$2000.00 from the New Castle Trust Company, said payment to be made when the Inspector has certified the entire completion of the farm and upon presentation of completely executed Release of Mechanics' Liens.

A letter was received from the Department of Commerce, Aeromarine Branch, as follows:

New Castle, Delaware, Sept. 27, 1935.

Trustees of New Castle County
New Castle, Delaware.

Honorable Sirs:-

The U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Air Commerce, Air Navigation Division, Newark, N. J., has sub-leased property known to us as Belleme Airport, from The Belleme Aircraft Co.

The U. S. Department of Commerce is assuming control of this field to provide an emergency field for the flying public. This work is in course of construction and local help is being used.

Attached is sketch calling attention to (4) four trees along Route 40 and across end of field. These trees constitute a serious hazard to planes landing or taking off in this direction.

Representing The U. S. Department of Commerce in this matter, I respectfully request permission from your Body, to remove these trees.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. E. Burgett
Hire Louis, New Castle, Delaware

The Committee, authorized at the last meeting to consider the application for the rental of the Mottel Farm for a race track, reported the receipt of a further letter, as follows:

New Castle, Delaware
September 30, 1935.

Trustees of New Castle Commons,
New Castle, Delaware.

Gentlemen:

After the meeting with your committee appointed to take up the matter of leasing the Mottel Farm to our Association, I hereby make the following statement and agreement for the Delaware Breeding and Racing Association:- I, Colonel L. M. Boone, President and General Manager for and in behalf of the Delaware Breeding and Racing Association agree to pay the Trustees of New Castle Commons, five years rent or Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in advance.

We also agree to pay for the house, barn and other outbuildings now on the Mottel Farm at the present appraised value, appraisements to be determined by a representative of each party concerned.

We also agree to assume all taxes of whatever nature that may be levied in the future for and in connection with the enterprise undertaken

The cost for any fencing that may be required in connection with the boundary lines of the two other farms, namely: Penn Farm and Centre Hill Farm will be borne by the Trustees of New Castle Commons, it being understood that the Trustees will have the privilege of using any fences that are now on the Mottel Farm for this purpose.

In reference to the road known as School House Lane running through the Mottel Farm up to the Penn Farm, the Trustees of New Castle Commons are to make arrangements with the Log Court and have this portion of the road closed off as it will be necessary for the Grand Stand and Club Houses to be erected on this land.

We also wish to state when the above arrangements can be completed our Association is ready to pay over to the Trustees of New Castle Commons Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for five years rent and the amount agreed upon by the appraisers for the value of the buildings now on the Mottel Farm.

Hoping this arrangement is satisfactory and we may receive your decision at an early date.

Very truly yours,

L. M. Boone (Signed)

President and General Manager of the
Delaware Breeding and Racing Association.

On motion, the matter was referred back to the same Committee, with power to employ competent counsel to work out the form of an agreement embodying the principles in the two letters submitted by L. M. Boone together with the expressed views of the Trustees, and to have the agreement in such form that it could be submitted to a special meeting of the Board to be called to consider it.

A tentative poll of the Trustees was taken indicating the approval of the Trustees in case that all of the terms of the agreement on the part of the lessee could be carried out, and provided the Board was able to obtain the closing of the road in question and the interests of the Trustees were otherwise protected.

Secretary

November 5, 1935

Board met at 8:00 P. M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Rathert, Clymer, John, McChary, Clayton, Shaw, Cloud, Speicher, Biggs, and Rooney (11).

The minutes of the former meeting on Oct. 12th were corrected to show that the application of J. E. Burgett for the removal of the trees at Belleme Airport had been granted, and the Secretary informed the Board that he had communicated this action to Mr. Burgett.

The Treasurer reported, as follows:

1935		Total Receipts	\$ 7973.12
Oct. 1			8.00
8	Miss B. H. Bailey		200.00
11	Dwight note - New Castle Trust Co.		125.00
	Wilmington Trapping Assn.		5.06
23	Return Fire Ins. premium - Farmers' Mutual		157.50
Nov. 1	Amesbury County 4 1/2% Bonds - interest		250.00
	New Castle City 5% " "		90.00
	Newark 4 1/2% " "		100.00
	Town of Laurel 5% " "		10708.66
	Fund		

Forwarded	\$10,708.68
1935	
November 1 Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00
1 John A. Reese	75.00
Total receipts	\$10,818.68
" 5 Total expenditures	\$914.02
5 Balance - Cash in Bank	1704.66
	10,818.68

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Burgett concerning the rent due for the Belleme Airport. This rent is payable quarterly in advance and on December 1st, 1935, there will be due \$247.50, which will pay the rent to March 1st, 1936.

The following bills were ordered paid:

W. F. Hanna	\$27.00
John J. Hoops	9.80
C. E. Metcalf	2.90
J. J. L. E. Ellison	103.96
Light & Water Board	58.90
George Co.	52.50
Fuel for Market Square	700.00
M. G. Watson	82.50
	\$1,044.56

M. G. Watson appeared before the Board and stated that the specifications for the erection of the Farm had not included any amount for a bond and that his bid had not covered the premium for said bond, although he knew the bond must be given before he entered upon his work. In view of the fact that the Board thought that the profits had been small and that the bid would have been higher by the expense of the bond, the Board determined to reimburse Mr. Watson for the amount paid by him for the bond, namely, \$82.50.

The Committee appointed in connection with the proposed race track on the Wood Farm stated that they had met Mr. Reese and had tentatively agreed upon a valuation of \$7000.00 for the buildings. It was informally agreed that if the buildings were to be torn down and not replaced that this valuation would be satisfactory to the Board.

The Treasurer reported a conference with Mr. Govatos and it was resolved that the Treasurer again see Mr. Govatos, serving a notice on him to give up the premises in his tenancy, and in case that he has neither paid nor secured the payment of the rent by November 15th that we would rent the farms and the lot at Heric Corners.

The matter of the reduction of the rent for the Wilmington Trap Shooting Association was considered by the Board and it was resolved that the Board would be content to reduce the rent paid by that Association to the extent of \$100⁰⁰ for one year, being the year from March 1st, 1936, to March 1st, 1937.

It was determined to adjourn to meet on Tuesday, November 19th to receive the report about the farm.

Secretary.

November 19, 1935.

At a special meeting called for eight o'clock P.M., Tuesday, November 19, 1935, and understood at the last regular meeting, to receive report from Mr. McGary as to rent due by Mr. Govatos, the following were present:

Messrs. McGary, Shaw, Biggs, Becker, Bethart and Speicher. In the absence of Mr. Jewier, Dr. Becker acted as Chairman, and in the absence of Judge Rodney, Mr. Speicher acted as Secretary.

Not enough members being present for a quorum, no business was transacted. Mr. McGary, however, reported informally that he had contacted Mr. Govatos, served written notice on him to vacate, and had Mr. Govatos' promise of payment by the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. McGary, the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary

December 3, 1935

Board met at 8:00 P.M. Present: Messrs. Clayton, Bethart, Cloud, John Clymer, Biggs, Speicher, McGary and Rodney (9). In the absence of the President, Mr. Clayton was made President pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting and the special meeting of November 19th were read. The Treasurer reported:

1935	Balance on hand	\$660.10
Nov. 6		
14	Dr. B. H. Bailey	8.00
30	Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00
		\$703.10

The Treasurer also reported that he had served notice to quit on Mr. Govatos, affecting the premises rented by him.

A bill of F. E. Sheridan for plumbing at the Biggs farm, amounting to \$48.10, was ordered paid.

The Committee which had heretofore considered the application for race track reported the receipt of the following letter, dated November 8th but evidently intended for November 28th:

"Wilmington Del Nov 8th

Mr. Patrick McEary
24-W-4th St
New Castle Del
"My Dear Sir"

You no doubt will be surprised hearing from me at this late date. But it's quite necessary for me to send you word, as I understand I must get my money posted with you by Dec. 1st as you must notify your tenants on that date. I have been more than busy and have all my arrangements made to close our matters up at the close of the Bowie Meeting. That closes all racing in the North. Bowie closes Saturday Nov. 30th so that will give me until Monday Dec. 2nd to get to you. Sunday is Dec 1st so I trust that will meet with your approval. From Monday, I will then be able to give all attention to our new track. The Racing Commission grants their licenses in January - This perhaps you did not understand. However we will go on with our contract with you. With kind personal regards to you, I am

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Cal. P. H. Reese

Mr. McGroary also reported that this day he had received a telephoned communication to the effect that Mr. Boase would have a check ready on Wednesday, December 4th, for \$22,000.00.

On motion, the Committee on the race track was continued and, if the check for \$22,000 was delivered on Wednesday, December 4th, the Committee was authorized to see if the Model Farm and a portion of the Center Hall Farm could still be obtained from the tenants notwithstanding the lack of notice, and if the tenants were content to deliver up the premises then the Committee was to proceed to see if an agreement could be drawn up, as provided at the September meeting, and to be submitted to a special meeting of the Board but that if the check was not received, the Committee should pay no further attention to the proposition.

Mr. McGroary presented a letter from Frank Merriken inquiring if the Trustees had any farms for rent - Mr. Merriken had been on the McClamb farm near Claymont. The matter was held in abeyance so that, if nothing developed in the race track matter and if Govatos did not pay the rent, it might be possible to rent the Penn Farm.

The meeting adjourned.

Secretary

December 23, 1935

Special meeting of the Board at 8:00 P.M. Present: Messrs. Jauris, Eckhart, Cloud, Clymer, Speicher, McGroary, Boaker and Rodney (8).

The Treasurer reported a letter received from Mr. John Govatos. This letter was somewhat indefinite in character and indicated that Mr. Govatos might be willing to re-rent the Bayard Farm and the Penn Farm, excluding from the latter about forty acres on the southeast side of School House Lane, at a rental of \$1800.00. This letter is attached to these minutes. No assurance was made as to the payment of the rent now in arrear.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to see if Mr. Stephen L. Cunningham, now on the Frank Moore Farm, desires to rent the Penn Farm, the said renting to be for the entire Farm, including the forty acres but excluding the corner of three or four acres at the corner of duPont Highway and Christine Road at Hares Corner.

On motion, it was resolved that the Treasurer see Mr. Govatos and ascertain if he wants to rent the Bayard Farm alone. If he does desire it and can make satisfactory arrangement as to the rent, the Treasurer is authorized to rent the Farm to him.

If Mr. Govatos does not desire to rent the Bayard Farm by itself, then the Treasurer is authorized to rent the said Farm to Rowell Schaeffer.

If the Bayard Farm is not re-rented to John Govatos, then the Treasurer is authorized to obtain a chattel mortgage or Landlord's Warrant to secure the rent in arrear and coming due March 1st 1936.

Secretary

CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK
MARKET, SHIPLEY AND TENTH STREETS
WILMINGTON, DEL.

JOHN GOVATOS
PRESIDENT

December 14, 1935

Mr. Patrick McGroary, Treasurer
Trustees of New Castle Commons
New Castle, Del.

Dear Mr. McGroary:

I have been thinking a lot about the farms which I rent from the Trustees of New Castle Commons. As I told you last Sunday when I saw you, I would try and give you some kind of an answer this week.

As you know, I have been down there on these farms at Hares Corner for eight years - five years when I rented part of the place from the Alfalfa people, and three years from the Trustees. I spent a lot of money, and I lost plenty, but I am very much attached to the place, and would like to give it another try; but I will have to make some other arrangement. First, I want to give up the forty-two acres about which I told you, adjoining Clark and Hicken's farms, on the other side of that little road. That will leave practically three hundred and fifteen acres; that includes the three acres on the corner. As you know, I have been paying \$300.00 for the three acres on the corner, for three years. I do not believe I collected more than \$100.00 from the man who had a little fruit stand there so you can see I lost plenty of money, but I could not do anything else, for that place needs grading, and it takes money to do that. I did not know how long I was going to be there, so I did not do anything.

My proposition is that I will give you Eighteen Hundred Dollars per year, without that field I mentioned. In other words, \$1500.00 for the farms, and \$300.00 for the corner; but I must have a ten year lease for the corner, at \$300.00 per year, so that I can go ahead and fix it up. I know you no doubt have had a better offer than this, but this is all I can do at the present time, for I lost money in previous years. I have tried to keep these places as nice as I could - working, seeding, and fertilizing just as a farm should be - the same as I do on the farms I own, or even better.

The Bayard Union farm needs some fencing done, for as you know part of the farm has no fence at all. This place has been planted in alfalfa for so long the fields are played out now. Whoever takes that place will have to rotate the crops so as to get hay and other crops. If a new man goes there, he will have no hay of any kind because there is no hay on the place. On the Penn farm, I have two fields of timothy because there is no hay on the place. Last year timothy was very high, and I had to pay \$14.00 per bushel for some of that, so you can see I spent plenty for seed for that place.

Mr. McGraw also reported that this day he had received a telephoned communication to the effect that Mr. Boone would have a check ready on Wednesday, December 4th, for \$22,000.00.

On motion, the Committee on the race track was continued and, if the check for \$22,000 was delivered on Wednesday, December 4th, the Committee was authorized to see if the Model Farm and a portion of the Center Hill Farm could still be obtained from the tenants notwithstanding the lack of notice, and if the tenants were content to deliver up the premises then the Committee was to proceed to see if an agreement could be drawn up, as provided at the September meeting, and to be submitted to a special meeting of the Board but that if the check was not received, the Committee should pay no further attention to the proposition.

Mr. McGraw presented a letter from Frank Merrick inquiring if the Trustees had any farms for rent - Mr. Merrick had been on the McClemb farm near Claymont. The matter was held in abeyance so that, if nothing developed in the race track matter and if Tovalos did not pay the rent, it might be possible to rent the Penn Farm.

The meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

December 23, 1935

Special meeting of the Board: at 8:00 P.M. Present: Messrs. Jarrin, Eckhart, Cloud, Clymer, Spitzer, Mr. Gray, Becker and Rodney (8).

The Treasurer reported a letter received from Mr. John Govatos. His letter was somewhat indefinite in character and indicated that Mr. Govatos might be willing to re-rent the Bayard Farm and the Penn Farm, excluding from the letter about forty acres on the southeast side of School House Lane, at a rental of \$1800.00. This letter is attached to these minutes. No assurance was made as to the payment of the rent now in arrear.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to see if Mr. Stephen L. Cunningham, now on the Frank Moore Farm, desires to rent the Penn Farm, the said renting to be for the entire farm, including the forty acres but excluding the corner of three or four acres at the corner of District Highway and Christian Road at Har's Corner.

On motion, it was resolved that the Treasurer see Mr. Govatos and ascertain if he wants to rent the Bayard Farm alone. If he does desire it and can make satisfactory arrangement as to the rent, the Treasurer is authorized to rent the Farm to him.

If Mr. Govatos does not desire to rent the Bayard Farm by itself, then the Treasurer is authorized to rent the said Farm to Roswell Schaeffer.

If the Bayard Farm is not re-rented to John Govatos, then the Treasurer is authorized to obtain a chattel mortgage or Landlord's Warrant to secure the rent in arrear and coming due March 1st 1936.

Secretary.

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I do not know, if I move, if I could cut that hay. When I took the farms I had to pay the alfalfa for cutting the hay.

I also want to have the right to sub-lease part of the Corner. I might start something there myself, and rent part of the place out to someone else, the same way I rent the house over there now; but I want to have the privilege of renting this out to any legitimate business.

If you want any further details, I can come before your Board, or I can talk to your committee at any time you suggest.

In reference to the rent which I owe you, which is due December 1st, but which pays up to March 1, 1936, I will make some arrangements shortly, and pay this; or if I cannot do that I have a lot of corn, barley, and other stuff, and I will have a sale of this, late in February. I will let the New Castle Trust Company handle this sale, so they can see that the rent is paid, and turn the difference over to me. I hope, however, that I will be able to pay this without the sale. As I told you, my connections in New York are such now that I think I will soon be in shape to have considerable money shortly.

Yours very truly,

John Govatos

John Govatos.

Jan 7, 1936

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Galt, Tobin, Clymer, Speicher, W.S. Gray, Becker & Rodney (8) & Dejeu (5)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance after payment of December bills	655.00
Recd Daisy B. Bailey	8.00
Allant's Refining Co	35.00
Wilmington Trefelasting Assn	125.00
Dulux Sussex Co Bonds	157.50
	325.50
	980.50

The following Bills were approved

New Castle Trust Co interest	48.06
George & Co Durham Farms United 7049	
New Castle Co	18.96
Other Co's	104.00
	193.45
P. W.S. Gray, agent Royal	70.20
J T & L. E. Thason, Inc	49.69
P. W.S. Gray Expense on returning ^{receipts} sums ^{for}	2.00
	363.40

Bonds On motion it was resolved that the proper officers be authorized to execute any necessary papers in connection with the redemption and paying off of the Sussex Co Bonds.

Penn + Bayard Farms Considerable discussion was had as to the renting of the Penn and Bayard Farms and on motion it was unanimously resolved to rent the Penn farm as it now is and including the acreage on SE side of School House Lane and without the lot at the corner at Hares Corner of about 3 acres, to August Lerouey at the usual price that other farms are rented for, said rent to be paid quarterly. The said corner lot is the land to W or NW of the private road at Hares Corner.

It was also unanimously resolved that the Bayard Farm be rented to John Gortals without the lot at Hares Corner (mentioned in the preceding motion) at the usual rent received for our other farms. If John did not desire the Bayard Farm without the lot then the Treasurer was authorized to rent both the farm and lot to him the lease for the lot to be for a period not exceeding 10 years and with proper stipulations as to re-entry for non-payment of rent, supervision and approval of plans for buildings to be erected on the lot and approval of sub-tenants.

A letter had been received from Mr Gortals stating he would rent the Bayard farm for the usual rent and the lot at 3.00⁰⁰ per year for a period of ten years.

Richard S. Rodney, Secy

February 4, 1936

Board met at 8:00 P.M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Biggs, Shaw, Gohard, John Speicher and Rodney (7).

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand after payment of January bills	\$617.10
Recd Daisy B. H. Bailey	8.00
Allant's Refining Co	35.00
	43.00
	\$660.10

Bonds The Treasurer also reported a balance in the Investment Fund of \$43.58 and that on January 9th, he had received \$7000.00 for the Sussex County bonds, which had been called, and \$350.00 premium, making a total in the Investment Fund of \$7393.58.

Pen Farm The Treasurer reported that the Penn Farm had been rented to August Lerouey and that Mr Gortals, the present tenant, said that his man would move at least two weeks before March 1st, as the house will need some papering and painting.

Bayard Farm The Treasurer reported that the Bayard Farm had been rented to John Gortals and that Mr. Gortals would also like to have the lot at the corner for ten years, with the privilege of sub-letting subject to the approval of the Board, and that he will pay the best rent either with cash or with a short term note with approved endorser.

Hares Corner On motion, a Committee was appointed to consider the renting of the lot at Hares Corner, there being several applicants therefor: this Committee to consist of Messrs. Rodney, McGray and Shaw. An application for said lot was received from Edna A. Deakynne and Horace L. Deakynne offering \$300.00 per year, payable monthly, for a five-year lease, subject to renewal for an additional five years.

A Committee was appointed to invest the funds received from the calling in of the Sussex County bonds, said Committee consisting of the President, Treasurer and Mr. Clout.

Bellanca Aircraft Corporation The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation stating that they were negotiating to assign the lease for thirty-three acres, rented by that Corporation, to Air Service, Inc. The Secretary stated that he had informed the Bellanca that, after consultation with the majority of the Trustees, he believed that this assignment would be satisfactory to the Trustees provided that the assignee would pay and discharge the indebtedness now due. The action of the Secretary was approved.

A letter was presented from the Arasapha Garden Club requesting the Trustees to furnish a hundred more trees for Spring planting. This matter was postponed to the March meeting.

Meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

The officers were authorized to execute any proper papers in connection with a contract between Air Service, Inc and Standard Oil Company relative to the furnishing of gasoline and oil for airplanes - giving the consent of the trustees during the term of the lease held by Air Service, Inc.

Mr. James V. Campbell appeared before the Board in the interest of Goodwill Tire Co in its campaign to obtain funds to purchase a new ambulance. On motion the Treasurer was authorized to inform the Company that the Board is in entire sympathy with the movement for the ambulance and that the Board will make a substantial contribution but the actual appropriation itself was postponed to the next meeting.

The Board went into election of officers with the following result:

- President Francis de X. Janvier
- Treasurer Patrick W. Gray elected for 2 years
- Secretary Richard S. Rodney

The Acting Committee was voted for as follows

- Shaw 12
 - Biggs 10
 - Clayton 7
 - Clymer 3
 - Speicher 2
 - Tobin 1
 - Gebhart 1
- } These three were elected

The Committee on Public Buildings was voted for as follows

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Booker	10					
Tobin	11					
Newell	5	5	5	4	4	3
Speicher	3	1				
Clymer	3	3	4	3	2	2
Gebhart	3	2	2	5	6	7
Janvier	1					
Shaw		1				
Cloud			1			

Messrs Booker, Tobin & Gebhart were elected

The following bills were ordered paid

John J. Walls	3.10
Light & Water Board	9.00
Wheat Castle Trust Co (Safe Deposit Box)	4.40
Maltronic Watson	12.50
Oscar Elliott	5.00
Treasurer Expenses	100.00
Secretary Expenses	50.00
Acting Committees Expenses	50.00
Commissary of Court House (Rent)	50.00
Insurance of Cloud (Car & Truck)	50.00
James L. Bacon, Janitor 6 mo	25.00
	<u>359.00</u>

Janitor

James L. Bacon was re-elected as Janitor.

Trees

The secretary was authorized to state to the Annapolis Garden Club that the financial condition of the Board would not warrant the full compliance with its request but that the Board would guarantee the cost of 50 trees for spring planting provided the price per tree did not exceed that of last year.

The President appointed Messrs Cloud and Spenser as a Committee to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Richard S. Rodney Secretary

March 23, 1936

A special meeting of the Trustees held this evening. Present Messrs James, Gilbert, Cloud, Tolson, Clayton, Spenser, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney

Water at

Biggs Farm

The meeting was called to consider the question of running the water pipes from the New Port Road to the barn on the Stockton Farm under the supervision of John & Alex Biggs. The acting committee had reported that there was not much difference between the bid of Board of Light & Water Commission of \$31.00 and of Eugene H. Sheridan of \$44.00. The latter bid was much higher. The motion was resolved that the contract be awarded to Eugene H. Sheridan & install the pipe approximately (2075 feet) of 2 inch galvanized pipe set 4' in the ground from the main to the Barn and with all connections and stops at his bid of \$844.91. Mr. Rodney voted in the negative and asked his vote be recorded, believing that the cost was excessive in view of the annual rent of the farm (\$50.00) and that an individual water supply by windmill or pump would be much cheaper & equally satisfactory.

Horse stalls at

Bayard Farm

The acting committee was authorized to have horse stalls built in the old hay barns on the Bayard Farm tenanted by John Sevatos. Some discussion was had as to the rental due from Mr. Sevatos and it was decided to postpone the fencing on the farm until some arrangement is made as to the rent in arrears.

The following Bills were approved

Joseph B. Grant 27.05
Stephen Garris 360 30.65

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

April 7, 1936

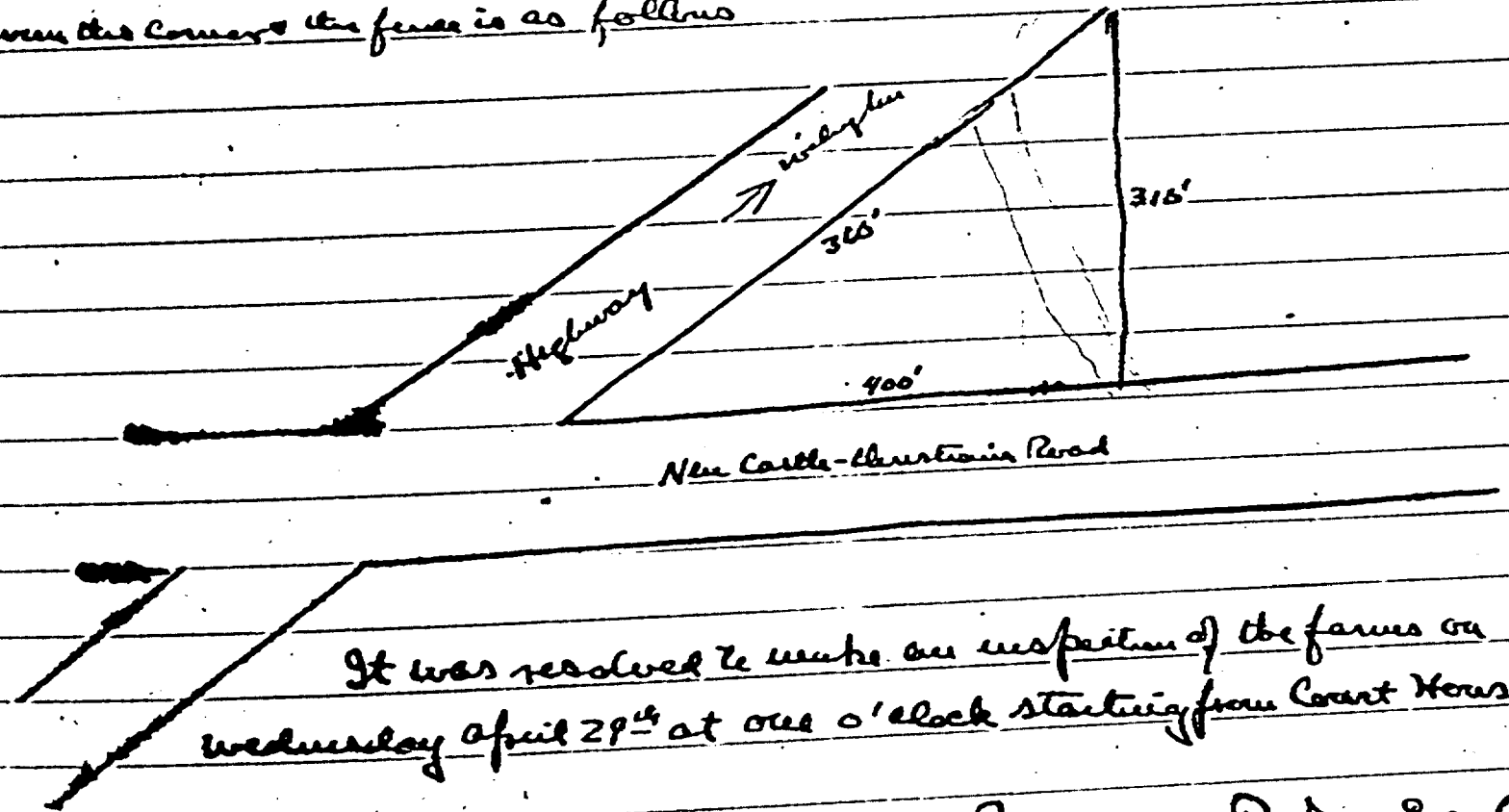
Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs James, Gilbert, Cloud, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Biggs, Booker, Spenser & Rodney

The Treasurer Reported as follows

Balance last meeting	2009.20	
Rec'd from Atlantic Refining Co	35.00	
John Alex Biggs	808.50	2847.70

The acting committee reported the hose still put in the barns at Bayard Farm & that the pipe had been laid to Biggs farm. Mr. Vance Whitaker of panel before the Board and stated that the laying of the pipe had been completed this day but that a new and larger hydrant at the barn would improve the flow of water and allow the pipe to remain at 4' below the ground. The motion then was authorized at an approximate cost of \$10.00. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bill for the pipe upon approval of the acting committee.

The renting of the lot at Hares Corner was discussed and it was agreed to rent the lot to Horace E. Manby for a period of five years for \$300.00 per year the details of the exact dimensions of the lot to be rented to Mr. Manby to be later decided. It was suggested that we reserve a part of the lot to rent for a road side market if it should later be deemed advisable. The general dimensions (in rough) of the lot at Hares Corner between the corner the fence is as follows



It was resolved to make an inspection of the farms on Wednesday April 29th at one o'clock starting from Court House.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

April 14, 1936

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Jacobs, T. Davis, Clymer, Spieker, W.L., Leroy, Beggs, Shaw, Cloud, Booker & Rindley (11)

The meeting was called to consider a letter received from Wilson Contracting Company which Company desired to put in a bid on April 15th for the grading at the new bridge being erected over Delaware Railroad on Delaware Turnpike west of 10th Street. The letter was as follows:

H. P. WILSON, PRES.

R. A. WILSON, VICE PRES.

J. H. WILSON, SECY. TREAS.

WILSON CONTRACTING CO., INC.

DUPONT BOULEVARD AND STATE ROAD
NEW CASTLE, DEL.

SAND AND GRAVEL

April 11, 1936

PHONE 6331

Trustees of the Commons
New Castle County
New Castle, Delaware

Gentlemen:

Our company will remove and reset fence; will move and replace six inches (6") of top soil over the entire area as specified below:

Location #1: Model Farm---Running along the Basin Road for a distance of Four Hundred Feet (400'), and along the Hares Corner Road for a distance of Three Hundred Feet (300'); starting point each way is corner.

Location #2: Penn Farm---On the East side of the lane approaching the farm, running along the Hares Corner Road for a distance of Two Hundred Feet (200'), and a distance of One Hundred Fifty Feet (150') parallel with the lane approaching the farmhouse. Running along the West side entering from the Hares Corner Road for a distance of Three Hundred Seventy-five Feet (375') on the west side of the lane, and for a distance of One Hundred Fifty Feet (150') parallel with the lane approaching the farmhouse.

We will pay to the Trustees of the Commons, Five Cents (5¢) per yard for approximately Twenty-one Thousand (21,000) yards of earth, a total of One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$1,050).

We have carefully inspected the above-mentioned locations and find that there is the necessary earth for our requirements. We assure you that we will leave each of these locations in a very satisfactory manner. We mean by this, elevations suitable for farm land.

We will appreciate knowing whether the above is acceptable not later than Tuesday evening, due to the fact that our bid must be placed Wednesday morning.

Very truly yours,

WILSON CONTRACTING CO., INC.

H. P. Wilson
President

HPW:N

P.S. We will agree to pay tenant for any crops that are within the above-mentioned areas, to be appraised by board. H.P.W.

Mr. W.L. Gray reported a personal interview with the writer in which Mr. Wilson agreed to give 10¢ per cubic yard for the dirt in case it was not decided that the top soil be replaced and that Mr. Wilson knew that the land was under lease and that it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the tenant as to the removal of the dirt and also to pay the tenant compensation for any crops in the ground. It was quickly agreed that the Board did not desire to dispose of any dirt from the Model Farm at the corner of the Turnpike and Basco Park roads.

After a very full discussion the following action was adopted:

Resolved that the Trustees are willing to allow the removal of dirt from the Penn Farm under the following terms:
Having the lane leading to the farm house as a level and basis the ground shall be graded back gradually on the East side of the lane for a distance of 200' along the highway and extending back from the highway toward the farm buildings 150'. On the West side the ground shall be graded back gradually for a distance of 375' along the highway and parallel thereto and extending 150' from the highway toward the farm buildings.

All cuts and grades shall be gradual to and from the lane

and the entire premises shall be left in good and proper condition

This provision and understanding shall not become effective unless and until the Wilson Contracting Company shall obtain the consent in writing of the tenant to the removal of the dirt and shall agree with the tenant as to compensation to be paid by the Company to the tenant for any claim of such tenant.

It is understood that the Wilson Contracting Company shall reset all fences and shall pay 10 cents per cubic yard for any dirt removed according to measurements to be made by the State Highway Department.

Mr. W.L. Gray stated that August Leroy desired to obtain some money on a chattel mortgage and request desired to know if the Trustees were willing to waive their rights as landlord so as to give priority to the chattel mortgage. (Mr. W.L. stated it was resolved that the Trustees were not willing to waive any priority or claim it now had or might have in the future.)

The Acting Committee reported that the Health Inspector of Wilmington requested that a milk house be erected at once on the Penn farm or the tenant would be unable to sell milk in Wilmington. At meeting it was resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized to erect such milk house as may be necessary and that the work be done as economically as possible.

The following bills were ordered paid

Water Rent	50 ⁰⁰	
J. E. Shinkens	5 ³⁴	55 ³⁴

Richard S. Rindley

May 5th, 1936

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of New Castle Common was held at 8:00 o'clock P.M. with the following members present: President Janvier, Messrs. Shaw, Biggs, McGroary, Clymer, Cloud, Hewitt, Gethart and Speicher. In the absence of Judge Rodney, on motion, Mr. Speicher acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of April 7th, as well as the special meeting of April 14th, were read by the President, Mr. Janvier. There being no corrections, they were approved as read.

Mr. McGroary reported that his accounts of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1936, had been audited by the Auditing Committee, Messrs. Cloud and Speicher - 300 copies printed and presented at this meeting for the Board and its members. On motion, the report was accepted and copy spread on the minutes.

Mr. McGroary presented the Treasurer's monthly report, as follows:

April 7, 1936	To Balance	2533.36	
Received:			
18	Daisy B.H. Bailey	\$ 8.00	
21	Reba J. Holcomb	18.00	
May 1	Grissippi Mammie	21.00	
1	Atlantic Refining Co.	35.00	82.00
Total cash on hand			2615.36

Mr. McGroary reported that he received from Eugene H. Sheridan a Release of Lien for the water line run from the Basin Road to the Stockton Farm, signed by Vance Mitchell and Delaware Plumbing Supply Co.

He also reported the receipt of a copy of lease with Air Service, Inc. for erection of a new Hanger to replace the building recently destroyed by fire. On motion, the report of Treasurer was accepted and spread on the minutes.

The Acting Committee presented the following bills, approved by Messrs. Shaw and Biggs:

J. J. L. E. Eliezer, building materials for milk house on Penn. Farm	\$ 73.74
" " " paints and varnish for Tucker Clark	7.26
" " " sand, cement, lime - Center Hall Farm	9.58
Jos. F. Grant, roof repairs, spouting - Penn. Farm	62.70
Abraham Ingram, labor - Center Hall Farm	12.00
Claude Banta, 60-8x8x16" Cement Blocks - Center Hall Farm	7.10

Other bills presented, as follows:

William Seakins - 1/4 ton nut coal	3.65
Charles H. Gray - for printing 300 reports	9.00
Harrison Nurseries, Inc.	

34 Oriental Planes - 1 1/4 to 2 inch crepin @ 1 ²⁵ each	\$ 45.90
16 Allgates - 1 1/4 to 2 inch crepin @ 1 ⁶⁵ "	26.40
	72.30
	\$ 258.03

Eugene H. Sheridan, water line from Basin Road to Stockton Farm, contract	844.91
Eugene H. Sheridan, one Hydrant	10.50
	\$ 1113.44

Mr. McGroary reported the hydrant cost \$10⁵⁰; at last meeting he was only authorized to pay up to \$10⁰⁰, which was the reason it was brought up again. On motion, duly seconded, the above bills were allowed and the Treasurer instructed to make payment.

The Acting Committee had just received a bill from Nathaniel B. Watson in the amount of \$322.95 in connection with Milk House and minor barn repairs at the Penn. Farm but held up final approval pending further information. On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay Watson \$250⁰⁰ on account and the balance later, after approval by the Acting Committee.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, \$500⁰⁰ is to be given to the Good Will Fire Co. towards a new Ambulance, payable when the Ambulance Fund, with other amounts donated, is sufficient to provide for the full payment of the Ambulance.

Mr. Janvier, for Judge Rodney and himself, read a letter from Mr. John Groat's relative to rent due by him. In a subsequent conversation with Mr. Groat, the latter promised to pay \$1000⁰⁰ by June 1st, irrespective of the contents of the letter, and the balance in two months thereafter.

Mr. Janvier read a letter from J. Rogers Holcomb asking the Trustees to again present money for prizes to the Home and School Association to be given to Manual Training classes. On motion of Mr. Cloud, \$10⁰⁰ was donated to the Home and School for prizes.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Jacob H. Speicher
Acting Secretary

June 2, 1936

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Janvier, Biggs, Clayton, Mr. Gray, Galtart, Cloud and Speicher, In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Cloud acted as Secretary Pro Tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand May 3, 1936	668.73
Received from Worthington Gene Club	100.00
" " Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
" " John Groat's	1000.00
" " August Lerouey	301.88
	2105.61

The Acting Committee reported the receipt of a bill for plastering at Penn. Farm amounting to \$55⁰⁰, on motion the work was authorized. The Acting Committee was also authorized to have the necessary fencing done at the Bayard Farm.

The quarterly statement of the Light & Water Commission was received showing	12496.37
Total Receipts ending March 31 (3ars)	11474.80
Expenses - Wages, Salaries, materials & interest on Bonds	1021.57
Excess of receipts over expenses	

WCV

The following bills were ordered paid

George & Co Insurance - Jefferson Farm	16.95
P. W. Gray	27.16
Albion DeGraam Carpenter work	23.75
John T. Sloops	17.32
Papering at Oglathope	5.00
Eugene H. Sheridan repairs to pump at Biggs Farm	16.60
John F. Z. Clayton lime & bricks	29.68
	122.46

Meeting then adjourned

Secretary Pro Tem

July 7, 1936

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jauner, Gebhart, Cloud, Speaker, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw & Rodary (7)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

June 2/36 Bal on hand	1953.39
Henry B. Bailey	16.00
Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
Int Pa. R.R. Bonds	32.50
	2071.89

The acting Committee reported repairs to the house on Penn Farm & fencing on Bayard Farm.

Tree boxes

The Secretary presented a letter from Annapolis Garden Club relative to the boxing of 83 trees. Fifty of these trees were new ones furnished by the Trustees, 25 were purchased by the nursery & 8 were replace boxes destroyed by vandals. The Board agreed to pay the bill amounting to 49.80

The following bills were approved

Claude Beanta	16.25
Albion DeGraam	65.75
Edward W. Howell	73.65
J. W. Singles	3.65
N. A. Phelps	3.57
N. G. Watson	93.00
N G Watson	30.50
U.S. Post Fencing Co	581.30
William Clewley	12.75
J T & L. E. Elverson, Inc	113.08
U.S. Castle Trust Co	50.56
George & Co Insurance	85.13
P. W. Gray	17.53
Farmers Electric Inc Co	14.18
John de Wandi (Annapolis Garden Club)	49.80
	1210.70

The matter of the proposed lease to Horace S. Deakyne for the triangular lot at Haves Corner was again discussed. It was agreed that a small lot of some 50' front on the Highway on New Castle Road should be reserved and the balance rented to Horace S. Deakyne for five years at 300.00 per year. It was suggested that the lease provide for supervision by the Trustees of signs erected on the premises and also that the lot be kept in a presentable condition.

Meeting Place

The President reported one or more meetings with the Trustees of the Market Square who had recently renovated and repaired the old Arsenal Building (later Public School #1). The President reported that certain City officials were desirous that all City offices be located in this building and had requested information as to whether the Trustees of New Castle Common would locate there. The President had informed the other authorities that no direct or definite action had been taken by this Board. On motion it was unanimously resolved that the Trustees of New Castle Common prefer to remain in their present quarters which they have occupied for so many years.

Minutes not to work

On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay bills which may be presented during the summer recess of the Board upon approval by the appropriate Committee such bills to be reported at the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion it was resolved to adjourn to meet on Tuesday September 15th.
Richard S. Rodary
Secretary

Sept 15, 1936

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Hewlett, Gebhart, Biggs, Clayton, Mr. Gray, Speaker & Rodary (7)
In the absence of President Jauner, Mr. Gebhart was made President Pro Tem.

The following bills were ordered paid

J T & L. E. Elverson June 120.35; July 27.31	147.66
Ed W. Howell	41.25
Wm F. Hanna	19.35
Postage for bonds	1.61
F. Z. Sheridan	5.50
White Brothers	10.25
Nathaniel S. Watson	35.50
County tax	342.41
George & Co	20.28
J. W. Singles	172.00
James L. Bacon, Jauner	25.00
	\$820.81

A letter from Elwood J. W. Koe made application for Oglathope Farm
A letter from Dr. Charles D. Hoch said the milk house at Centie Hall was unsatisfactory.
On motion it was left with acting Committee to see what was needed.
On motion it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday October 27, 1936

Richard S. Rodary
Secretary

Sept 15, 1936

The following Treasurer Report was omitted by error from the September Minutes

July 8, 1936	To Balance	861.19
July 28, 1936	United Workmen	50.00
" 30,	U.S. Government	20.00
Aug. 1	Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
8	Kary B. X. Bailey	16.00
Sept. 1	W Grant Abbott	300.00
" 1	Tasher Clark	280.50
" 1	Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
" 5	Eliza W. Clark	361.50

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

October 27, 1936

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Messrs Jamieson, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Gilbert, Booker & Rodney (6)

The Treasurer reported as follows:-

Bal on hand after Sept 15 th payments	1219.63
Sept 21 Kary B. X. Bailey	16.00
25 Sophia Higgins	450.00
Oct 1 Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
" 1 Giuseppe Maccari	21.00
" 5 Alexander Baxter	194.29
" 8 Horace L. Hoadlyne	75.00
" 21 Wilmington Trephooting Assn	200.00
	<u>2210.92</u>

The following Bills were presented and approved:

George & Co Insurance	52.50
New Castle Trust Co dit on demand note	51.11
Pft & Hooker Board (Water Rent)	54.22
	<u>157.83</u>

Baxter rent

The Treasurer reported that when Mr. Baxter paid his rent he related an understanding with the Acting Committee that he (Baxter) would be allowed an abatement of his present rent of 40⁰⁰ being a portion of the cost of the installation of electric at the Ogletts Farm which had been made by Mr. Baxter. A majority of the Acting Committee not being present the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Considerable discussion was had concerning the Bayard farm now tenanted by Mr. Gorales, the Penn Farm now tenanted by Mr. Seroney and the Ogletts Farm tenanted by Mr. Baxter and it was suggested that each farm be advertised for rent. Due to the number of members in attendance it was decided to first give action until next meeting which it was determined to hold on November 10th.

Group painting from SS Heemer

A letter was received from Frank J. Heemer one of the Executors of the late Selden S. Heemer stating that Mr. Heemer had requested to the Trustees a large group portrait of the Board which he had had painted some years ago.

Mr. Frank J. Heemer verbally stated that he would appreciate a written acceptance of the portrait signed by the Trustees individually. The motion it was resolved that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Frank J. Heemer stating that the Board accepted the picture with much pleasure and that it would be placed in the meeting room subject to the future orders of the Board. It was further resolved that the Trustees would, individually, sign any proper acknowledgment of the large picture which may be submitted by the Executors or by Mr. Heemer.

The quarterly statement of the Light & Water Board for the period ending June 30th was noted.

The Secretary read to the Board the correspondence between the Atlantic Refining Company and himself relative to the old "Bruce" property at N W corner of State Highway and New Port or Basin Road. The Atlantic Refining Company is considering the expenditure of considerable money in the improvement of the Gasoline Station and desired to know on what terms a three, five or ten years lease could be obtained. The matter was continued until Nov 10th.

In connection with the lot rented to the Atlantic Refining Co the Secretary presented correspondence passing between himself and Hessler & Co regarding a large sign on the lot rented to Atlantic Refining Co. This was the sign that a number of years ago was allowed to be erected to advertise Heemer Beach but for some years had been devoted to other advertising and was advertised a rival pastrolens Company to the Atlantic Refining Co the tenant of the lot. Under these circumstances the Secretary inquired of Hessler the amount of rent paid for the maintenance of the sign and to whom such rent was paid. The answer of Hessler stated that rent had been paid for this 50 foot sign at the rate of \$20⁰⁰ per annum and that this rent was paid to Mrs William H. Stone while they were the tenants of the property but that no rent had been paid for the past year. Action on the Board was continued to Nov 10th.

under sign

dials on clock

A letter was received from Mr. John R. Jamieson stating that Samuel Church had been having the Church building painted and that it was around that as the Town Clock belonged to the Trustees of the Church that the cost of repainting the four clock dials were to be done by the Trustees. Mr. Jamieson had received an estimate of painting and gilding the 4 dials of \$70⁰⁰. It was reported that the circular casing surrounding the dials had become so rotten that they could not be painted. While a quorum of the Trustees was not present it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the repair and renovation of the dials should be done by the Trustees.

Town Hall

Mr. Booker reported an unsatisfactory condition at the Town Hall. It appears that the work basin in the Barber Shop in the NW store in the Town Hall was not connected with the sanitary sewer. This waste water it seems goes in a small drain across in front of the Hall and there empties into the storm sewer and it was reported that at times caused a disagreeable odor. Mr. Booker was requested to consult Mr. John J. Walls the Sewer Sufferer as to the proper course to be followed to remedy any fault on the part of the Trustees.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday November 10th

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 10, 1936

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Gehart, W. Gray, Clayton, Biggs & Rodney (6)

The Board considered the question of the suggested lease to Atlantic Refining Co and it was resolved that the Secretary submit the following proposition to the Company (first obtaining the consent of another Trustee, the vote this evening being the unanimous vote of 6)

Atlantic Refining Co

That the Board would make a lease for 5 years at a rental of 50⁰⁰ per month

That the Board " " " " " " 10 years at a rental of 50⁰⁰

Basin Creek

for month for the first 5 years and 75⁰⁰ per month for the next five years.

That the Board would merely maintain the dwelling house in its present condition

That the lessee would pay any additional taxes by reason of improvements.

" " " " " " excess water rent.

No buildings to be erected other than in connection with the gas station except with consent of the Trustee

No signs to be erected other than those in connection with the gas station except with the consent of the Trustee

Sanitary sewage or arrangements to be at expense of lessee.

The following bills were ordered paid

Joseph F. Grant 8⁴⁵
T. J. Z. Shanon due 3²⁵ 12²⁰

The quarterly statement of the light & water Board for the period ending September 30th was received and filed.

Payment of \$1000 on note

The Treasurer was authorized and directed to pay \$1000 on account of the demand note at the Castle Trust Co reducing that note to \$3000⁰⁰

In the absence of a quorum no action was taken as to any notice to tenants but the same tenants were to continue another year.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 1, 1936

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Gehart, Tolin, Clymer, Spielker, W. Gray, Shaw, Booker, Cloud & Rodney (10)

The Board on motion, ratified the action of the October & November meetings by reason the lack of quorum at those meetings

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

Nov 10 Cash on hand after payment of November bills 1092.39
Nov 27 Harry B. X. Bailey " 8.00
Dec 1 Atlantic Refining Co 35.00
John Reese 15.00

1210.39

Shed at Biggs Farm & Sheds

The Acting Committee suggested the necessity of completed iron roof on shed at Biggs Farm. This was approved.

The meeting then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 5, 1937

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Gehart, Clymer, Spielker, W. Gray, Shaw, Cloud, Booker & Rodney (9)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Dec 2/36 Balance 1167.39
Received from August Seroney 602.75
" " Atlantic Refining Co 35.00
1805.14

The following bills were ordered paid

P. M. Gray Insurance 70.20
George & Co " 89.45
" " " 104.00
The Castle Trust Co (Int) 44.44
J. E. Shendon 2.20 310.29

The Acting Committee was authorized to investigate the water supply at Penn Farm and to take such steps as may be necessary to insure a proper supply at that Farm. The Committee was also authorized to have any necessary repairs made to the roof. It had been reported that some damage had been done by storms which had been covered by wind insurance but that the roof needed the shingles to be gone over & tightened

The Trustees noted the appearance in the room of the large group portrait of the Trustees which had been bequeathed by Saldore S. Shanon. On motion a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Clymer for his services in arranging for the moving and placing of the picture

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

February 2, 1937

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Gehart, Cloud, Spielker, W. Gray, Biggs, Shaw and Rodney (8)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal on hand after January payments 1537.85
Rec'd from Weymouth Gun Club 100.00
" " Harry B. X. Bailey 16.00
Atlantic Refining Co 35.00
1688.85

The Acting Committee reported two bids for furnishing poles for running electric line to Penn Farm (1) From Delaware Electric Power Co of 156.34 + (2) Moore Bros of \$166.00. On motion the Acting Committee was authorized to give the contract to the Delaware Electric Power Co. Light Co provided their bid included taking the line to the pump and that the Committee be authorized to complete a satisfactory water system at the Farm.

W. Gray

Trees A letter was received from the Araraha Garden Club asking for an appropriation to continue the planting of trees throughout the Town. On motion it was resolved that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated to the Araraha Garden Club for the said purpose with the understanding that this amount was the total sum that could be appropriated during 1937 for any expense in connection with the trees.

Payment of 1000 on debt On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer be directed to pay the sum of \$1000.00 on account of the indebtedness of the Board at the New Castle Trust Company - reducing that indebtedness to \$2000.00.

Govatos debt On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to take legal proceedings for the collection of the indebtedness due from John Govatos unless that indebtedness is reduced by a payment of one half of the present balance by March 1st and that the Secretary notify Mr. Govatos of this action.

Richard S. Redney
Secretary

March 2, 1937

Board met at 8 P.M. Present: Messrs. Janvier, Cloud, Tobin, Clymer, W.C. Gray, Barker, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Speaker & Redney (1)

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Feb 3/37	Balance after February orders	503.85
17	Interest on Investments	648.75
27	Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
27	Giuseppe Maccari	21.00
Mar 2	Alex Baxter	229.50
	Eliza W. Clark	361.50
	Tarker T. Clark	280.50
	Horace E. Mackyue	125.00
	John Reese	75.00
		2280.10

Electricity at Penn farm The Acting Committee reported that the electricity had been installed at the Penn farm but not yet connected.

Barker's Electricity The Treasurer reports that sometime ago there has been discussion concerning an allowance to Mr. Barker on his rent because of his installation of electricity into the house. It was reported that he had paid 140.00 and an allowance was made on his rent of 40.00 with the understanding that the equipment would remain on the farm at the expiration of the present tenancy.

Govatos The Treasurer reported a letter from Mr. Govatos in which Mr. Govatos promised a payment of \$1000.00 on May 1st and the balance on Sept 1st. On motion it was resolved to wait until May 1st for the payment & the Treasurer was requested to notify Mr. Govatos we would expect the payment at that time.

Light & Water Bd Mr. J. E. Bridgewater was re-elected a member of the Light and Water Board for the term of three years and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Bridgewater, the Mayor, City Council and the Light & Water Board of that effect.

STATEMENT

Receipts and Expenditures

Trustee of New Castle Trust Company

we certify that the amount of \$1000.00 was ordered that the New Castle Trust Company be paid.

STATEMENT
of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1937

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
March 1, 1936.....	\$ 2004.20	County Taxes.....	\$ 312.41
Wm. G. Abbott.....	660.00	Fire Insurance.....	477.33
Biggs Brothers.....	1,017.00	New Castle Trust Co., Interest.....	193.23
Alex Baxter.....	463.79	New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note.....	3,000.00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark.....	723.00	Board of Water and Light Comm.....	113.22
August Leroney.....	1,207.50	Meeting Room.....	6.25
Tasker T. Clark.....	561.00	Printing.....	4.00
John Govatos.....	1,000.00	Electric Line, Ogleshorpe Farm.....	40.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	450.00	New Water Line, Stockton Farm.....	533.41
Air Service, Inc.....	247.50	Milk house, Penn Farm.....	333.70
Giuseppe MacCarri.....	63.00	Electric Pump, Clayton Farm.....	172.00
Horace Deakyne.....	200.00	Araphasa Garden Club, Trees (Planting and Boxing).....	272.18
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00	Fire Co., Ambulance.....	500.00
Wilmington Gun Club.....	400.00	Contribution, Wm. Penn School.....	10.00
Atlantic Refining Co.....	420.00		
Daisy B. H. Baily.....	96.00		
John Reese.....	150.00		
U. S. Air Way Service.....	20.00		
United Workmen.....	50.00		
Interest from Investment.....	767.50		
Total.....	\$ 11,118.49	Total.....	\$ 6,351.75
		Repairs and Improvements at—	
		Jefferson Farm.....	\$ 110.95
		Stockton Farm.....	110.78
		Ogleshorpe Farm.....	12.62
		Center Hall Farm.....	255.05
		Penn Farm.....	510.99
		Bayard Farm.....	607.24
		Clayton Farm.....	93.93
		Model House.....	9.95
		Basin House.....	41.25
		Town Hall.....	5.31
			1,791.13
		Treasurers Expenses.....	\$ 100.00
		Secretary Expenses.....	50.00
		Acting Committee Expenses.....	50.00
		Court House Committee.....	50.00
		Care of Town Clock.....	50.00
		Janitor Salary.....	50.00
			350.00
		Balance cash in Bank.....	2,625.56
		Total.....	\$ 11,118.49
		BILLS PAYABLE	
		New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note.....	\$ 1,000.00
		DUE FROM TENANTS	
Wm. G. Abbott.....	\$ 852.64	5 Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2% Bonds.....	\$ 4,912.50
John Govatos, Bal. March 1, 1937.....	2,355.50	Accrued Interest on Bonds.....	16.25
John Govatos, Quarter in advance.....	234.75	2 Penn. R. R. 3 1/2% Bonds.....	2,020.00
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00	Accrued Interest on Bonds.....	29.78
U. S. Air Way Service.....	20.00	5 City New Castle 5% Bonds.....	5,125.00
A. O. U. Workmen.....	50.00	4 Town of Newark 4 1/2% Bonds.....	4,000.00
Harry J. Cable.....	145.00	2 Town of Laurel 5% Bonds.....	2,000.00
August Leroney, Quarter in advance.....	301.88	Uninvested Funds.....	415.04
Wil. Gun Club, Quarter in advance.....	100.00		
Total.....	\$ 4,237.77	Total.....	\$ 15,515.53
		INVESTMENT FUND	
		5 Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2% Bonds.....	\$ 4,912.50
		Accrued Interest on Bonds.....	16.25
		2 Penn. R. R. 3 1/2% Bonds.....	2,020.00
		Accrued Interest on Bonds.....	29.78
		5 City New Castle 5% Bonds.....	5,125.00
		4 Town of Newark 4 1/2% Bonds.....	4,000.00
		2 Town of Laurel 5% Bonds.....	2,000.00
		Uninvested Funds.....	415.04
		Total.....	\$ 15,515.53

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
FRANCIS deH. JANVIER, Pres. RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
PATRICK McGRORY, Treas.

ACTING COMMITTEE
JAMES G. SHAW JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
JAMES E. BIGGS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING
DR. LEWIS BOOKER GEORGE T. TOBIN CHANDLER H. GEBHART

MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
FRANCIS E. BRIDGEWATER, Term expires March 31, 1940

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

Name	No.	Tenants	Acres	Rent
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1-2	\$ 543.00
Stockton.....	2	John & Alex Biggs.....	134 3-4	808.50
Ogleshorpe.....	3	Alex. Baxter.....	78 1-2	459.00
Center Hall.....	5	Eliz. W. Clark.....	120 1-2	723.00
Penn & Union.....	6	August Leroney.....	201 1-4	1,207.50
Part of Union.....	8	Horace Deakyne.....		300.00
Bayard.....	9	John Govatos.....	156 1-2	939.00
Clayton.....	10	Tasker T. Clark.....	93 1-2	561.00
Model.....	11	Sophia Higgins.....	109 1-2	450.00
Part of.....	6	Air Service, Inc.....	33	247.50
Part of.....	6	Reba T. Holcomb.....	3	18.00
Part of.....	3	Atlantic Refining Co.....	3 1-2	420.00
Part of.....	2	Giuseppe MacCarri.....	7	42.00
Part of.....	2	Wilm. Gun Club.....	36	400.00
Part of.....	6	U. S. Airway Service		20.00
		A. O. U. Workmen.....		50.00
City Hall Store		John A. Reese.....	106 1/2	150.00
New Castle Antique Shop			4 1/2	96.00
Total.....				\$7,434.50

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory.....	Elected Dec. 31, 1931
Francis deH. Janvier.....	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw.....	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs.....	Elected Jan. 28, 1907
Richard S. Rodney.....	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
John F. Z. Clayton.....	Elected Sept. 23, 1913
George T. Hewlett.....	Elected July 28, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker.....	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
George T. Tobin.....	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
John F. Cloud.....	Elected Aug. 23, 1930
Jacob H. Speicher.....	Elected June 24, 1933
Chandler H. Gebhart.....	Elected Feb. 23, 1935

Audited and found correct April 26, 1937
JOHN F. CLOUD,
JACOB H. SPEICHER,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK MCGRORY,
Treasurer

The following Bills were ordered paid

J. M. Singler	4.95
J. T. & E. Zbasar Inc (several bills)	69.46
Light & Water Board (Electric Lights)	9.00
Alex Baxter (Credit on Rent)	40.00
Secretary's Expenses	50.00
Treasurers "	100.00
Acting Committee	50.00
Trustees of Court House Rent	50.00
Insurance Club Case of Clock	50.00
James S. Bacon Janitor	25.00
	448.41

The Treasurer was instructed to pay to the New Castle Trust Co the sum of \$1000.00 on account of the demand note redemtion and note to \$1000.00.

A letter was received from the Wilmington Trapshooting Association asking that the reduction of \$100.00 in the rental for the year ending year/37 be extended another year, the motion the request was granted.

The Board went into the annual election of officers with the following result.

Francis de H. Janvier was elected President
Richard S. Rodney " " Secretary

The Acting Committee was elected as follows: Uleross Shaw, Biggs & Clayton
" Committee on Public Bldgs " " " " Booker, Tobin & Gebhart.
James S. Bacon was re-elected Janitor.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

March 30, 1937

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this evening at 8 o'clock Present - Uleross Janvier, Shaw, Biggs - Mr. Gray, Tobin, Gebhart, Cloud & Rodney (8)

The meeting was called, primarily, to consider a letter from the State Highway Department asking the trustees for a strip of land along North side of the Hares Corner Road and extending from the New Port Road to Hares Corner. The amount taken would be approximately 6 acres and the Highway Department offered to pay the sum of \$1200.00.

As motion it was resolved that the land would be conveyed or allowed to be taken by an Amenable Condemnation for the sum of \$2200.00 provided the Highway Department would erect new fences and compensate and satisfy the owners for any land taken.

The Board decided to consider general business and to adjourn the meeting ordinarily falling on April 6, 1937. The Secretary being compelled to leave Mr. Cloud was elected Secretary Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer reported as follows

March 1 Bal on hand	2625.56
Rent from Wilmington Gun Club	100.00
" " Daisy B. H. Baily	16.00
	2741.56

As motion it was ordered that the demand note of \$1000.00 due to the New Castle Trust Company be paid.

The acting committee reports bids for the erection of the Milk house on the Jefferson Farm of \$480 from John di Alunni + \$417.50 from Gooden & Clark of Dover

The following bills were ordered paid

Prizes awarded at William Penn School	10.00
P. W. Gray Insurance on Jefferson Farm	27.16
John F. Cloud	16.95
" " Bond of Treasurer	15.00
J. T. & L. E. Elison	66.32
White Brothers	235.96
John F. Z. Clayton	9.75
U.S. Port Forwarding Co	355.69
Wm F. Hanna	43.20
Edward W. Shovel	6.95
N. G. Watson	66.50
William F. Hanna	1.50
Total	854.98

An motion it was resolved to visit the farms on Thursday June 24 at 1:30 P.M. and to adjourn to meet on September 14th unless sooner called in special session

Richard S. Parkey
Secretary

September 14, 1937

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs James, Selhart, Hewlett, Tobin, Clymer, Special, W. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Barker & Parkey (12) all but Clark

The Treasurer reports as follows:

TREASURER REPORT

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Treasurer Report	6/3/37 To bal cash on hand after payment of June orders... \$ 771.15	7/10	Abe Ingram.....\$ 30.90
Since June	6/2/37 Atlantic Refing Co.....\$ 35.00		J. M. Workman..... 23.00
	6/8/37 John Govatos..... 280.00	7/15/	J. T. & L. E. Elison.. 50.14
	W. T. S. Assoc..... 100.00	7/20	Joseph F Grant..... 27.35
	Atlantic Refing Co..... 35.00		Gooden & Clark..... 472.75
	U.S. Gov..... 20.00		F. E. Thoridan..... 61.94
	Daisy B. H. Bailey..... 16.00	7/28	Newport Fence Co... 77.46
	Atlantic Refing Co..... 35.00		C. L. Blackburn..... 19.47
	August Leroney..... 603.75	7/12	How Castle Trust Co 1.07
	Alex. Baxter..... 229.50	9/7	J. T. & L. E. Elison.. 26.66
	Int. Newark Bond..... 90.00		Newport Fence Co... 52.01
	Accrued Int. on Penna. R.R. 3 3/4 Bond..... 29.79	9/7	County Taxes..... 342.41
	Accrued Int. Dom. of Canada 3 3/4 Bond..... 16.25	9/9/	News-Journal Co..... 5.47
	Atlantic Refing Co..... 35.00		J. T. & L. E. Elison.. 53.36
	Elizabeth W. Clark..... 361.50		Total\$ 2,443.99
	W. Grant Abbott..... 300.00		Bal. cash on hand... 2,414.45
	Tasker T. Clark..... 280.50		
	Sophie Higgins..... 450.00		
	Total\$ 2,227.59		
	Total 3658.44		

The Treasurer also reported the following condition of the Investment Fund

March 1, 1937 Uninvested funds	415.04
Aug 1, 1937 From State Highway left Wading Road to Hares Corner	2200.00
Aug 1, 1937 Newark Bond (Called) 4 1/2	4000.00
	<u>6615.04</u>

Less accrued int on 3 3/4 Pa. R. Bonds	29.79
" " " 3 1/2 Bond of Canada Bond	16.25
	<u>46.04</u>
Balance uninvested funds	6569.00

The motion the Treasurers Report was accepted and the bills paid by him since the last meeting of the Board were approved.

The following bills were approved

Farmers Mutual Ins Co	14.15
P. W. Gray Insurance	17.53
John F. Cloud	70.13
William Unlove	8.50
John Minardi	4.50
Joseph F. Grant	135.27
James L. Bacon Janitor 6 mo	25.00
	<u>275.11</u>

The Statements of Light Water Board were received and filed.

A Communication from Good Will Fire Company was received but as it bore a date before their recent renewal it was thought any further request for funds in connection with purchase of new fire engine would be renewed in case the company still needs funds.

A letter was received from Horace S. Deakyne, tenant of the lot at Hares Corner for permission to submit to William Wares who desires to build and operate a gasoline station and fruit market. The motion it was resolved that the letter be acknowledged with the statement that the Trustees would desire information as to the terms of the sublease and plans of the suggested building.

The Secretary informed the Board that it was his understanding that the State School authorities had abandoned the brick school house on School House Lane and that according to our minutes (Vol 1 Pages 294 & 304) it would seem that the property should revert to the Trustees. The motion the President and Secretary were appointed to investigate the matter.

The Treasurer informed the Board that, pursuant to authority, he had advertised the Bayard Farm for rent and had received the following applicants:

Edward S. Waggaman	New Castle, Del
Roy Bennett	Elkton, Del
Raymond Patterson	Newark, Del
Nelson Walker	New Castle, Del
Dwain	" " "
Robert Groff	Del Pleasant, Del
Lawrence N. Davis	Newark, Del Ref Frank Woody + Sand Love
J. T. Crossland	Delaware City, Del
J. H. Robinson	Del Delatour, Del
Clarence H. Farrow	Carlton, Del Ref. W. G. Abbott

Applicants for Bayard Farm
 Ralph R. Pollock & Harry Thompson Unifort & Stanton
 Arlington Williams Mt Pleasant
 Clarence W. Hill River Hill R.R.#3
 Clarence Boyd Newark " #3

Notice to quit for Geratos
 On motion it was resolved that a notice to quit be immediately served on John Geratos to give up the farm on March 1, 1935

Bayard Farm Rented to E.S. Haggins
 On motion it was resolved to rent the Bayard farm to Edward S. Haggins for 1 yr from March 1, 1935 at the rent of 6⁰⁰ per acre for that rental year

Notice to quit for Alex Baxter
 On motion it was ^{unanimously} resolved that a notice to quit be served on Alex Baxter to give up the Aghtonpe Farm on March 1, 1935

Aghtonpe Farm Rented to Sophia Higgins
 On motion it was resolved that the Aghtonpe farm be rented to Sophia Higgins for the year beginning March 1, 1935 at the rent of 6⁰⁰ per acre for that rental year if she desires the farm and if not that the Board be promptly advised by the Treasurer.

The meeting then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney
 Secretary

Oct 5, 1937

Board met at P.P. Co. Present: Clarence Shaw, Herbert, Ogden, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (B)

In the absence of President Janvier Mr. Shaw was made President Pro Tempore

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal after September payments	2139.34
John Reese	75.00
Wil Sun Club	100.00
Gusoffi Massani	21.00
Atlantic Refining Co	35.00
Russ, B.H. Bailey	24.00
	<u>255.00</u>
	2394.34

Rent of Aghtonpe farm
 Mr Shaw reported that Mrs Sophia Higgins does desire to rent the Aghtonpe Farm beginning March 1, 1935.

Mr Biggs reported that August F. Terney on the Penn Farm had had three fields of wheat and had more straw than he could possibly use and wanted to sell and sell some. The matter was committed to the Acting Committee to ascertain the amount desired to be sold and the amount that would remain for use on the farm

The following bills were ordered paid

John F. Cloud Insurance	20.28
" " " "	52.50
H. R. Foster serving notice to quit	2.00
Water Bills	51.75
	<u>126.53</u>

The secretary reported that he had communicated with the State Board of Education as to the brick school house on School house lane and had received the following answer

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 JAMES BEESE, M. D., PRESIDENT, LEWES
 NEWLIN T. BOOTH, VICE-PRES., NEW CASTLE
 CLARENCE D. CLARK, DOVER
 JOHN K. GARRIGUES, WILMINGTON
 WARNER W. PRICE, SMYRNA
 WILLIAM V. SIPPLE, MILFORD

State of Delaware

 H. V. HOLLOWAY
 SECRETARY AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT
 J. O. ADAMS
 ASST SECRETARY AND BUSINESS MANAGER

State Board of Education
 Dover, Delaware

September 28, 1937

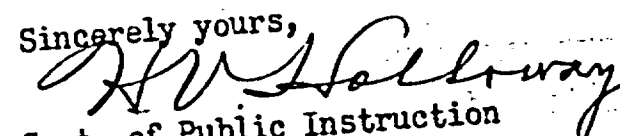
Hon. Richard S. Rodney, Secretary
 Trustees of New Castle Commons
 New Castle, Delaware

Dear Judge Rodney:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 28 in regard to the status of the Hare's Corner school.

A study of the prospective enrollment of this school last spring indicated that there would be only some three to five children attending the school this year. The trustees of the district knowing this fact decided not to employ a teacher, provided the State Board of Education would see that free transportation to New Castle was furnished the children in the district. The State Board of Education agreed to this proposal. Transportation facilities have been furnished, and the use of the school building has been discontinued by common consent. I say by common consent as distinguished from the legal method of closing a one room school. The school law provides that the State Board of Education shall not be required to keep open any one room school whose average daily attendance for the past three years has fallen below twelve pupils. At the end of the last scholastic year the average daily attendance for this school, for the three years immediately preceding, was in excess of twelve, and consequently the State Board of Education could not exercise its prerogative and close the school officially. Therefore, when the school was closed no action was taken as to consolidation. The law above referred to provides also, that when a school is closed for the reason given, the district shall be consolidated with the adjoining district. The present status, therefore, of the case is as follows:

The school is closed and the district maintains its integrity as a legal school district. The school could be opened this year should conditions warrant. At the end of the present school year the State Board can consolidate the district with New Castle, or such other district as may seem desirable. If there is no demand for the reopening of this school, I shall recommend at either the May or June meeting of the State Board in 1938, that the school be closed indefinitely and the district consolidated with New Castle.

Sincerely yours,

 State Supt. of Public Instruction

HVH:V

A letter from Atlantic Refining Co was received renewing the negotiations about a long term lease on the property at the N.E. corner of State Highway and New-Port Road as shown under date of November 10, 1936 (Page 374)

The letter indicated that the Co desired to accept a 10 year lease but that their accounting practices made it difficult to have rents at certain years at one rent & a different rent for other years. Our offer for a ten year lease

was 50⁰⁰ per month for the first five years and 75⁰⁰ per month for the remaining 5 years. This would make a total rent for the 10 years of 7500⁰⁰ ($50 \times 12 = 600 \times 5 = 3000$) ($75 \times 12 = 900 \times 5 = 4500$). The Company suggested that they would also a ten year lease at a flat rental of 60⁰⁰ per month during the entire term & indicated approval of the other terms mentioned in our former offer. The Company indicated that it would assume entire repairs to the dwelling house. The Secretary was instructed to advise the Company that the Board would accept a rental of 60⁰⁰ per month with the other conditions to be inserted in the lease provided the Company would assume entire responsibility for the repairs to the dwelling house.

The negotiations with Mr. Tait were subject to confirmation from the Home Office & if confirmed the officers of the Board were authorized to execute the lease. If the lease is to be made it is understood that the rent would be paid quarterly.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

November 2, 1937

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Gehbart, Speaker, Biggs, Mr. Gray, Clayton & Rodney

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Nov 2/37 Bal	2267.81
Rec'd from Atlantic Refining Co.	35
Bal	2302.81

And a Balance on hand on Investment Fund of 6569.00

The following bills were ordered paid:

Joseph Thomas	105.78
Joseph F. Grant	57.85
	163.63

School house
on
lane

A letter was received from State Board of Health requesting the use of the School House on School House Lane for a committee with the construction of sanitary privies it being a W. P. A. project. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Board of Health that although the Trustees could not give permission as the building was still in the control of the School authorities yet this Board had no objection to such use provided the building was in no way injured.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 7, 1937.

The Board met at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs Janvier, Gehbart, Cloud, Speaker, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Booker and Rodney.

The Treasurer reported as follows:—

Receipts.

Nov. 30/37	Atlantic Refining Co.	\$ 35.00
" 30/37	Wilmington Trap Shooting Assoc.	100.00
Dec. 7/37	Harold Deakayne	150.14
Nov. 21/37	To Bal. after Nov. payment.	2139.18
	Total	2424.18

The Secretary reported that Dr. Beckel of the State Board of Health has spoken to him relative to the use of the old school house on School House Lane, stating that the use of the building by the WPA would probably affect the floor, which was not good now. Dr. Beckel stated that they might pay \$5 a month as rent to be used later for the purchase of material for a new floor, and that the WPA carpenters would do the work.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to write to Dr. Beckel stating that the Board would grant the use of the building insofar as it is possible for the Board to do so without the payment of the rent for the purchase of the new material for the floor. The matter of carpenter services could be left for later determination.

The President reported that a lease had been signed with the Atlantic Refining Company, whereby the lot at the Northwest corner of the State Highway and Basin Road had been rented to the Atlantic Refining Company for 10 years from December, 1937, at the annual rent of \$720.00 payable quarterly in advance. The lease has not yet been returned from the Atlantic Refining Company, but a copy will be appended to these minutes.

The periodical statement from the Light and Water Department was received and filed.

Reports that Alexander Baxter had been buying straw and selling it, contrary to the terms of his lease, having come to the President, the Secretary, on his instructions, notified Mr. Baxter that such action was in violation of the lease. The Secretary informed the Board that following these instructions he had written

Baxter being absent to Mr. Baxter, and subsequently Mr. James B. Name came to see him and admitted that Mr. Baxter had baled the straw and had sold it. The matter having been presented to the Board, no action was taken, but the matter was left over for further determination.

Garden Club 100⁰⁰ for trees A letter was received from the Crossapha Garden Club requesting a donation of \$100⁰⁰ for the year 1938 to continue the planting of trees on the streets of New Castle. On motion, it was unanimously resolved that this donation be made.

The following bills were ordered paid, the first two upon the further approval of the acting committee:

M. H. Hutton	\$179.20
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	205.17
John VanThen	159.05
Joseph T. Brent	5.95
James M. Malley	50.50
J. T. & L. E. Eliason	93.15
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	\$692.52

The last bill had been paid by the Treasurer during the present month.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this Nineteenth day of November A.D. 1937, between TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter called the Lessor, party of the first part, and THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY, a Corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called the Lessee, party of the second part, witnesseth:

Cease to Atlantic Refining Co

In consideration of the rents and covenants hereinafter reserved the Lessor doth hereby demise and let to the Lessee all that certain dwelling house and lot of land SITUATE, lying and being in New Castle Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, on the Northwest corner of the State Highway or duPont Road and the road leading from New Castle to Newport, sometimes called the Basin Road, and containing three (3) acres of ground, be the same more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises for the term of ten (10) years and three (3) months from the first day of December, 1937, to the first day of March 1948, and fully to be completed and ended; yielding and paying for said premises the annual rent of Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$720.00) in quarterly payments of One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) each, in advance, the first payment to be made on the first day of December, 1937, and quarterly thereafter on the first days of March, June, September and December in each year.

The Lessee covenants with the Lessor:

1. That it will at its own proper cost and expense erect any buildings desired by it upon said premises for the conduct of its business and that no mechanics liens of any nature, kind or description shall be placed against said property.
2. That the Lessee will pay any increased taxes which may be assessed by reason of any additional buildings upon said property.
3. That the Lessee will pay any water rent for water furnished to said property, beyond the normal or minimum rent, which minimum rent will be paid by the Lessor.
4. That no signs, other than those connected with the business conducted by the Lessee, shall be erected without

the consent of the Lessor.

5. That the said premises, or any part of the same, shall not be sublet without the express consent, in writing, of the Lessor.

6. That the dwelling house on said premises shall be kept in good and tenantable repair at the cost and charge of the Lessee, and at the expiration of the lease left in such condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

7. That the Lessor or its agents may enter at reasonable times to view the condition of said premises.

It is further understood and agreed between the parties hereto that in case of the damage or destruction of the present dwelling house by fire during the continuance of this lease, that the Lessor shall not be required to expand upon said premises any amount beyond the amount of insurance received for said loss.

It is further understood that in the event of a violation by the Lessee of any of the covenants herein mentioned, whether by non-payment of any installment of rent or otherwise, and a continuance of said violation for a period of sixty days, that this lease may, at the option of the Lessor, be cancelled upon the Lessor's giving to the Lessee ten days' written notice of such cancellation, by mail, addressed to the said Lessee at Wilmington, Delaware, and the cancellation of this lease shall not be deemed exclusive of other recovery for violation of any covenant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto caused the hands of their respective Presidents or Vice Presidents to be hereunto set, and their common and corporate seals to be hereunto affixed, attested by their respective Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries.

ATTEST:.....
By...Richard S. Rodney...
Secretary

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
By...Francis deH. Janvier.....
President

ATTEST:
By.....
Assistant Secretary

THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY
By.....
Vice President

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

Jan 4, 1938

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Gehbart, Cloud, Clymer, Tobin, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal after payment of December bills 1731.66

Received from Atlantic Refining Co

Bal of rent to March 1, 1938

148.

1876.66

The receipt of the required lease from the Atlantic Refining Co was reported and it was determined to the Treasurer to keep with the other leases.

The following bills were ordered paid

John F. Cloud Insurance (James & other Campans)

179.54

P. Mr. Gray

70.20 249.74

The Treasurer reported that on the 1st Mr. Gervais owed 2324.50 to which was added the 50⁰⁰ face for legally making 2374.50; that Mr. Gervais had promised to see Mr. Mr. Gray again about the rent but had not done so. A considerable discussion relative to the indebtedness involved and the chattel mortgage for 2446.50 dated Nov 19, 1934 was inspected. By this chattel mortgage it appeared that a large number of

Board Rent

Govatos
Rent

Cows had been included according to their names and Registered numbers. It was reported that it had been removed that a number of the cows had been removed and sold. On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to consult Mr. Walloy and take such steps as might be necessary to properly protect the trustees and insure the collection of the indebtedness.

A letter was presented from Mr. P. C. Baskett, dated Dec 31, 1937 stating in part "I still think we should pay you a rental of \$5.00 per month for four months as agreed to by Mr. Post with the understanding that you will hold this apart so that we can buy some flooring to put in the building [School House] after we have finished with it same work to be done by the W. P. A. forces. I certainly don't feel right about the whole affair unless we do something along these lines as the use of the building has been of considerable value to us. On the above basis I am having an invoice drawn for rental for the month of December totally \$5.00"

School
House on
Case

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

February 1, 1938

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Jannet, Gabbart, Cloud, Henslett, Clymer, Spiecher, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (11)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Feb 1, 1938 Bal on hand after January payments	1526.32
Rent from Mrs Bailey	16
	1546.32

and a balance in Investment Fund of \$1449.00

Mr. Edward S. Waggaman, the incoming tenant on the Bayard farm appeared before the Board that three things be done at the farm.

Requested
improvements
on Bayard
farm

1. He desired that a chicken house be erected as there is none on the farm at the present time. He desired one similar to the chicken house on the Clayton farm tenanted by Tasker T. Clark
2. He desired steps in the gravelly leading to the second floor. The building had had steps when it was on the SE side of the highway but they had been taken away before the building was moved.
3. He desired that a window in the barn be made into a door so that it would not be necessary to go through the barn yard in carrying milk to the milk house. The window desired to be changed was that nearest the milk house.

On motion it was resolved that all these requests be referred to the acting Committee with power to have all these requests carried out.

Leases were authorized to be entered into with the new tenants (Mr. Waggaman and Mrs. Higgins)

The following bills were entered paid

Bills

J. T. & L. E. Elman	52.43	
Mrs Bailey (for lock)	2.50	
John F. Cloud insurance	13.91	
Bank of New Castle Trust (safe deposit)	4.40	73.24

Investment
in
Christiana
Security Co
and stock
shares @
\$5120
/10

The Committee on Investment reported that since the last meeting it had invested the sum of \$5120 in 40 shares of Preferred Stock of Christiana Security Company at \$128.00 per share. The stock pays dividends at 7 1/2% on the face value of \$100 or about 5 1/4% on the purchase price and was purchased through Laird, Bissell & Weeks, Brokers.

On motion the investment was approved and the Committee continued to invest such part of the balance of \$1449 as might be invested.

The Treasurer reported that he had not interviewed Council in connection with the Govatos rent but that he had seen Mr. Govatos & reported the following letter

CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK
MARKET, SHIPLEY AND TENTH STREETS
WILMINGTON, DEL.

JOHN GOVATOS
PRESIDENT

January 28th
1938

Mr. Patrick McGrory, Treasurer
Trustees of New Castle Commons
New Castle, Del.

Dear Mr. McGrory:

The time is drawing near for me to vacate the farm at Hares Corner, and, as I owe you some back rent, I suppose you want to make settlement.

I owe you, according to the last bill you sent me, \$2,374.50, which includes everything up to March 1, 1938.

As you know, I spent a good bit of money on this place, for improvements. I will give you an idea of how much I spent: I paid more than \$1,000.00 to put box stalls, water cups, and so forth, in the barn. I wired the barn, to put in electric lights, and put a gas line from the north-bound lane of traffic across the south-bound road into the house; this cost me over \$100.00. I also set out shrubbery around the house, for which I paid about \$65.00. Then, as you know, I have been paying \$300.00 a year rent for the corner across the road, where I never even touched it; of course, that is not your fault.

I am outlining these things to you now, just so you will know what I have done. After I make settlement with you, if your Committee sees fit to allow me anything, I will certainly appreciate it; if not, it will be all right, just the same.

I propose to pay the above amount of \$2,374.50 as follows: \$1,100.00 in cash, which I will get from the sale of some corn and wheat; and I will give a three month's note for the balance of \$1,274.50. By the time this note will be due, I think I will be able to pay it in full, or, if not, I will make a large payment on it and then renew the note for another three months, at the end of which time I will pay it in full. I do not like to do that, but circumstances are such that I cannot do anything else.

I thought about having a little sale, as I have some young heifers down there, but of course they would not bring much at this time of year; but maybe I can sell them privately a little later, and get a better price than I could do now.

I hope this will be satisfactory to you and your Committee. As soon as I hear from you, I will make arrangements to give you the \$1,100.00 cash and execute the note.

Our relations have been most pleasant in the past. I thank all the Trustees for what they have done for me; they have certainly been very kind and patient in waiting for the rent; and I greatly appreciate that. I hope these pleasant relations will continue in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Govatos

On motion the action of Mr. W. G. Gray was approved and he was authorized to inform Mr. Govatos to the following effect:

offers to Mr Govatos

1. That if Mr. Govatos paid to the Board the sum of \$1100 in cash and gave his ^{judgment} note for the balance of \$1274.50 and if said note was paid in full in not exceeding six months the Board would be disposed to make a reasonable allowance for certain expenses to which Mr. Govatos had sustained. The amount of the allowance would be entirely in the discretion of the Board and with no thought of any legal liability therefor. This allowance to be made under this suggestion would be materially less than if suggestion #2 is adopted which is as follows
- #2 That if Mr. Govatos pays to the Board the sum of \$1100 in cash and at the same time makes a further payment in cash of \$800 making 1900.00 in all the Board will accept said sum ^{of 1900} in full for the rent claim of 2874.50.

Suggested meeting with City Council

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the President of City Council stating that the members of City Council would like to attend the next meeting of the Trustees to discuss some matters pertaining to the City. He member of City Council appearing the Secretary was instructed to inform that body that the Board had expected their presence and if the business required attention before the meeting might in March that a special meeting of the Board would be held to meet with City Council.

The meeting then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

March, 1, 1938

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Biggs Clayton, Clymer, Tobin, Speicher, ~~and Rodney~~ (who arrived late)

The Secretary not being present notice shortly before the meeting adjourned Mr. Speicher was made Secretary Pro Tempore

The Treasurer reported as follows

Treasurers Report

Bel on hand after February meeting	1504.68
From John Govatos cash	1900.00
" " Credit allowed for improvements ^{custom, taxation, best shelling}	474.50
Interest on Dominion of Canada Bonds	162.50
" " Pennsylvania R.R. "	75.00
" " Town of Laurel "	100.00
" " City of New Castle "	250.00
Part Tasker T. Clark	280.50
" Will Transporting Assoc	100.00
" Atlantic Refining Co	180.00
John Reese	75.00
Total	5102.18
Less credit of improvements	474.50
Cash on hand	4627.68

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1938

GENERAL FUND		EXPENDITURES	
RECEIPTS		County Taxes.....	\$ 342.41
Bank Balance, March 1, 1937.....	\$ 2,625.56	Fire Insurance.....	497.38
Wm. G. Abbott.....	475.00	New Castle Trust Co., Int.....	31.72
Biggs Brothers.....	508.50	New Castle Trust Co., Demand Note.....	1,000.00
Alexander Baxter.....	229.50	Board of Water and Light Commission.....	110.88
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark.....	723.00	Printing.....	9.00
August Leroney.....	1,207.50	Writing Leases.....	50.50
Tasker T. Clark.....	561.00	Legal Expenses.....	50.00
John Govatos.....	3,374.50	New Castle Trust, Box Rent.....	4.40
Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	450.00	Serving Disposes Notice.....	2.00
Air Service Inc.....	247.50	Araphasa Garden Club.....	100.00
Giuseppe Maccari.....	42.00	Advertising.....	5.47
Horace Deakayne.....	300.00	Contribution Wm. Penn School.....	10.00
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00	Total.....	\$ 2,213.76
Wilmington Gun Club.....	500.00	Repairs and Improvements at—	
Atlantic Refining Co.....	640.00	Jefferson Farm.....	\$1,070.53
Daisy B. H. Bailly.....	96.00	Stockton Farm.....	353.70
U. S. Air Service.....	20.00	Oglethorpe Farm.....	88.30
John Reese.....	150.00	Center Hall Farm.....	470.62
Interest from Investments.....	677.50	Penn Farm.....	642.02
From Investment Fund.....	46.04	Bayard Farm.....	1,179.94
Total.....	\$ 13,191.60	Clayton Farm.....	497.63
DUE FROM TENANTS		Model Farm.....	146.21
Wm. G. Abbott.....	\$ 1,099.91	Town Hall.....	188.25
Alex. Baxter.....	229.50	Total.....	4,637.20
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00	Treasurers Expenses.....	100.00
A. O. U. Workmen.....	100.00	Secretary Expenses.....	50.00
August Leroney, quarter in advance.....	301.88	Acting Committee.....	50.00
Total.....	\$ 1,749.29	Court House Committee.....	50.00
INVESTMENT FUND ACCOUNT		Care of Town Clock.....	50.00
RECEIPTS		Janitor Salary.....	350.00
Mar. 1, 1937 Uninvested Funds.....	\$ 415.04	Balance in Bank.....	5,990.64
Aug. 1, 1937 4, Town of Newark Bonds 4 1/2 %	4,000.00	Total.....	\$ 13,191.60
Aug. 1, 1937 State Highway, 6 acres N. side of Hares Corner Road.....	2,200.00	INVESTMENTS	
Total.....	\$ 6,615.04	5, Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2 % Bonds.....	\$ 4,912.50
EXPENDITURES		2, Penna. R. R. Co. 3 1/2 % Bonds.....	2,020.00
Accrued interest transferred to General Account.....	\$ 46.04	5, City of New Castle 5 % Bonds.....	5,125.00
Jan. 6, 1938 Purchased 40 shares Christiana Securities Pfd. Stock.....	5,120.00	2, Town of Laurel 5 % Bonds.....	2,000.00
Uninvested Funds.....	1,449.00	40, Christiana Securities Corp.....	5,120.00
Total.....	\$ 6,615.04	Total.....	\$ 19,177.50

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
FRANCIS deH. JANVIER, Pres. PATRICK McGRORY, Treas. RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
ACTING COMMITTEE
JAMES G. SHAW JAMES E. BIGGS JOHN F. Z. CLAYTON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING
DR. LEWIS BOOKER GEORGE T. TOBIN CHANDLER H. GEBHART
MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
FRANCIS E. BRIDGEWATER, Term expires March 31, 1940

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

Name	No.	Tenants	Acres	Rent
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1-2	\$543.00
Stockton.....	2	John & Alex Biggs.....	134 3-4	603.50
Oglethorpe.....	3	Sophia Higgins.....	76 1-2	459.00
Center Hall.....	5	Eliz. W. Clark.....	120 1-2	723.00
Penn & Union.....	8	August Leroney.....	201 1-4	1,207.50
Part of Union.....	8	Horace Deakayne.....		300.00
Bayard.....	9	Edw. S. Megginson.....	156 1-2	939.00
Clayton.....	10	Tasker T. Clark.....	93 1-2	561.00
Model.....	11	Sophia Higgins.....	109 1-2	450.00
Part of.....	6	Air Service, Inc.....	33	247.50
Part of.....	6	Reba T. Holcomb.....	3	18.00
Part of.....	3	Atlantic Refining Co.....	3 1-2	720.00
Part of.....	2	Giuseppe Maccari.....	7	42.00
Part of.....	2	Wilm. Gun Club.....	36	400.00
Part of.....	6	U.S. Airway Service		20.00
City Hall Store		A. O. U. Workmen		50.00
New Castle Antique Shop		John A. Reese		150.00
Total.....				\$7,734.50

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory.....	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier.....	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw.....	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney.....	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
John F. Z. Clayton.....	Elected Sept. 23, 1918
George T. Hewlett.....	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker.....	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
George T. Tobin.....	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer.....	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
John F. Cloud.....	Elected Aug. 23, 1930
Jacob H. Speicher.....	Elected June 24, 1933
Chandler H. Gebhart.....	Elected Feb. 23, 1935

Audited and found correct April 19th, 1938
JOHN F. CLOUD,
JACOB H. SPEICHER,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

The Treasurer also reported a balance in Investment account of 1449.⁰⁰

The Acting Committee reported a visit to the Ogletown farm recently tenanted by Alex Baxter and found things in bad condition; that Baxter had left but had not turned over the keys. The Committee reported that Baxter had had a sale and that Harry House had bought the wheat in the ground.

The Acting Committee reported that the chicken house had been completed at Boyard farm + a window had been changed to a door in the barn and that Mr. Edward S. Haggensen, the new tenant, was occupying the property.

All matters the following bills were approved for payment it being understood that the bill of Mrs. Watson for \$259.⁰⁰ would be first approved by Acting Committee of the University.

U. G. Watson	259.00	
J. T. + L. E. Thason Boyard farm	311.59	
.. .. . Stockton "	14.60	
Leola Burnis family Jefferson	7.00	
Light + Water Bd. 14/10 also light	9.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	100.00	
Shelby " "	50.00	
Acting Committee "	50.00	
Trustees Court House Rent	50.00	
General Church Care Tour Check	50.00	
Janitor Salary (6 mos)	25.00	826.19

At the meeting it was resolved that an allowance of \$50 be made to the Treasurer for his efforts and unusual efforts in collecting the rates rent without the necessity of employing counsel and bringing suit and for drawing the additional charges and the sum of 50 cents to defray the ^{expenses} of the Board these went into the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result

Francis de V. Janvier was elected President
 Richard S. Parley " " Secretary
 Patrick Lee Gray " " Treasurer for two years
 Messrs Shaw, Biggs + Clayton were elected as members of the Acting Committee
 " Bookar, Tobin + Gabbart were elected Committee on Public Buildings
 James L. Bacon was re-elected Janitor
 Richard S. Parley, Secretary

April 5, 1938

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Gabbart, Hewlett, Clark, Tobin, Clymer, Spischer, Lee Gray, Biggs, Shaw + Parley (11)

The Treasurer reported the following receipts which would be credited on the statement as of March 1, 1938

Mrs. Elyse Clark	361.50	
Air Service	247.50	
Biggs Brothers	808.50	
Herase L. Raskyne	150.00	
Kerry B. M. Bailey	8.00	
August Larovey	603.75	
Giuseppe Acceri	21.00	2206.25

The Treasurer reported a balance including the foregoing payments of March meeting of
 of April 4 Christiana Saunter Pfd dividend 70
 5990.64
 6060.64

The following bills were ordered paid
 Wm J. Palmer papering at Ogletonps 92.00
 Abram Ingram Carpenter 165.60
 B.J. Haley Chasing 8.65
 P. W. Harnyter painting 119.90
 J. T. & E. Shoon (3 farms) 240.82
 Water Paints 52.58
 Harry Bowen painting Haver Corner 27.50 706.25

On additional bill of Edsworth Longland had been received & approved by Committee had been unpaid amounting to about 225.00. On motion all bills were ordered paid.

The Acting Committee was authorized to allow Mrs. Alaggisman to make such alterations at the house at her own expense as might seem desirable provided they were not detrimental to the building.

The Committee on Public Buildings was authorized to have the exterior of the Town Hall painted and, as a preparation therefor, to have such such repairs as were necessary.

The Committee on Public Buildings was instructed to complain to City Council of the condition of the room occupied by City Council free of rent it having been reported that the room & toilet were in a filthy condition. On motion it was resolved that the committee to the municipal

training department of William Penn School which has been 10.00 for a number of years be increased for this year to 20.00

Richard S. Roddy
 Secretary

May 3, 1938

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gabbart, Hewlett, Tobin, Clymer, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Booker & Roddy (11)
 In the absence of President Jamies Mr. Shaw was made President Pro Tempore

The Treasurer presented the printed annual reports & the following
 Cash in bank after April payments 5104.79
 Recd from Paba T. Holcomb 18.00
 " Alex Baxter 229.50 5352.29

The following bills were ordered paid:

Abram Ingram 209.63
 The Plumber Supply Co 22.77
 Charles H. Gray printing statement 9.00
 Robinson Brothers Cinders 8.00
 Agnes E. Alaggisman 21.60
 Eugene H. Shendon 27.30
 John F. Cloud 16.25
 J. T. & E. Elison, Inc 374.38
 Harrison Muncie 60.30 776.39

Richard S. Roddy Secretary

June 7, 1938
 Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jamies, Gabbart, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobin, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Roddy (12)
 The Treasurer reported as follows:

Recd from Paba T. Holcomb 24.00
 Albert's Refining Co 180.00
 Wilminton Gun Club 100.00
 Bal after May payments 4580.67 4884.67

The following bills were ordered paid
 Donald C. Banks paid for cleaning Town Hall 5.00
 " " " Superintendent of work on " 45.00
 Joseph F. Grant tin smith 171.50
 William Newlove painting 263.00
 John Van Veen mason 37.20
 Bruce H. Gordon carpenter 285.00
 J. T. & E. Elison 295.32
 William J. Palmer abatto farm 6.00
 " " " 50.00
 John F. Cloud 15.00
 John Van Veen 5.00
 " " " 51.20
 Abram Ingram 91.65
 Harry Bowen 17 + 12.75 + 9 38.75
 John F. Z. Clayton 25.70
 George W. Hawby 14.50 1399.82

On motion it was resolved that the Acting Committee paint the houses on Ogletonps Farm & Stockton Farm @ 140.00 each awarding the contract of one to Harnyter and one to Newlove

On motion it was resolved to visit the farms on Thursday June 23rd at 2 P.M.

A letter was received from City Council asking that the Trustees meet with Council in the Trustees room on Tuesday June 14 at 8 P.M. On motion the request was granted & the Trustees agreed to meet at that time.

On motion it was resolved that the July and August meetings of the Board be dispensed with and the meeting might follow on the day after Labor Day it was resolved to meet on the second Tuesday in September (13th).
 Richard S. Roddy, Secretary

June 14, 1938

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening to meet with City Council. Present Messrs Jamies, Mr. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Hewlett, Booker, Tobin, Cloud, Speicher, Gabbart, & Roddy (11). In addition there attended Mayor Klugmeyer & the following members of City Council Messrs Wm. Daniel, Lyons, Louder, & Paden

The Mayor and City Council presented plans and figures of three proposed projects to be undertaken by the P.M.B. for the City of New Castle. These proposed projects are as follows:

Suggested	#1	Improvement of certain named Streets in the Town amount to	54689.50
W.P.A. work	#2	Installation " " Curbs & gutters " " " "	14060.00
	#3	Erection of a new fire house for the City	40102.59
			108852.69

Of these projects it was understood that #1 & #2 must be joined. It was explained that the Government (P.W.A.) would furnish the labor and the sponsor the materials needed. These materials were estimated to be

# 1	=	18758.
# 2	=	2684 21442.00
# 3	=	13381.00
		37823.00

and this sum it was proposed to ask the Trustees to advance. A letter was read from the P.W.A. Administrator to the effect that up to June 30 he had in hand certain unexpended funds (which it was explained had been left over from other projects) which could be applied and reduce the amount that the sponsor would advance to 25000.00. It was pointed out that on June 30 this unexpended fund would revert to the General US Treasury.

At first it was thought that City Council was asking the Trustees to advance the amount and that afterwards a bond issue would be obtained to ^{repay} the advance but it then appeared that City Council was opposed to a bond issue and that the Trustees were being asked to donate the full sum with no thought of reimbursement.

After full discussion it was resolved to meet in special session on Friday June 17.

Richard S. Roddy
Secretary

June 17, 1938

Board met in Special Session: Present Messrs Janner, Mr. P. Gray, Shaw, Clayton, Hewlett, Booker, Tobie, Spatcher, Cloud, Gilbert & Roddy (I)

The Secretary presented a letter from John P. Sautson which set out that in October 1936 (See this book Pages 373 & 374) it was reported that the dials of the Town Clock needed painting but could not be painted because they were rotten and needed to be repaired by new woodwork. Thereafter the repainting nor the painting had been done; that Messrs. Hadlock & Co had recently examined the matter & a bid letter was enclosed from Hadlock dealing to make a firm bid but suggesting the cost would be approximately \$2500.00 besides the painting. The motion it was resolved to ask the Committee on Public Buildings to take the matter in charge and have the necessary work done including the painting of the dials since the Town Clock belongs & is maintained by the Trustees.

Before the consideration of the matter of the proposed public work the Secretary presented a letter which he had written upon the thought that he could not be present at the meeting. This letter was as follows:

New Castle, Delaware,

June 17, 1938.

Trustees of the New Castle Common,
New Castle, Delaware.

Gentlemen:

As the Trustees are meeting to determine the propriety of appropriating a large sum of money in connection with proposed work in the City of New Castle, I am submitting this suggestion, in writing, which may have some bearing on the subject. If the proposed plan goes into effect the Trustees would borrow a very considerable sum of money, for which the resources of the Trustees from rentals would be absorbed for a number of years to come.

For some time past suggestions have been made from time to time of the great desirability of obtaining a park for the City of New Castle and a playground for the children, and the eyes of a number of those interested have always been fixed on The Battery. Some unofficial negotiations have recently been made, and we have an unofficial statement that the entire tract owned by the Ferry Company at The Battery can probably be obtained for the sum of \$25,000.00. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21st, at which this fact and figure will probably be made definite. I question the advisability of definitely committing ourselves to the repair of streets in New Castle until this other matter can be definitely determined.

It is my own personal opinion that in the long run the acquisition of The Battery for the Town would be the greatest thing that the Trustees have ever done or ever could do. As New Castle grows, an open space on the River will be of the greatest possible value.

Of course the Trustees could not consider both the proposition to repair the streets and to acquire the park and playground. I am wondering if the matter could not be continued for a short time, until the matter could be a trifle more definite and binding.

Yours very truly,

Richard S. Roddy

The motion it was resolved that further consideration of the proposed public work be postponed until Thursday June 23rd.

Richard S. Roddy, Secretary

June 23, 1938

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Gilbert, Hewlett, Cloud, Tobie, Spatcher, Mr. Gray, Clayton, Shaw, Booker & Roddy (I)

The Treasurer was authorized to pay insurance bills and any other proper bills approved by the appropriate committees before the next regular meeting.

Further discussion was had about the suggested public work and the Secretary presented a form of a letter which on his motion was approved by the Board and he was authorized to send it to the Mayor and City Council. A copy of this letter (bearing date June 24) is attached to these minutes.

New Castle, Delaware,
June 24, 1938.

Hon. Charles B. Klingmeyer, Mayor,
Hon. Edward L. McDaniel, President of the Council,
New Castle, Delaware.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of New Castle Common have carefully considered the suggestions made by the Mayor and Members of City Council with reference to the Trustees of New Castle Common financing elaborate and extensive public improvements in New Castle.

As we understand the matter it is as follows: Three projects have been proposed for street improvements, curbs and gutters and for building a new fire house, aggregating upwards of \$108,000.00. It is understood that Federal funds will provide for the labor costs and the Trustees of the Common are asked to provide the cost of materials amounting to at least \$34,000.00, or such part of this amount as the Trustees might consider proper. An outright grant of this amount is requested and it is not contemplated that it would be a loan or that any bond issue should be floated by the City to repay the advancement.

The Trustees regret that they are unable to grant the request for any large amount. The Board has not now on hand any considerable sum, and it would be both unwilling and unable to borrow any such amount as has been suggested without pledging their individual and personal credit. It has been suggested that similar borrowing was done at the time of building the school. Such was not the case as the amount there paid extended over several years and at no time was there borrowed more than \$7,500.00. No bank or other lender could have any security for the loan, as the Board would be unable to pledge the Trust property in its care, and therefore we think that no bank would loan the money.

The Trustees are, however, much concerned in the welfare of the Town and will do all in their power to advance its best interests. We believe that a great need both now and in the future is to have a large open park and playground near the River.

We believe that the Battery can be purchased for park land and will provide playgrounds for children and secure for all time a wonderful park for the citizens of the Town, which

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can be compared in a small degree to the Battery in New York.

The Trustees have reason to believe that the entire Battery tract can be purchased for a sum not exceeding \$25,000.00, for a park, although we understand a larger sum has been refused for other purposes. The Trustees, as we have said, can not now borrow this sum but believe that by paying \$2,000.00 or \$2,500.00 an option can be obtained until the matter can be arranged at the next meeting of the Legislature.

The Trustees therefore represent that if the Mayor and City Council will signify, in writing, that they will present to and have passed at the next meeting of the Legislature an Act authorizing a bond issue for the acquisition of the property as park land, that the Trustees will make the deposit and obtain the option, and will agree to pay the interest on the entire bond issue, and to pay each of the bonds when and as they fall due, provided that the maturity of the bonds is arranged to suit the finances of the Board.

While the Trustees can not borrow any considerable sum they can make these payments out of their annual income, and it will thus be seen that the Trustees will finally pay the entire cost of the land and that the City will acquire the property with no cost whatever to the municipal authorities, and the tax rate will not be affected and disturbed.

We will appreciate your early response, and merely suggest that as yet there is no option on the land and that a general public discussion might interfere with the completion of the plans.

Yours very truly,

Secretary of the Trustees of
New Castle Common.

RSR:T

The meeting then adjourned.

Richard S. Parkey
Secretary

July 29, 1938

A special meeting of the Trustees was held this evening at 8 PM, Present Messrs. Jauries, Gebhart, Hewlett, Clymer, Cloud, Speicher, W. G. Gray, Clayton Shaw, Booker & Rodney (11)

The special meeting was called by the President on due notice to consider a letter received from the owners of the Battery and directed to Mr. Philip H. Jauris who had also been interested in the acquisition of the Battery. The letter was as follows:

Wrightsville, N.C. July 25, 1938

Dear Mr. Jauris; Confirming my several conversations with Mr. Guy Ford relative to tract of land at New Castle, known as Battery Park, I hereby offer to the City of New Castle the approximate thirteen (13) acres for the sum of \$25000. Cash.

In case you desire an option on this property it will be necessary for you to deposit \$2000. within ten days from date.

Very truly yours

Geo. B. Junkin
President

Considerable discussion was had about the matter and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted

Whereas the Trustees of New Castle Common, on the twenty fourth day of June 1938 authorized a communication to be sent to the Mayor and also to the City Council of New Castle stating that the Trustees would take steps to acquire an option on the Battery; for or on behalf of the City, if the said Mayor and City Council would indicate their approval of the proposition and express their willingness to have passed by the Legislature at its next session a bill providing for a bond issue for the purpose of acquiring said Battery; and

Whereas the Trustees in said communication expressed their willingness, in case said bond issue was authorized, to pay the interest on said bonds and to arrange for the payment of said bonds at maturity providing the dates of payment of said bonds were made convenient to the said Trustees; and

Whereas communications have been received from the Mayor and from the City Council indicating their approval of the proposition and their agreement to undertake the duties mentioned in said communication; and

Whereas the present owners of the Battery have indicated a willingness to sell said premises to or for the use of the City of New Castle and to give an option on said land provided the sum of Two thousand dollars is paid within ten days from July 25, 1938,

It is therefore resolved that a committee of the Trustees be appointed to negotiate for and obtain said option for said premises at the lowest price that can be agreed upon therefor and in no event to exceed the sum of twenty five thousand dollars; and

Be it further resolved that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to place at the disposal of said committee the sum of Two thousand dollars to be paid on obtaining said option, provided that said option shall be operative until after the next meeting of the Legislature and an opportunity shall have been given to arrange for the bond issue from which the purchase price is to be obtained.

The President appointed himself and Mr. Cloud as the committee and indicated that they would ask the Mayor to accompany them at the interview seeking to obtain the property at a figure lower than 25000. The meeting then adjourned

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

August 29, 1938

A special meeting of the Board was held at 8 o'clock Present Messrs. Jauris, Hewlett, Gebhart, Tolmie, Cloud, Speicher, W. G. Gray, Shaw, Clayton, Riggs & Rodney (11)

Mr. Jauris reported that the committee consisting of Mr. Cloud and himself had met with representatives of the Ferry Company and had pointed out to them that the Trustees would pay the sum of \$20000 for the Battery and that the representatives stated that they would bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Ferry Company; that subsequently he had received a letter stating that the matter had been considered by the Board of Directors and the offer of 20000⁰⁰ was refused but that the option would be extended to Sept. 10th. Under these circumstances the present meeting was called.

Several of the members brought expressed the thought that the price of \$25000⁰⁰ was an excessive one for the Ferry Company to require but on a general discussion it was universally agreed that the property should be acquired. The meeting it was resolved that the Board accept the offer of the Ferry Company to sell the Battery to or for the City of New Castle for the sum of 25000⁰⁰ subject to the terms of the agreement filed herewith and that the committee be requested to complete the arrangements and obtain an executed contract and further that the Treasurer be authorized to place at the disposal of the committee the sum of \$2000 to be paid on account at the signing of the agreement.

Richard S. Rodney

Exact Copy of agreement with Ferry Co as to Battery

THIS AGREEMENT, made this *Thirtieth* day of August A.D. 1938, between DELAWARE-NEW JERSEY FERRY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of *Delaware*, hereinafter called the Seller, as party of the first part, and the TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, a corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter called the Purchaser, ^{*acting by and on behalf of the City of New Castle*} as party of the second part,

WITNESSETH,

That in consideration of the sum of Two thousand dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Seller hereby agrees to convey by deed to the said Purchaser, or to any person, persons or body corporate that the said Purchaser may designate, ^{*acting for or on behalf of the City of New Castle*} at any time it may demand, on or before the first day of May, A.D. 1939, for the sum of *Twenty five thousand and 00/100* dollars, ALL that certain lot or piece of land situate in the City and County of New Castle, in the State of Delaware, known as "The Battery", and containing between thirteen and fourteen acres of land, being all of the land of the said Seller between Delaware Street on the North; South Street on the South; the Delaware River on the East, and ^{*Third (formerly Pearl)*} Fifth Street on the West.

Said Seller hereby agrees to convey said premises by deed conveying a good, marketable, fee simple title, free, clear and discharged of all liens or incumbrances.

It is further understood and agreed that the time within which this option is to be exercised contemplates an application to the Legislature at its next session, and authorization by the City of New Castle of a bond issue to provide the purchase price of said lands and the floating of said bond issue.

It is further understood and agreed that if said balance of the purchase price is not paid by or for said Purchaser on

on or before the first day of May, A.D. 1939, the said Two thousand dollars so paid on account shall be forfeited and all rights under this option shall cease.

It is further understood and agreed that when said sale is completed, that the said sum of Two thousand dollars paid on account shall be a portion of said purchase price.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto caused the hands of their respective Presidents to be hereunto set and their common and corporate seals to be hereunto affixed, dated the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of,

DELAWARE -NEW JERSEY FERRY COMPANY,

By _____
President.

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,

By _____
President.

Sept 13, 1935

No meeting was held this evening owing to the lack of a quorum.
Present Messrs Groy, Hewlett, Booker & Rodney (9)

October 4, 1935

Board met this evening in Regular session. Present Messrs
Jawier, Cloud, Hewlett, Tobin, Clymer, Mr. Groy, Clayton, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney (10)

It was reported that the signed agreement had been obtained
from the Delaware & New Jersey Ferry Co as to the sale of the Battery and this
agreement together with letters from the Mayor & City Council were placed on the table.

A letter was received from Goodwill Fire Co stating that with the
purchase of a new engine certain hose, rubber boots &c were necessary to the
extent of 650.00 & a subscription or donation from the Trustees was requested.
On motion it was ordered that a donation of \$350.00 be made.

A letter was received from Horace L. Macky and Edna A. Macky
stating that certain plans had been made for the erection of a garden
statue on the corner lot at Hares Corner rented from the Trustees by Mr
Macky & requesting information as to a sub-lease. The plans
by the fruit were submitted. On motion it was left with the
Acting Committee to find out further details as to the rent to be
obtained & the division of that rent & any further information to
report to a subsequent meeting of the Board.

The following Bills paid since the June meeting were approved

John F. Cloud Insurance	20.28
A. E. Gauders	27.00
J T & L. E. Shanon (June bill)	47.14
R H Hampton & son	260.00
William Hewlett	140.00
Joseph F. Grant	18.28
John Van Yean	17.25
Abram Ingram	63.06
Delaware-New Jersey Ferry Co	2000.00
New Port Ferry Co	274.13
Raymond C. Griffin	20.00
W. R. Hackback Co	565.00
White Brothers	31.20
J T & L. E. Shanon July bill	127.17
P. M. Groy Insurance	17.53
County tax	413.28
John F. Cloud, Insurance	52.50
William Macky Cook	3.45
Water Rent	62.19
	4159.36

In connection with the water Rent bills attention was drawn that the Ogletowne Farm
was charged with 2⁷⁸ excess over the regular amount & Stockton farm with an excess of 9.41
The Acting Committee was instructed to notify the tenants (Higgins & Biggs) as to their
liability for the excess & being the feeling that the Trustees should pay out the minimum.

The Treasurer reported the following receipts since July 1st

Dividend from Christiana Scent, Stock	70.00
Rent from U.S. Government for canal basin site	20.00
" " W. Grant Abbott	365.00
" " Elizabeth Clark	300.00
" " Atlantic Refining Co	180.00
" " Tanker Clark	285.50
" " Edward S. Waggaman	464.50
" " John & Alex Biggs	404.50
" " Giuseppe Ucciani	21.00
" " John A. Riore	75.00
	2185.50

The Treasurer reported a balance of 2499.70 but the 3 bills at the end of the
list on preceding page had not been paid

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

November 2, 1935

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jawier, Gabbott, Hewlett, Clymer,
Spaicher, Mr. Groy, Biggs, Shaw, Booker, Cloud & Rodney (11)

The Treasurer reported Bal after Oct meeting	2214.99
Rent from Mary B.H. Bailey	24.00
	2238.99

The following bills were ordered paid

James L. Bacon, Janitor to Sept 1	25.00
Edward S. Waggaman	12.00
Abram Ingram new steps at Centre Hall	12.35
J T & L. E. Shanon	14.14
	63.49

A letter was received from Good Will Fire Company expressing
appreciation for the donation of 350.00 toward the purchase of apparatus

A letter was received from Harold Suddell a former resident of
New Castle making the suggestion that in the Court House, beneath the cupola
the Trustees should erect a tablet indicating that such spot was the center
of the 12 mile circle - the northern boundary of Delaware. The Secretary was
instructed to answer the letter, expressing the interest of the Board and
appreciation of the interest of Mr Suddell but stating that the commitments
of the Board do not allow the Trustees to take action at this time.

The quarterly report of the Light & Water Commission was received & filed
The Board heard that on this day George T. Hewlett, a member
of the Board, was celebrating his 50th birthday. The Board adjourned to
wish him many happy returns of the day

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

December 6, 1938

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Hewlett, Gilbert, Tobie, Clymer, Sprecher, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Booker & Rodney

The treasurer reported as follows:

Bal on hand after November payments	1995.99
Rec'd from Atlantic Refining Co	180.00
	2175.99

The following bills were ordered paid

Chandler H. Gilbert flour for Mr. Clayton funeral	8.00
J. T. & L. E. Elvason	50.15
Law Port Quarry Co	42.08
Joseph Thomas	228.07
John T. Sloops	8.35
Abraham Dugrow	14.95
J. T. & L. E. Elvason	68.40
Joseph F. Grant	2.25
	422.25

Considerable discussion having arisen about one of the bills in which the hours of labor did not agree with the record as reported by the tenant of the farm, or better the following Resolution was adopted

Resolved that hereafter in work done on the farms on an hourly basis it be understood that the workmen report daily to the tenant when the work is done, if he be present, the hours expended on the work that day and that the workmen and contractor understand that payment be made on the basis of the hours of work as reported by the tenant unless some exception be made by the Board, and Be it further resolved that the Secretary notify the tenants of this Resolution and of the necessity and propriety of their co-operation

Resolution as to workmen on farms

The death of John F. Z. Clayton a member of this Board since Sept 28, 1918 having been reported, on motion the President was requested to appoint a committee to present suitable resolutions. The President subsequently appointed Messrs Tobie, Biggs and Gilbert.

On motion the President was requested to appoint a committee to consider and propose any legislation which may be considered desirable in connection with the functions of the Battery including the Board issues and some form of operation or control.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 3, 1939

The Trustees met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Hewlett, Gilbert, Clymer, Sprecher, Tobie, Mr. Gray, Biggs & Rodney
In the absence of the President, Mr. Jauris, Mr. Hewlett was made President Pro Tempore

It was announced that the President had appointed as the Committee to consider legislation in connection with the Battery - Messrs Jauris, Cloud & Rodney

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal on hand after December payments	1875.97
Rec'd from Weyburn Traps & Siding Assn	100.00
" " Standard Christiania Securities Co	70.00
	2045.97

The following bills were ordered paid

Joseph F. Grant	7.75
J. T. & L. E. Elvason	11.23
Wm. Clark sand & gravel Co	28.00
John F. Cloud, Insurance	193.45
Patrick W. Gray	70.20
	310.63

The Committee appointed to draft Resolution on death of John F. Z. Clayton presented the following Resolution which, on motion, was adopted and a copy was ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased

" Whereas God in his divine wisdom has seen fit to call unto himself our fellow member John F. Z. Clayton we bow in humble submission to his divine will:

And whereas our deceased member was elected to the Trustees of the Common in 1918, having served on the Acting Committee for several years and having served a term of twenty years as a Trustee, this group has lost a highly esteemed member:

Now therefore be it Resolved that his activities shall not have been in vain, that his efforts shall live in the memory of the Trustees for years to come

And be it further Resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and be spread upon the Records of the Trustees

George T. Tobie, Chandler H. Gilbert, Jauris, Biggs, Resolution Committee

Considerable discussion as to a poultry house on the Peem farm was had and it was understood as to the required size of the house. On motion the matter was referred to the Acting Committee to see if the suggested size of 40x16 was required & if not to ascertain the required size & obtain bids & report at next meeting.

On motion it was Resolved that an election to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of John F. Z. Clayton be held on Saturday February 4th 1939 between the hours of 1 and six and that Messrs Mr. Gray, Hewlett & Sprecher be appointed a committee to hold the election

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

February 7, 1939

Trustees met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Hewell, Cloud, Gelbart, Spencher, Mr. Gray, Biggs & Rodney

Election of Donald C. Banks

The Committee appointed to hold the election for a member to succeed John F. Clayton deceased reported: That the election was held at the lawyer's office on Saturday Feb 4, 1939 between the hours of one and six and that 569 votes were cast as follows Donald C. Banks received 416 votes Albert L. Clayton " 153 votes

The report was signed by Patrick W. Gray, George T. Hewell & J. H. Spencher, Committee Mr. Banks was presented, took the oath of office & took his seat as member

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand after January payments	1535.14
Jan 31/ Received from Biggs Brothers	404.25
Feb 5 " " Larry B. H. Bailey	40.
	<u>1979.39</u>

The following bills were ordered paid:

J. W. Singler	54.85
Biggs Brothers	150.00 being 1/2 cost of chicken for law 1/4 1/2
White Brothers	34.50
Bruce K. Gordon	14.50
	<u>254.15</u>

Battery

The Committee appointed to prepare necessary legislation in connection with the purchase of the Battery reported that they had met with City Council & Mayor Klingman and had prepared a Bill for presentation to the Legislature and had delivered the Bill to Richard E. Pinder the Representative from this district for introduction in the Legislature. The Bill was read in full and provided that after the acquisition of the Battery that it should be managed by the persons who from time to time might be Trustees of the Commission as a "Park Commission" who could manage the park by Committee either from within or without the Board of Trustees. On motion the Bill was approved.

The Acting Committee presents new bids for the proposed chicken house on the Penn Farm of size of 30' x 16'. Bids were as follows

Bruce K. Gordon	355.00 including painting
Joseph Thomas	312.00
Edward Wear	269.00 + 25 for 2 coats paint = 294.00
Abraham Ingram	240.00 + 31 " " " = 271.00

Partly

house at Penn farm

Also motion the bids were referred to the Acting Committee to give the contract to the lowest bidder paying particular attention to the bids and work on the foundation - both above and below the ground level

Garden Club Trees

A letter was received from Annapolis Garden Club asking for a renewed donation for continuing the planting of trees in the town. On motion the sum of \$50. was appropriated for this purpose

The expenses of the Election Committee amounting to 9.00 was ordered paid

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

March 7, 1939

Trustees met this evening at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Gelbart, Hewell, Tobin, Banks, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Cloud, Spencher & Rodney (11)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance on hand after February payments	1869.69
Larry B. H. Bailey	8.00
Atlantic Refining Co	180.00
Edward S. Wagoner	469.50
TASKER T. CLARK	280.50
John A. Reese	75.00
Elizabeth Clark	423.00
W. Grant Abbott	350.00
	<u>3655.69</u>

The following bills were ordered paid

Am Castle Trust Company Safe Rent box	4.40
	4.80
John T. Sloops	
J. T. & S. E. Eliason Inc.	28.67
Abraham Ingram chicken house on Penn Farm	240.00
Treasurer Expenses	100.00
Secretaries "	50.00
Acting Committee "	50.00
General Church care Town Clock	50.00
Trustees Court House Rent	50.00
James S. Bacon, Janner	25.00
	<u>682.87</u>

The Board went into election of officers with the following result

Francis de N. Janner was elected President

Richard S. Rodney was elected Secretary

Messrs Shaw, Biggs and Tobin were elected Acting Committee

" Booker, Gelbart and Banks " " Committee on Public Buildings

James S. Bacon was elected Janner

The President appointed Messrs Cloud and Spencher as an Auditing Committee.

The Acting Committee made a general report of some work which would be necessary in the near future such as a new roof on the house on Jefferson Farm owned by W. Grant Abbott & some painting

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

April 4, 1939

Trustees met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janner, Gelbart, Hewell, Tobin, Spencher, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Booker & Rodney (11)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal on hand after March payments	5456.07
Apr 1/39 Christiana Saunter's Co	70.00
	<u>\$5526.07</u>

On motion the action of the President in appointing Auditors at the last meeting was rescinded.

Auditors
On motion the President was authorized to appoint Auditors to audit the accounts of the Treasurer. The President appointed Mr. Specker & Mr. Booker.
Light & Water Board
A Bill of Light & Water Board for water rent for the farms of \$50.00 was ordered paid.
A communication was received from lawyer Klingmeyer stating that he had reappointed Mr. James B. White as a member of the Light & Water Board for the term of three years.

School House on Sale
A letter was received from John F. Conner of 615 N Van Buren St. Wash D.C. to Mr. Banks enclosing the key to the old school brick school house on school house lane. This was the building some time ago abandoned by a school and which has been used by the W.P.A. in making small toilets. The Secretary was requested to communicate with the State Board of Health, with whom some communication had been had, as to whether they were finally giving up the building.

Battery
The Secretary brought up the matter of the Bill for the purchase of the Battery. The Bill had been presented to the Legislature in January. In view of the political controversy in the Legislature it seems quite clear that no Bill requiring 2/3 vote will or can be passed. The Secretary read a copy of a letter which he had written to a private party in Washington seeking to obtain an advancement to the purchase until the Act could be passed authorizing the bond issue. The letter stated that the Trustees would pay interest on the advancement & have the land made in such manner as to protect the advance. No answer having been received from the letter a committee, consisting of Messrs Roday, Janver & Shaw was appointed to consider any means to bring about the purchase of the Battery or an extension of the option until such time as the bond issue can be authorized.

Average of Penn Farm
The Treasurer reported that when the road from New Castle to Hares Corner was widened a strip ^{of about 35'} all along the road on the North side was taken amounting in all to about 6 acres. This was in March 1937 (Volume P37C). At that time August Leroney tenant of Penn Farm was compensated for loss of his crops in the approximate 3 acres taken from that farm. Leroney paid the rent for 1938 for the full 20 1/4 acres although the true average was about 19 1/4. On motion the amount of 3 acres was deducted from the average charged to Leroney or the Penn Farm in the future reducing such average to 19 1/4 and that Leroney be credited on the accounts of the Board with 15.00 paid by him for those 3 acres during 1938.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

May 2, 1939

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janver, Gebhart, Hewlett, Booker, Specker, Mr. Gray, Tobin & Rodney.
The Treasurer presented the printed Annual Report as of March 1 & the following:

Mar 1/1939 Bal on hand as shown by printed Report	5456.07
For Christiana Securities Co	70.00
Reba T. Holcomb	15.00
Expenditures for office meeting	5544.07
	129.01
	5415.06

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1939

GENERAL FUND		EXPENDITURES	
RECEIPTS		Option Purchase Battery Park.....	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Balance March 1, 1938.....	\$ 5,990.61	County Taxes.....	413.28
Wm. G. Abbott.....	715.00	Fire Insurance.....	496.68
Alexander Baxter.....	229.50	Election Committee.....	9.00
Biggs Brothers.....	803.50	Board of Water and Light Comm.....	124.07
Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	459.00	Printing.....	9.00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark.....	723.00	Town Clock.....	565.00
August Leroney.....	1,189.50	New Castle Trust Box Rent.....	4.40
Tasker T. Clark.....	561.00	Araphasa Garden Club.....	50.00
Edward Megginson.....	939.00	Contribution, Wm. Penn School.....	20.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	450.00	Flowers (John Clayton).....	8.00
Air Service Inc.....	247.50	Fire Company.....	350.00
Horace Deakne.....	300.00	Postal Cards.....	14.50
Wilmington Gun Club.....	400.00	Coal and Repairs, Meeting Room.....	5.55
Atlantic Refining Co.....	720.00		
John Reese.....	150.00	Total.....	\$ 4,069.48
Giuseppe Maccarri.....	42.00		
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00	Repairs and Improvements at—	
U. S. Air Service.....	20.00	Jefferson Farm.....	\$ 73.44
Interest from Investments.....	867.50	Stockton Farm.....	689.42
Daisy B. Baily.....	96.00	Oglethorpe Farm.....	1,032.43
Total.....	\$ 14,926.14	Center Hall Farm.....	217.59
		Penn Farm.....	1,082.98
		Bayard Farm.....	929.91
		Clayton Farm.....	210.18
		Model Farm.....	2.94
		Town Hall.....	811.70
		Total.....	5,050.59
		Treasurer Expenses.....	100.00
		Secretary Expenses.....	50.00
		Acting Committee.....	50.00
		Court House Committee.....	50.00
		Care of Town Clock.....	50.00
		Janitor Salary.....	350.00
		Balance cash in Bank.....	5,456.07
		Total.....	\$ 14,926.14

INVESTMENTS	
5, Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2% Bonds.....	\$ 4,912.50
2, Penna. R. R. Co. 3 1/2% Bonds.....	2,020.00
5, City of New Castle 5% Bonds.....	5,125.00
2, Town of Laurel 5% Bonds.....	2,000.00
40, Christiana Securities Corp.....	5,120.00
Uninvested Funds.....	1,449.00
Total.....	\$ 20,626.50

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
FRANCIS deH. JANVIER, Pres.
PATRICK McGRORY, Treas.
RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.

ACTING COMMITTEE
JAMES G. SHAW
GEORGE T. TOBIN

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING
DR. LEWIS BOOKER
DONALD C. BANKS
CHANDLER H. GEBHART

MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
FRANCIS E. BRIDGEWATER, Term expires March 31, 1940

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Name	No.	Tenants	Acres	Rent	
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1-2	\$543.00	Patrick McGrory.....
Stockton.....	2	John & Alex Biggs.....	134 3-4	603.50	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Oglethorpe.....	3	Sophia Higgins.....	76 1-2	459.00	Francis deH. Janvier.....
Center Hall.....	5	Eliz. W. Clark.....	120 1-2	723.00	Elected April 15, 1903
Penn & Union.....	6	August Leroney.....	198 1-4	1,189.50	James G. Shaw.....
Part of Union.....	8	Horace Deakne.....	150 1-2	939.00	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
Bayard.....	9	Edw. S. Megginson.....	93 1-2	561.00	James E. Biggs.....
Clayton.....	10	Tasker T. Clark.....	109 1-2	450.00	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Model.....	11	Sophia Higgins.....	33	247.50	Richard S. Rodney.....
Part of.....	6	Air Service, Inc.....	3	18.00	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
Part of.....	3	Atlantic Refining Co.....	3 1-2	720.00	George T. Tobin.....
Part of.....	2	Giuseppe Maccarri.....	7	400.00	Elected July 26, 1919
Part of.....	2	Wilm. Gun Club.....	36	20.00	George T. Hewlett.....
Part of.....	6	U. S. Airway Service		150.00	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
City Hall Store		John A. Reese		96.00	Dr. Lewis Booker.....
New Castle Antique Shop					Elected May 1, 1926
Total.....				\$7,666.50	George T. Tobin.....

Audited and found correct April 13th, 1939.
DR. LEWIS BOOKER,
JACOB H. SPEICHER,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

The following bills were ordered paid:

Abraham Ingram	74.48	
New Castle Insurance Agency	16.25	
P. W. Gray, agent	27.16	
Joseph F. Grant	5.75	
John Van Vleet	40.75	
Charles H. Gray	9.00	
J. T. & S. Elason, Inc	4.25	177.64

The Committee on the Battery reported that they had obtained from the Delaware Chesapeake Ferry Co an extension of the option to purchase the Battery property from May 1 to July 1. The Committee also reported that the private party, in which the was willing, if necessary to obtain the tract as a Park & play ground, to advance to the Trustees the sum of \$20,000.00 on the following terms: the loan to be made for 5 years the Trustees paying 3% interest and the sum of \$1,500 per year on account of the principal: title to be taken in the name of the City and the arrangement to be evidenced by an agreement with the Trustees. The matter is not yet being finally arranged since it is still hoped that the Act of Legislation may yet be passed.

The Auditing Committee made a full report which is appended to these minutes

Richard B. Roney, Secretary

10.00
18.00
5544.07
129.01
5415.06

New Castle, Del., April 13, 1939.

Trustees of New Castle Common
New Castle
Del.

Gentlemen:

We made an examination of the books and records of your Treasurer, Mr. Patrick McGrory, for the year ended as of March 1, 1939, and found them correct.

We compared the receipts and disbursements recorded in the Cash Book with the deposits and canceled checks shown on The New Castle Trust Co. bank statements and found them to agree.

\$1,465.43 - Net Income for Year.

Receipts from rents	\$ 8,068.00.
Interest from Investments	867.50.
Total Receipts	\$ 8,935.50
Cash on hand beginning of year	5,990.64.
	\$ 14,926.14.

Expenditures:

Ordinary	\$ 6,093.37.
Extraordinary -	
Town Clock	\$ 565.00.
Town Hall	\$ 811.70.
Option - Del.-N.J. Ferry Co.	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 9,470.07
Balance in Bank as of March 1, 1939	\$ 5,456.07

\$1,449.00 - Cash Balance in Investment Fund.

The Investment Fund shows a balance in a separate account of \$1,449.00 which we verified with the bank.

\$19,177.50 - Investments:

We looked over the Investments and found them as follows:

Five (5) \$1,000 Gov. Dom. Canada $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bonds Nos. E-42866, E-42868, E-42869, E-42870 and E-42487.

Two (2) \$1,000 Penna. R.R. Co. $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bonds Nos. 12399 and 12400.

Ten (10) \$ 500. City of New Castle 5% Street Imp. Bonds, Due 1944, Nos. 20 to 29 inclusive.

Two (2) \$1,000 Town of Laurel 5% Bonds Nos. 21 and 22.

Forty (40) Shares Christiana Securities Co. stock.

All of the Bonds with the exception of the Town of Laurel are registered on the back of each in a place provided for this purpose in the name of the "Trustees of the New Castle Common."

The stock certificate for the 40 shares Christiana Securities Co., of course, is made out in the name of this body.

While the two Town of Laurel bonds are not registered, and no place provided for it, the yield is high and taking all circumstances into consideration, we recommend their retention.

\$150.00 A.O.U. Workmen.

There does not appear to be much of a possibility of getting the rent now charged against the A.O.U. Workmen. We are told they no longer meet in New Castle, the room has been given up, so we recommend that it be canceled. Whatever amount, if any, be received in the future can easily be restored of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Speicher
John B. ...

Auditing Committee.

June 6, 1939

Trustees met this evening at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Galt, Clymer, Speicher, W. Gray, Banks, Howland, Tobin, Booker, Biggs & Rocky (11)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand after payment of May bills 4741.88
Paid from Atlantic Refining Co 180.00 4921.88

The following bills were ordered paid

Eugene W. Sheridan 22.45
New Port Ferry Co 208.70
Abram Duignan 22.43
Joseph F. Grant 35.95
J. M. Singler 6.25
Wm J. Palmer 16.00
Peter Touss 12.00
Edward Palmer 8.00
Joseph Thomas 54.45
New Castle Insurance Agency 84.31
" " " 15.00
John F. Z. Clayton 20.05
Home and School Association (for in May) 20.00
J. T. L. S. Elison T.T. Clark farm 28.33
Biggs " 4.07
Tasker Clark " 42.65
Perrin " 104.57
Abbott " 126.64
Wlodal " 52.97 359.23 884.82

A letter was received from Horace S. Hoopes who rents the corner lot at Hanes Corner asking permission to subrent the property to a person for the erection of a temporary building for use as a fruit stand. A general discussion ensued when it seemed to be the general sentiment of the Board that it should not be used as a filling station and on certain the matter was referred to the Acting Committee to confer with Mr. Hoopes stating that the Board was content for him to subrent to one person for one fruit stand only and that the Board would expect any excess of rent over that paid by him.

Sign on Centre Hall Farm

A letter was received from Hershey, Inc. dated May 10 seeking permission to erect a sign on Centre Hall Farm just South of the buildings on S.E. side of the State Highway. It was stated that the sign was desired by the Ferry Company; that a survey had been made showing that many motorists going North New York Fair passed Hanes Corner and the sign was desired to notify motorists of the turn on the Basin Road to the Ferry. The sign is to be 12' high & 30' long. The Secretary was authorized to write inquiring as to the rent expected to be paid and stating that in no event would we allow the sign to remain beyond the period the World's Fair is open and also subject to the consent of the tenant.

The Secretary presented and read the form of an agreement proposed to be entered into with H. Fletcher Brown of Wilmington as to the loan by him for the purchase of the Battery tract. The agreement was in following form:

Battery Agreement with H.F. Brown

WHEREAS the Trustees of New Castle Common, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, has entered into an agreement with the Delaware-New Jersey Ferry Company, for the purchase by the said Trustees as a public park and playground, of the "Battery" at New Castle, Delaware, said tract containing between thirteen and fourteen acres of land, and being all of the land owned by said Ferry Company between Delaware Street on the North, South Street on the South, the Delaware River on the East and Third Street on the West, for the sum of Twenty-five thousand dollars, which said agreement or option has been extended to July 1, 1939;

AND WHEREAS the said Trustees also entered into an agreement with the Mayor and City Council of New Castle, whereby the said Mayor and City Council agreed to obtain an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware authorizing the issuance of bonds of the City of New Castle for the purchase of said tract, the said Trustees agreeing to pay from the income of the New Castle Common the annual interest on said bonds, and further agreeing to discharge said bonds as they severally came due;

AND WHEREAS the legislative Act authorizing the said bond issue has not been passed at the present session of the General Assembly and its passage seems extremely doubtful;

AND WHEREAS H. Fletcher Brown, Esquire, of the City of Wilmington, for the purpose of providing a safe and proper playground for the children of the City of New Castle, is willing to temporarily loan the sum of \$20,000.00 to complete the said purchase of the tract as above set forth, the said sum to be repaid on or before the expiration of five years from the date hereof;

AND WHEREAS, as appears from the foregoing, the said loan of \$20,000.00 and the repayment thereof in the manner herein-

after set forth out of the funds of the said Trustees of New Castle Common, together with interest thereon, as aforesaid, will be "for the benefit and use of the inhabitants" of the Town of New Castle;

NOW THIS AGREEMENT between the Trustees of New Castle Common, a corporation as aforesaid, of the one part, and H. Fletcher Brown, of the City of Wilmington, New Castle County and State of Delaware, of the other part,

WITNESSETH:

1. That the said H. Fletcher Brown agrees to loan to the said Trustees when and as requested, the sum of Twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

2. The said Trustees of New Castle Common agree to pay to the said H. Fletcher Brown, or to his Executors or Administrators, from the income of the Trust committed to their charge, interest at the rate of three per cent (3%) per annum on the said sum of \$20,000.00 or any part thereof that may from time to time remain unpaid, said payments of interest to be made on the first days of January and July of each year.

3. The said Trustees further agree to pay, from the income of said Trust, the annual sum of at least Fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) on account of the principal of said loan until the whole of said loan is fully paid and satisfied.

4. The said Trustees hereby further covenant, promise and agree to pay the entire amount of said loan of \$20,000.00, together with interest at the rate aforesaid, on or before the expiration of five years from the date of this agreement.

5. The execution of this agreement by the said Trustees

and the delivery of an original thereof to the said H. Fletcher Brown shall be an acknowledgment by said Trustees that the said loan of \$20,000 has been made and the full amount thereof has been received by the said Trustees and that the interest thereon shall begin to run from the date of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trustees of New Castle Common hath caused the hand of its President to be hereunto set and its common and corporate seal, duly attested by its Secretary, to be hereunto affixed, and the said H. Fletcher Brown hath hereunto set his hand and seal. DATED the 16 day of June, A.D. 1939.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
By J. de H. Jamin
President

Attest: Richard S. Riden
Secretary

H. Fletcher Brown (SEAL)



FREE! SEE OTHER SIDE FOR FLOOR
PLAN OF BEAUTIFUL SMALL HOME
DESIGNED BY
Royal Barry Wills
ONE OF AMERICA'S FOREMOST
ARCHITECTS

E. C. WEER
CONTRACTOR & BUILDER
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

PHONE 6416

To Trustees of Commons of
New Castle, Delaware:

This is to certify that I, E. C. Weer, as contractor and builder of the Hanger to be erected on the farm tenanted by the Biggs Bros. will clear the Trustees of any responsibility caused by an accident of any order to any men on the job, and I will be responsible for all bills for material that goes into said hanger.

Clearing the Trustees of Commons of all responsibility.

Signed.

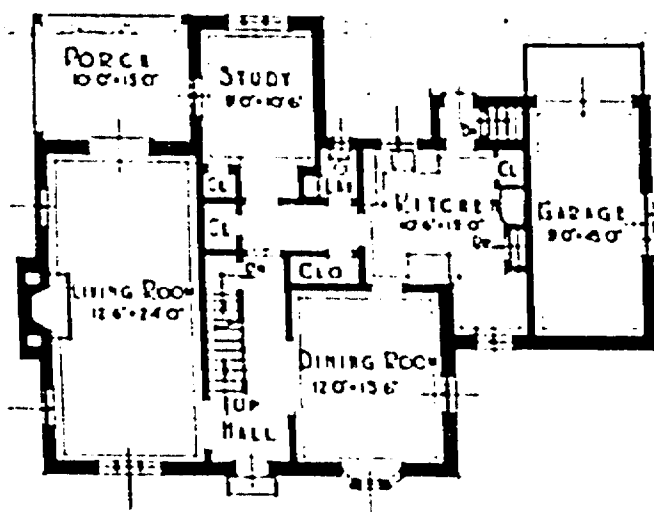
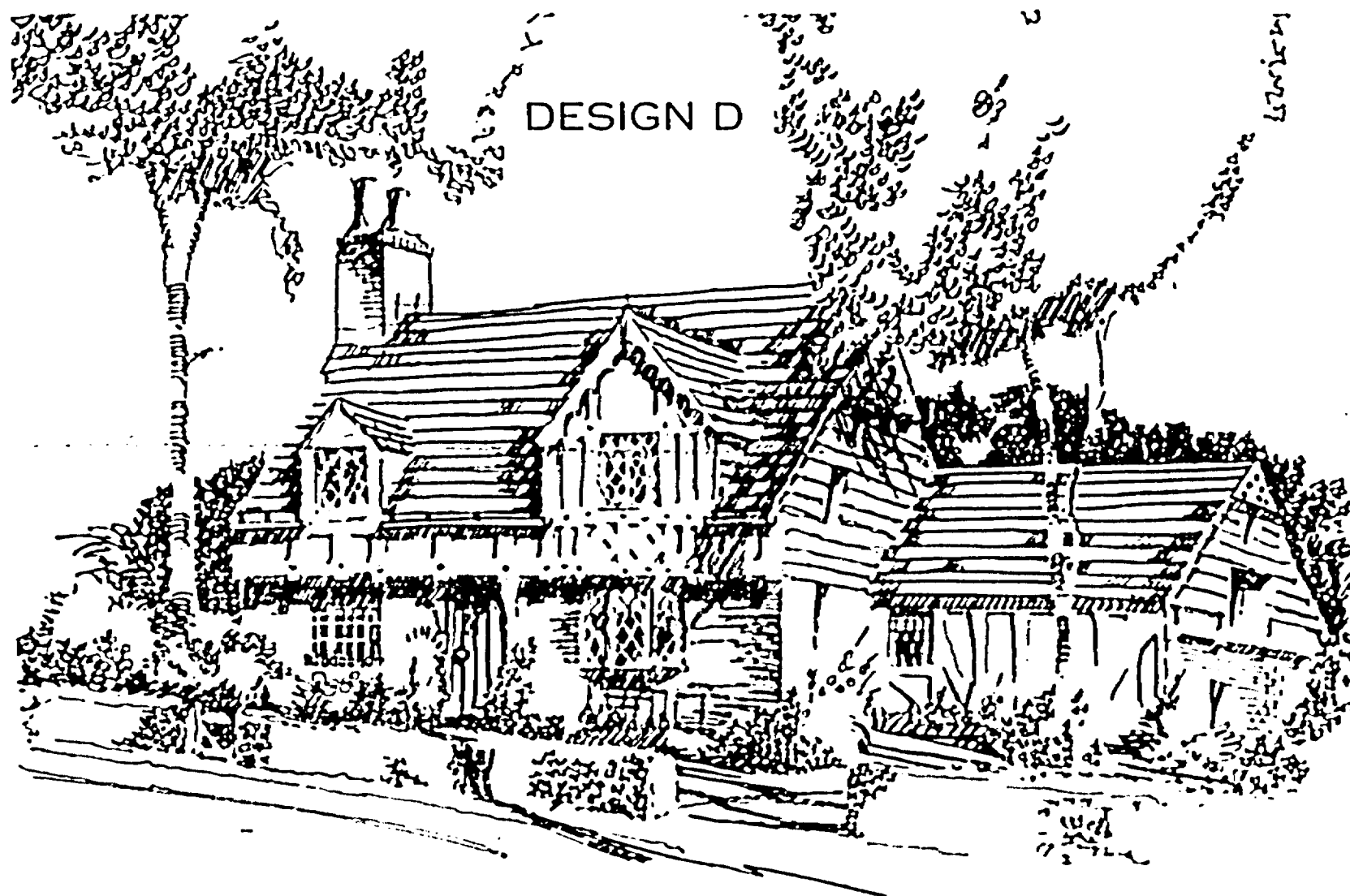
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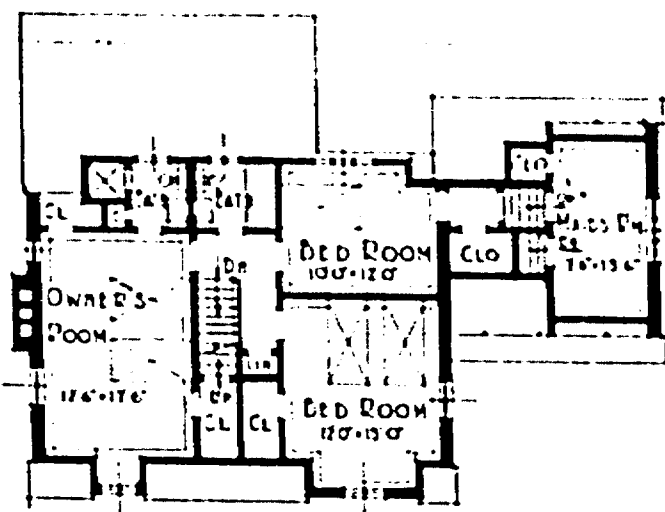


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

The English cottage type of house offers an infinite variety of detail for the architect to work with, yet the beauty of a house like this lies in the proper restraint of this detail. Whitewashed brick is used for the main walls of the house, while the low overhang of the second story is constructed of stucco and half timber, with a dormer and gable rising flush with this wall. The front gable and garage wing in part are of half timber and stucco, and the gable ends of the house are rough boarding. The timber work is stained dark brown,

whitewashed, and scraped to obtain a weathered appearance. Judicious use of diamond paned leaded glass is made in the dining room and bedroom dormers. The front door is made of plain boards with a small light of leaded glass and a large ring handle. The consistent ruggedness of this house is relieved in one place by the use of a decorative cut-out board on the front gable. The plan shows good circulation throughout the house, with rooms conservative in size, yet ample for comfortable living.

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NEW CASTLE COMMON

On buildings and adjoining and communicating additions, including foundations and all permanent fixtures, machinery and equipment, pertaining to the service of the buildings, when part of the realty; storm and screen doors, outside windows and blinds, screens and awnings, and porch and lawn furniture, whether in position or stored therein or wherever they may be on the premises connected with said buildings, situate in New Castle County, Delaware.

SCHEDULE

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>AMT. OF INSUR.</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
1. <u>Jefferson Farm</u> , located westerly side of Moore's Lane about 1 1/2 miles North of New Castle, Delaware				
A. 2 1/2 story, brick and frame, shingle roof (over 1/4 brick) dwelling	\$3,500.	\$3,300.	.41	\$13.53
B. Frame, wood shingle barn	4,500.	3,900.	.81	31.59
C. Frame, metal roof granary and cribs	2,500.	2,100.	.74	15.54
2. <u>Stockton Farm</u> , located on Basin Road, leading from New Castle to Newport about 1/2 mile from duPont Highway in New Castle Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware.				
A. 2 1/2 story, brick and frame (over 1/4 brick) wood shingle roof dwelling	4,000.	3,000.	.41	12.30
B. 2 story, frame wood shingle barn	7,500.	6,000.	.81	48.60
C. Frame, wood shingle granary	1,500.	1,200.	.81	9.72
D. Frame, wood shingle corn cribs	500.	300.	.81	2.43
3. <u>Oglethorpe Farm</u> , located on Basin Road leading from New Castle to Newport, New Castle, Delaware				
A. 2 1/2 story, brick and frame, shingle roof dwelling (over 1/4 brick)	3,500.	2,500.	.41	10.25
B. Frame, wood shingle roof barn and shed	5,000.	4,000.	.81	32.40
C. Frame, wood shingle roof granary with corn cribs	1,100.	800.	.81	6.48
5. <u>Centre Hall Farm</u> , located S/E corner of Basin Road and duPont Highway, New Castle, Delaware.				
A. 2 1/2 story, brick wood shingle and metal roof dwelling	4,500.	3,500.	.37	12.95
B. Frame, wood shingle and composition roof barn and machine shed	3,000.	2,575.50	.81	20.86
C. Frame, and tin roof granary	1,200.	900.	.74	6.66
D. Frame, wood shingle roof poultry house and garage	175.	124.50	.81	1.01
6. <u>Penn Farm</u> , located Frenchtown Turnpike and duPont Highway, New Castle, Delaware				
A. 2 1/2 story, brick and frame, metal roof dwelling (over 1/4 frame)	3,000.	2,500.	.44	11.00
B. 2 story frame wood shingle roof barn and cowshed	6,000.	5,000.	.81	40.50
C. Frame, wood shingle roof granary and wagon house.	1,500.	1,200.	.81	9.72
9. <u>Bayard Farm</u> , located westerly side of duPont Highway abt. 200 feet North of Churchman's Road, New Castle, Delaware.				
A. 3 story, brick wood shingle roof dwelling	6,000.	4,500.	.41	18.45
B. Frame, shingle wood roof barn (including cowshed, frame composition and wagon shed - frame, metal.)	8,000.	6,500.	.81	52.65

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C. Frame, wood shingle roof sheds and hay barracks	\$2,000.	\$1,500.	.81	\$12.15
D. Frame, wood shingle roof Granary and corn crib	3,600.	2,700.	.81	21.87
10. <u>Clayton Farm</u> , located easterly side of Road leading from Hare's Corner to Christiana, abt. 1/4 mile from Hare's Corner, New Castle County, Delaware.				
A. 3 story, frame, wood shingle roof dwelling	300.	2,500.	.48	12.00
B. Frame, wood shingle roof barn	5,000.	4,200.	.81	34.02
C. Frame, wood shingle roof Granary with wagon sheds	1,100.	800.	.81	6.48
<u>Basin House</u> , located N/W corner of Basin Road and duPont Highway, New Castle, Delaware.				
A. 2 story, frame wood shingle roof dwelling	1,200.	1,000.	.43	4.30
11. <u>Model Farm</u> , located Basin Road leading from New Castle to Newport, New Castle Co., Delaware.				
A. 2 1/2 story, brick metal and wood shingle roof dwelling	3,000.	2,500.	.37	9.25
B. 2 story, frame, wood shingle roof barn	2,500.	2,000.	.81	16.20
C. Frame, wood shingle roof wagon house	350.	250.	.81	2.03
12. <u>Town Hall</u> , A. B. C. Delaware Street, New Castle, Delaware				
A. 3 story, brick building (80% Co-in.)	3,750.	3,000.	.62	18.60
	<u>\$92,975.</u>	<u>\$74,350.</u>		<u>\$493.54</u>

Average Annual Rate - .6638

May 8, 1940

Mr. Richard G. Seltzer,
Lewis Tower,
15th & Locust Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention: Mr. Edmund C. Geatens

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Trustees of New Castle Common held last evening, Mr. James E. Biggs presented your letter and telegram, and Mr. McGrory spoke of a personal interview with you or your representative. The subject of the communications was the property at the Northeast corner of where Route No. 40 intersects Route No. 14, generally known as Hare's Corner. In the communications you seemed interested in this location for a possible client.

After considerable discussion, it was felt that you did not have the entire information as to the present situation of the leases on the corner. I am enclosing to you a small plot which will make clear the present situation. The corner itself is under lease to Mr. and Mrs. Deakyne for a term expiring on July 1, 1941. This lease provides that it will be renewed for another year unless notice to quit is given three months before its expiration (or before April 1, 1941). The lease to Mr. Deakyne covers a property along Route No. 13 of about 310 feet, and along Route No. 40 of about 350 feet. There is also in the lease a provision that 50 feet adjoining would not be leased by the Trustees for a restaurant or tea-house, without the consent of Mr. Deakyne. The balance of the farm, back of the lot leased to Mr. Deakyne, is now under lease to August Leroney until March 1, 1941, and a change in this lease would be required on or before December 1, 1940.

It was thought that you were interested in the corner itself, which is leased to Mr. Deakyne, and unless you can make arrangements with Mr. Deakyne the Trustees could not make any arrangements with you, at least until 1941. It was therefore thought that if you are interested you should first see Mr. Deakyne and see if any arrangements could be made with him, for if not the Trustees would be powerless in the matter. It would be useless for the Trustees to con-

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Mr. Richard G. Seltzer

May 8, 1940

sider any terms if Mr. Deakyns will under no circumstances
make any arrangements in connection with the property, if
it is the corner that you are interested in.

Yours very truly,

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,

RSR:T

By

Secretary.

Christiana

State Road

Route #13

Wilmington

310'

50' 0

Lot leased to Deakyne until July 1, 1941.

← Lot retained by Trustees but subject to agreement not to lease for restaurant or tea house without consent of Deakyne.

Route #10

400'

310'

50' 0

Farm leased to Leroney until March 1, 1941.

New Castle

ROYAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE

NEW YORK



A STOCK COMPANY

BOND NO.

S-161664

1 **In Consideration** of a premium computed at an agreed rate, the ROYAL INDEMNITY COM-
2 PANY, a corporation of the State of New York, (hereinafter called the "Surety"), hereby binds itself to
3 pay to TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON

4
5 (hereinafter called the "Employer") such pecuniary loss, not exceeding THREE THOUSAND
6 AND NO/100 - - - - - (\$3,000.00) Dollars,
7 as the Employer shall have sustained by any act or acts of fraud or dishonesty (including forgery, theft,
8 embezzlement, wrongful abstraction or wilful misapplication) directly or through connivance with others, on
9 the part of PATRICK MC GROY (hereinafter called the "Employee")
10 while in the service of the Employer in any position or at any location during the period beginning on the
11 1st day of June, 1940, and ending upon the termination of this suretyship.

12 The Surety further agrees that in case the loss sustained by the Employer exceeds the amount of surety-
13 ship in force in respect of the Employee, the Employer shall be entitled to all recovery for such loss (except
14 from insurance and reinsurance held by the Surety for its benefit) until such excess loss has been made good
15 to the Employer.

16 The amount of suretyship hereunder may be increased or decreased for separate periods as provided by
17 stipulation and limitation in rider or riders attached hereto. The coverage is continuous from its effective date to
18 its termination and the coverage for separate periods shall not be cumulative.

19 This bond is issued subject to the following conditions precedent to any liability hereunder.

20 1. Loss, if any, shall be covered only in the event that such loss is discovered not later than thirty-six (36)
21 months after the termination of this suretyship. The Employer on discovery of any loss hereunder
22 or any facts or circumstances indicating a possible loss hereunder shall give the Surety immediate
23 written notice thereof delivered to the Surety at 150 William Street, New York, N. Y., such
24 notice to set forth the name and position of the defaulting Employee and his last known address, and
25 within ninety (90) days after the date of such notice, the Employer shall file with the Surety the
26 Employer's sworn itemized claim hereunder. No suit or action of any kind against the Surety for the
27 recovery of any claim under this bond shall be sustainable unless the suit is commenced and the pro-
28 cess served within eighteen (18) months after the first discovery of any loss hereunder or any facts or
29 circumstances indicating a possible loss hereunder.

30 2. Termination—This suretyship shall terminate:

- 31 (a) By the Surety giving thirty (30) days written notice mailed to the last known address of the
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- 33 (b) By the Employer giving notice to the Surety, the Surety refunding as soon as determined, the
- 34 unearned premium.
- 35 (c) Upon the discovery by the Employer of any dishonest act on the part of the Employee whether in
- 36 the service of the Employer or otherwise.
- 37 (d) Upon the retirement of the Employee from the employ of the Employer.

38 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the ROYAL INDEMNITY COMPANY has caused this bond to be signed by
39 its duly authorized officers - - - - - , and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed
40 this 27th day of May, 1940.

ROYAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By James J. Smith
Attorney-in-Fact
James J. Smith
Resident Assistant Secretary

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Royal Fidelity Individual Bond

PREFERRED



A STOCK COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE: NEW YORK

F. J. O'NEILL, PRESIDENT

BOND NUMBER S -161664

AMOUNT \$ 3,000.00

PREMIUM \$ 15.00

ON BEHALF OF

PATRICK MC GRORY

TO

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.

DATE June 1, 19 40

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24 West 4th St.
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Battery
 An motion the President and Secretary were authorized and instructed to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation and the Treasurer, after the receipt of the loan and upon instruction of the Committee was authorized to pay the balance of the purchase price of the property.

The Committee on the Battery tract consisting of Messrs Jauris, Rodney and Shaw were authorized to engage Counsel to make an examination of the title of the "Battery" to such extent as the Committee might think necessary.

An motion it was resolved that the next regular meeting be held on Tuesday September 12th (the regular meeting in September being the day after Labor Day) but interim meetings to be held on call of the President or Secretary.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

July 11, 1939

A special meeting of the Trustees was held this evening at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jauris, Hewlett, Clymer, Spaulter, W.C. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Gebhart, Banks, Booker & Rodney (11).

Battery
 The Secretary informed the Board that since the last meeting the agreement with Mr. Brown had been executed and the money deposited in a special fund in New Castle Trust Company to be drawn out on two signatures of the President, Secretary & Treasurer.

An motion it was resolved that the Ferry Company be again notified that the Board was prepared to pay over the balance of the purchase price and receive a deed for the property but before doing so it would insist that the saw mill be entirely removed from said property, that the squatters or cabins be entirely removed and that a paper writing be obtained for signed by William Mackay stating that he would definitely and finally remove from the property on or before May 1, 1940.

Light & Water Board election
 The Board went into an election for a member of the Board of Light & Water Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank E. Bridgewater. Upon a ballot being taken it appeared that nine votes were cast for Frank S. Hewlett and two votes for Fred S. Gerbauer. Mr. Hewlett was declared elected for the term ending July 31, 1940 X

Battery
 The Secretary presented to the Board the form of a Resolution creating a committee to have supervision and charge of the Battery when and as the said property is acquired by the City. The Resolution was adopted by the Board and subsequently the members of the Committee were duly elected. The form of the Resolution with the names of the Committee inserted therein was then approved and a copy is herewith attached.

X The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Hewlett, the Mayor of the City Council and the Board of Light & Water Commissioners of the action taken.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of New Castle Common are about to complete the purchase of the Battery tract at New Castle whereby the said land will be acquired in the name of the Mayor and Council of New Castle, to be used as and for a public park and playground, and

WHEREAS the City Council has by ordinance provided that when the said land is acquired it shall be under the care, supervision and control of The Trustees of New Castle Common acting as a body or through a committee of the said Trustees, which said committee may consist of members of the said Trustees or other citizens of New Castle; and

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable and to the public interest that the care and supervision of the park or playground be placed in a committee some members of which are not members of this Board,

Battery

Committee to have charge

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that when the said tract of land is acquired that it be under the care and supervision of a committee of The Trustees of New Castle Common to be known as the "Park Committee", which said committee shall be constituted as follows:

(a) The said committee shall consist of five members, one of which shall be a member of The Trustees of New Castle Common, one of which shall at the time of his election be a member of City Council, and three citizens of New Castle.

(b) The member of said committee representing the Trustees of New Castle Common and the member representing City Council shall hold office for the term of one year and shall be annually elected by the Trustees of New Castle Common, at the March meeting of said Trustees. Until the next annual election Renald C. Banks is hereby elected as a member of said committee representing The Trustees of New Castle Common, and Major N. Travers is hereby elected as a member of said committee representing City Council.

(c) After this first election the terms of the remaining three members shall be three years each, and shall be so arranged that one of said members shall be annually elected at the March meeting of said Trustees. Until subsequent elections as herein contemplated Mrs Isabel J. Booth is hereby elected for a term ending on the first Tuesday in March, 1940; James J. McLevitt for a term ending on the first Tuesday in March, 1941, and Philip W. Laird for a term ending on the first Tuesday in March, 1942. In case of a vacancy on said committee caused by death, resignation, removal from the city, or from any other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by The Trustees of New Castle Common for the balance of the term of the person creating such vacancy.

(d) By the affirmative action of nine members of The Trustees of New Castle Common the membership of any person on said committee may be terminated without any given cause and the Trustees shall thereupon fill said vacancy for the balance of such term.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said committee shall have the general charge, supervision and control of said park with the power to make and enforce rules and regulations governing the same, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

(a) No rule, regulation or order shall be passed whereby any person, firm or corporation shall be granted or enjoy any peculiar or unusual right or privilege not enjoyed by the citizens of New Castle generally.

(b) No political meetings shall be allowed to be held in said park.

(c) No intoxicating liquor shall be allowed to be sold, dispensed or used in said park, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said committee shall make quarterly reports to The Trustees of New Castle Common, on the first days of January, April, July and October of each year, which reports shall include any general rules adopted by said committee since the last quarterly report, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said committee shall have no power or authority to incur any financial obligation upon The Trustees of New Castle Common or any indebtedness for which the said Trustees shall be liable, without the express authority of the said Trustees given before the obligation is incurred or the indebtedness created.

Richard S. Penning, Secretary

September 12, 1939

The Trustees met this evening this being the date to which the meeting on July 11th was adjourned. Present Messrs. Jauris, Gray, Tobin, Hewlett, Benko, Cobhart, Biggs, Booker and Spieker. In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Spieker was made Secretary Pro Tempore.

The Treasurer made the following report: Bal in bank after paying the bills passed June 6th 4449.04

June 17/1939 withdrawn to place in Special Fund with the 20000 borrowed from H. Halibur Brown 20000.00

Halibur Brown 20000.00 from the 23000 bal due Ferry Co on Battery 1449.04

Halibur Brown 20000.00 from the 23000 bal due Ferry Co on Battery 100.00

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Hessler Co for sign on Centre Hall Jan (1/2 to Trustees + 1/2 to Clerk) 20.00

U.S. Government 70.00

Christiana Securities Co 24.00

Harry B. Bailey 12.25

Ellen Lawrence 3rd floor Town Hall 180.00

Atlanta Refining Co 160.00

W. Grant Abbott 300.00

Ella Clark 280.50

Tarker Clark 2620.79

Battery Committee have charge

The Treasurer also reported that on August 21st the Secretary and Treasurer met with the representatives of the Ferry Co and for the Trustees accepted the deed for the Battery tract and paid the balance due to the Ferry Co. The deed was delivered to Mr. William Howard (an associate of Arthur G. Logan, City Solicitor of New Castle) for recording and the following is the financial settlement with the Ferry Co.

Battery

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Purchase Price of Battery 25000.00, Paid on account 2000.00, Total 23000.00

The County tax not having been paid the profit due by the Ferry Co from July 1 (1 2/3 months) was deducted 10.55

The delay in settlement after July 1 having been caused by Ferry Co so interest at 3% on 20000 for that period was deducted 87.50 98.05

Check given to Ferry Co 22901.95

State of Special account

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. June 17 Check of H. Halibur Brown 20000.00, Trustees' Unpaid Census 3000.00, Aug 21 Paid balance New Jersey Ferry Co (as above) 22901.95, Bal in Special Fund 98.05

This settlement was made after it was ascertained that the saw mill and squatters on Collins had been removed and Mr. Halibur had executed an agreement in writing to remove from the premises on or before May 1, 1940. This letter showing the payment to him of 3705 by the Ferry Co and certifying the agreement to remove is filed with the papers of the Board. The City taxes had been paid by the Ferry Co which would seek from City Council the return of the property if the tax covering the portion of the year after the City took title.

Battery

The Acting Committee presented the following bills:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. J & L Elmer 5.05, Harry Bowen 14.70, H. B. Wilgus 97.50, George W. Howell 20.00, Edward B. Gott 15.00, Joseph Thomas 81.00, J & L Elmer Inc 193.20, Com on Public Bills Bruce H. Gordon 38.12, Ellen Roberts 5.40, W. B. Bridgewater 50, other Bills New Castle Insurance Agency 14.18, Patrick W. Gray, Insurance 17.53, Total 512.13

Bills

All within the Bills were approved and ordered paid and the Treasurer authorized to pay the County tax bills

A request from Mrs Clark for the erection of a new cow shed at Carter Hall farm was referred to the Acting Committee with power to act

The quarterly report from the Light & Water Board was received & filed

Jerse A. Lee, Ray Chief of the Good Will Fire Company appeared at the meeting with the request that the trustees purchase for the Company 500 feet of fire hose. The matter was discussed & action postponed until October next

A letter was received from John F. Cloud dated Chelchoth, Ohio July 28, 1939 which stated "I hereby resign as a Trustee of New Castle Common effective this date"

Fire Company
Resignation of John F. Cloud

An motion it was resolved that an election to fill the vacancy be held on Saturday September 30th 1939 between the hours of one and six o'clock in the afternoon and that notices of the election be posted throughout the city

Election to be held

An motion the President appointed Messrs Lee, Gray, Spieker and Banks as the Committee to hold the election.

Secretary Pro Tempore

October 3, 1939

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Lee, Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Newell, Booker, Tobin, Clymer, Spieker, Gelbart, Banks & Roday (2) Entire Board

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Clarence P. Holcomb	169
Defective ballots	3

Mr Lee was present, became qualified and took his seat.

The treasurer reported as follows

Balance in Bank after payment of September bills & taxes	1570.30
Received from Edward S. Magginnis	469.50
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" " Whigton Troop Shooting Club	100.00
" " Sphinx and John Haggins	679.50
" " Christina Society, Co	70.00
	\$2910.30

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Election Committee	9.00
Joseph Thomas	65.70
New Castle Insurance Agency	20.25
J.T. & S.E. Shuman, Inc	137.75
Engene H. Shandman	3.50
John T. Sloops	1.50
	237.73

Mr Banks of the Battery Park Committee reported that the Committee was functioning and that they were preparing to have a comprehensive plan

Battery 1.00

prepared for planting and improvements; that at present there was needed some preliminary grading. An motion it was resolved that the Committee could draw on the Treasurer for these expenses not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Battery 100

Attention was drawn to the fact that interest ^{due} would become due on January 1st to Mr H. Fletcher Brown for six months interest on 20000.00 @ 3% amount to 300.00 and as it was deemed at all times to have segregated in advance a sum sufficient to pay the obligation on the Battery Park as they fall due so the sum of \$300 was ordered with drawn from the general fund and deposited to the special fund or account having to do with the Battery Park.

Battery

The Secretary reported that the County taxes on the Battery amount to 76.00 had been paid from the special fund. Of this amount the sum of \$71.55 had been deducted from the Ferry Company at the time of settlement as their proportion. The Secretary also reported that he had made application to the City Court for the allowance and repayment of the balance of 65.45 because the property had been created in the City for park purposes.

Battery Taxes

The Board further considered the application of Good Will Fire Company and on motion it was resolved that the sum of 339 be appropriated to the Fire Co to buy 300 feet of hose it having been reported by Mr Lee, Ray that the desired hose would cost 1.13 per foot.

no Co-hod 339.00

Richard S. Roday, Secretary

November 7, 1939

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jaurin, Newell, Lee, Knitt, Spieker, Lee, Gray, Gelbart, Banks, Biggs, Tobin, Shaw & Roday (11)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	2231.12	Battery Committee appropriation not paid
General Fund		
Battery Fund	387.50	
Investment Fund	1449.00	

The Secretary reported that the refund of 65.45 had been obtained from the City Court and deposited in the Battery Fund.

The following bills were ordered paid

Harry Spahn	240	4.55
Water Rent	215	69.35
Joseph J. Grant		2.65
John T. Sloops		16.25
Samuel T. Green		49.00
Abram Ingram		132.60
Richard Georges		100.00
J.T. & S.E. Shuman		427.74
New Castle Insurance Agency		52.50
William Reardon	2.90	557.57

Attention was called to the excess water rent of 16.18 on Ogletowne Farm & 3.20 on Biggs Farm & considerable discussion had concerning them and the acting committee was requested to investigate them.

lead for Battery

A letter was received from William Reardon of stating that he had received from the Recorder of Deeds the deed for the Battery and the cost of recording was 2.25 which he had paid and he requested information as to the auditing of the deed. An motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay this amount and make further bill as might be presented against the Board & the Secretary to enter expressing the appreciation of the Board for the services in connection with the matter.

Richard S. Roday, Secretary

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1939

GENERAL FUND		EXPENDITURES	
RECEIPTS			
Bank Balance March 1, 1938.....	\$ 5,990.61	Option Purchase Battery Park.....	\$ 2,000.00
Wm. G. Abbott.....	715.00	County Taxes.....	413.28
Alexander Baxter.....	229.50	Fire Insurance.....	406.68
Biggs Brothers.....	808.50	Fire Committee.....	9.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	459.00	Election Committee.....	124.07
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark.....	723.00	Board of Water and Light Comm.....	0.00
August Leroney.....	1,189.50	Printing.....	565.00
Tasker T. Clark.....	561.00	Town Clock.....	4.10
Edward Megginson.....	939.00	New Castle Trust Box Rent.....	50.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins.....	450.00	Araphasi Garden Club.....	20.00
Air Service Inc.....	247.50	Contribution, Wm. Penn School.....	8.00
Horace Deakynne.....	400.00	Flowers, (John Clayton).....	350.00
Wilmington Gun Club.....	720.00	Fire Company.....	14.50
Atlantic Refining Co.....	150.00	Postal Cards.....	5.55
John Reese.....	42.00	Coal and Repairs, Meeting Room.....	5.55
Giuseppe Maccarri.....	18.00		
Reba T. Holcomb.....	20.00	Total.....	\$ 4,069.48
U. S. Air Service.....	867.50		
Interest from Investments.....	96.00		
Daisy B. H. Baily.....	96.00		
Total.....	\$ 14,926.14		
		Repairs and Improvements at—	
		Jefferson Farm.....	\$ 73.41
		Stockton Farm.....	659.42
		Oglethorpe Farm.....	1,032.43
		Center Hall Farm.....	217.59
		Penn Farm.....	1,052.98
		Bayard Farm.....	929.91
		Clayton Farm.....	210.18
		Model Farm.....	2.91
		Town Hall.....	811.70
		Total.....	5,050.59
		Treasurer Expenses.....	100.00
		Secretary Expenses.....	20.00
		Acting Committee.....	50.00
		Court House Committee.....	20.00
		Care of Town Clock.....	50.00
		Janitor Salary.....	50.00
		Total.....	350.00
		Balance cash in Bank.....	5,459.07
		Total.....	\$ 14,926.14

DUE FROM TENANTS	
Wm. G. Abbott.....	\$ 975.97
Reba T. Holcomb.....	18.00
Total.....	\$ 993.97

INVESTMENTS	
5, Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2% Bonds.....	\$ 4,912.50
2, Penna. R. R. Co. 3 1/2% Bonds.....	2,020.00
5, City of New Castle 5% Bonds.....	5,125.00
2, Town of Laurel 5% Bonds.....	2,000.00
40, Christiana Securities Corp.....	5,120.00
Uninvested Funds.....	1,449.00
Total.....	\$ 20,626.50

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
FRANCIS deH. JANVIER, Pres. **PATRICK McGRORY, Treas.** **RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.**

ACTING COMMITTEE
JAMES G. SHAW **JAMES E. BIGGS** **GEORGE T. TOBIN**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING
DR. LEWIS BOOKER **DONALD C. BANKS** **CHANDLER H. GEBHART**

MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION
FRANCIS E. BRIDGEWATER, Term expires March 31, 1940

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES				
Name	No.	Tenants	Acres	Rent
Jefferson.....	1	W. Grant Abbott.....	90 1-2	\$543.00
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Oglethorpe.....	3	Sophia Higgins.....	76 1-2	459.00
Center Hall.....	5	Eliz. W. Clark.....	120 1-2	723.00
Penn & Union.....	6	August Leroney.....	198 1-4	1,189.50
Part of Union.....	8	Horace Deakynne.....		300.00
Bayard.....	9	Edw. S. Megginson.....	150 1-2	939.00
Clayton.....	10	Tasker T. Clark.....	93 1-2	561.00
Model.....	11	Sophia Higgins.....	109 1-2	450.00
Part of.....	6	Air Service, Inc.....	33	247.50
Part of.....	6	Reba T. Holcomb.....	3	18.00
Part of.....	3	Atlantic Refining Co.....	3 1-2	720.00
Part of.....	2	Giuseppe Maccarri.....	7	42.00
Part of.....	2	Wilm. Gun Club.....	38	400.00
Part of.....	6	U. S. Airway Service		20.00
City Hall Store		John A. Reese		150.00
New Castle Antique Shop				96.00
Total.....				\$7,666.50

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George T. Tobin	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
John F. Cloud	Elected Aug. 23, 1930
Jacob H. Speicher	Elected June 24, 1933
Chandler H. Gebhart	Elected Feb. 23, 1935
Donald C. Banks	Elected Feb. 4, 1939

Audited and found correct April 13th, 1939.
DR. LEWIS BOOKER,
JACOB H. SPEICHER,
 Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

A request from Mrs Clark for the erection of a new Cow shed at Centre Hall farm was referred to the Acting Committee with power to act. The quarterly report from the Light & Water Board was received & filed. Jesse A. Lee, Ray Chief of the Good Will Fire Company appeared at the meeting with the request that the Trustees purchase for the Company 500 feet of fire hose. The matter was discussed & action postponed until October 1st. A letter was received from John F. Cloud dated Chichester, Ohio July 28, 1939 which stated "I hereby resign as a Trustee of New Castle Common effective this date".

Fire Company
Resignation of John F. Cloud

An motion it was resolved that an election to fill the vacancy be held on Saturday September 30th 1939 between the hours of one and six o'clock in the afternoon and that notices of the election be posted throughout the City. An motion the President appointed Messrs. W.L. Gray, Speaker and Banks as the Committee to hold the election.

Election to be held

Secretary Pro Tempore

October 3, 1939

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jamieson, W.L. Gray, Shaw, Biggs, Hewlett, Booker, Tobin, Clymer, Spischer, Gebhart, Banks & Roday (2) Entire Board. The Committee appointed to hold the election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John F. Cloud reported that such election had been held on Saturday September 30th between the hours of one and six o'clock at the Mayor's office and that at such election 692 votes were cast with the following result:

Samuel B. Lee, Jr. received 520 votes
 Chauncey P. Holcomb " 169 "
 Defective ballots 3 692

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The Board further considered the application of Good Will Fire Company and on motion it was resolved that the sum of 339 be appropriated to the Fire Co to buy 300 feet of hose it having been reported by Mr. Lee, Jr. that the desired hose would cost 1.13 per foot.

Inc-Co-Box 339.00

Richard S. Roday, Secretary

November 7, 1939

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jamieson, Hewlett, W.L. Knitt, Spischer, Lee, Jr., Gebhart, Banks, Biggs, Tobin, Shaw & Roday (1)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand General Fund	2231.12	Battery Committee appropriation not paid
Battery Fund	389.50	
Investment Fund	1449.00	

The Secretary reported that the refund of 65.45 had been obtained from the City Court and deposited in the Battery Fund.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Harry Spain	240.15	4.55
Water Rent		69.38
Joseph J. Grant		2.65
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Richard Georges		100.00
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Attention was called to the excess water rent of 16.18 on Ogletown Farm & 3.20 on Biggs Farm & considerable discussion had concerning them and the Acting Committee was requested to investigate them.

Lead for Battery

A letter was received from William Roday stating that he had received from the Receiver of Leads the lead for the Battery and the cost of recording was 2.25 which he had paid and he requested information as to the sending of the lead. An motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay this amount and make further bill as might be presented against the Board & the Secretary to certify expressing the appreciation of the Board for the services in connection with the matter.

Richard S. Roday, Secretary

Dec 5, 1939

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gellert, Hewlett, W.C. Kunt, Banks, Spielber, W.C. Gray, Tobin, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance after November payments	1170.10
Atlanta Paving Co	180
Wilmington Trolleybooting Assn	100
Harry B.H. Bailey	32
Total	1422.10

The following Bills were presented:

F.Z. Shandau	18.10
Ellis Roberts	8.00
J.T. Stroops	6.00
George & Lynch	100.00
Wilmington Heavy Supply Co	33.00
J.T. & S.E. Thomas Inc	25.81
Wavel, Knifut & Logan	2.25
Total	193.16

Balance in Battery Park Fund 357.50

Not due on Battery

The Treasurer reported that before the next meeting the payment of 300.00 would be due to H. Fletcher Brown being the semi-annual payment of interest on 20000.00 @ 3%. The meeting was authorized to make this payment and in case of oversight to make these payments without express authority of the Board.

Road to Hanes Corner to be widened

A letter was forwarded (accompanied by blue prints) from the State Highway Department in which the said Department desired an additional strip of land along the North East side of the road from the New Port Road to Hanes Corner. The land taken would be approximately 1.76 Acres. It would be a 10' strip the entire length except for about 600' the width would be about 20' to allow for the sloping of the banks. The corners, both of the New Port Road and Hanes Corner would be rounded. The Highway Department offered to re-set all fences and to pay the sum of \$350.00 (a similar strip 3 1/2 miles was taken in 1937. See Pages 377 and 378-379). The meeting the matter was left with a committee consisting of the President, Secretary & Treasurer the consensus of opinion being in favor of offering the land to the Department for the sum of 700.00 the Department re-surveying all fences, providing for outlets and making their own arrangements with and, if necessary compensating the tenants for any loss sustained by them.

Battery

Mr Banks of the committee on the Battery stated the current report that Mr William Mackyes when he moves off the property owned by the Trustees from the Ferry Company would move on the adjoining property of the Rail Road Company. It was thought that this would interfere greatly with the beauty and use of the Park. Mr Banks was appointed as a committee to see what could be done in the matter with authority to call on other members to act as a committee of the Board.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 3, 1940

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gellert, W.C. Kunt, Banks, Spielber, W.C. Gray & Rodney (7) In the absence of the President Mr Shaw was named as President pro tempore

The treasurer reported as follows:

Balance after December meeting	1496.97
Dec 15 Helen N. Lawrence	12.25
.. 31 Christiana Securities Co	70.00
Total	1579.22
Battery Fund Town balance	387.50
Paid Interest on loan	300.00
Total	87.50

The Acting Committee reported some shingles blown off barn at Pine Farm but that it would probably be covered by wind insurance; also that some trouble had developed with the pump on that farm.

Hanes Corner Road

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Highway Department concerning the land on N.E. side of road from the Middle to Hanes Corner and extending from the New Port road to Hanes Corner desired for the purpose of widening the road; that he had offered the property to the Highway Department on the terms mentioned by them except that the cash payment to the Trustees should be \$1000.00 instead of \$350.00 This offer was accepted by letter of Dec 11, 1939 from Alban P. Shaw Civil Eng'g & Surveyor. The conditions to be performed by the Highway Department were

1. That the Department properly reset all fences now existing and provide new fences where necessary
2. That it provide proper entrances as now existing.
3. That it compensate existing tenants for any loss sustained by them
4. That it pay to the Trustees of the Middle Corner the sum of \$1000.00

All this is with the understanding that the land is to be taken solely for road purposes and that in the future access to the road may be obtained from any point on the remaining ^{adjoining} land of the Trustees. (This last paragraph to be incorporated in the deed) The meeting the arrangement was approved and the Officers be authorized to execute the proper deeds or other instruments of writing.

School tax 1938

The action of the Treasurer was approved in paying the face amount of the School taxes for the year 1938 (amounting to 32.39). These taxes had been over looked by the tax collector at the time of paying the 1938 taxes. A bill of Patricia W.C. Gray for insurance amounting to 70.20 was ordered paid

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

January 6, 1940

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gellert, Banks, Spielber, Biggs, Booker & Rodney & Tobin (8)

Mr Shaw was made President pro tempore in the absence of the President The Treasurer's report was as follows:

Balance on hand after January payments	1470.89
Jan 2 Recd from John A. Bassett to Sept 1/39	75
Total	1545.89
Balance in Battery Park Fund	87.50

A letter was received from Standard Oil Co of New Jersey requesting the Trustees to sign an agreement relative to the agreement entered at Ballantrae Airport showing that such property belonged to the Oil Co and could be removed at the termination. The proper officers were authorized to execute the agreement.

A letter was received from Araphasa Garden Club asking that they donate for planting trees in the town and replacing such as have died might be continued. On motion the sum of \$50.00 was authorized to be paid to the Club for this purpose.

A statement was received from John Biggs of the Stockton farm inquiring as to possibility of erecting some individual air plane hangars on that farm in connection with the movement for students in air courses. Mr. Biggs did not have full information and a Committee was appointed to find out what was desired. Mr. Tobin, Mr. Booker and Mr. Gebhart were appointed as said Committee.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

March 5, 1940

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Janvier, Hewlett, Gebhart, Banks, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Shaw, Mr. Kutt, Booker, Tobin & Rodney (12)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal after February payments

Mrs Ellen Lawrence	.50
Atlantic Refining Co	180.00
Wolymite Refining Co	100.00
Horace L. Deakayne	300.00
John Higgins	229.50
Edward L. Megginson	469.50
Tasker T. Clark	250.50
Elyza W. Clark	423.00
John & Alex Biggs	808.50
W. Grant Abbott	382.10
Dividends on Securities	557.50

Bal in uninvested fund 1449.00

Rec'd from State Highway Dept 1000 2449.00

Bal in Battery Park fund 87.50

The following bills were ordered paid

J. E. Shendan work on Penn Farm	91.45
" " " " Abbott	22.60
" " " " Town Hall	3.50
George Handcastle farm parties Hares Com	2.35
Patrick W. Gray Toward 5 yrs 11 Mths	370.06
Mr. Castle Insurance Agency	193.47
J. T. & L. E. Shanon	4.88
Light & Water Board	9.00 697.31
Treasurer Expenses	100.00
Secretary " "	50.00
Acting Controller " "	50.00
Trustees Court House Rent	50.00
Insurance Church Care Town Clerk	50.00
James L. Bacon Janitor	25.00
	325.00
	1022.31

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1940

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Bank Balance March 1, 1939	\$ 5,458.07	Paid on Battery Park	\$ 3,000.00
Wm. G. Abbott	542.10	Interest on Battery Fund	300.00
Biggs Brothers	808.50	Investment Fund	1,000.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins, Oglethorpe	459.00	Contribution for Imp. on B. P.	50.00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark	723.00	Deposited for Battery Fund	300.00
August Leroney (on Hand)	1,189.50	County Taxes	441.50
Tasker T. Clark	561.00	Fire Insurance	496.80
Edward Megginson	939.00	Wind Insurance—5 yrs	370.06
Mrs. Sophia Higgins	450.00	Election Committee	9.00
Air Service Inc.	247.50	Board of Water & Light	128.38
Horace Deakayne	300.00	Printing	9.00
Whilmington Gun Club	400.00	New Castle Trust Box Rent	4.40
Atlantic Refining Co.	720.00	Araphasa Garden Club	50.00
John Reese	75.00	Contribution, Wm. Penn School	20.00
Giuseppe Maccari	21.00	Fire Company	339.00
Reba T. Holcomb	18.00	Coal and Repairs, Meeting Room	2.90
U. S. Air Service	20.00	Scraping Battery Park	100.00
Interest from Investments	867.50	Recording Deed	2.25
Daisy B. H. Baily	104.00	Wm. B. Bridgewater	.50
State Highway Comm.	1,000.00		
Holsler & Co.	25.00		
Ellen Lawrence	25.00		
Total	\$ 14,951.17	Total	\$ 6,623.79
		Repairs and Improvements at—	
		Jefferson Farm	\$ 328.33
		Stockton Farm	614.41
		Oglethorpe Farm	27.40
		Center Hall	768.82
		Penn Farm	363.06
		Bayard Farm	42.10
		Clayton Farm	146.59
		Model Farm	278.67
		Town Hall	54.32
		Total	\$ 2,623.70
		Treasurer Expenses	\$ 100.00
		Secretary Expenses	50.00
		Acting Committee	50.00
		Court House Committee	50.00
		Care of Town Clock	50.00
		Janitor Salary	50.00
		Balance cash in Bank	\$ 350.00
		Total	\$ 5,353.68
		Total	\$ 14,951.17

DUE FROM TENANTS

Wm. G. Abbott	\$ 1,000.00
John A. Reese	75.00
Giuseppe Maccari	21.00
Reba T. Holcomb	18.00
U. S. Air Service	20.00

RENT IN ADVANCE

Daisy B. H. Baily	\$ 8.00
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BATTERY PARK FUND

App. by N. C. Common Option (1938)	\$ 2,000.00	Del. N. J. Ferry Co	\$ 2,000.00
Fletcher Brown	20,000.00	Del. N. J. Ferry Co	22,901.95
N. C. Common	3,000.00	Paid Receiver of Taxes	76.00
N. C. Common	300.00	Fletcher Brown (Interest)	300.00
Received from Receiver of Taxes	65.45	Balance cash in Bank	387.50
N. C. Common	300.00	Total	\$ 25,665.45
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INVESTMENT FUND

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2. Town of Laurel 5% Bonds	2,000.00	30 Shares Equitable Trust	\$ 2,449.00
40. Christiana Securities Corp.	5,120.00	Balance Uninvested	289.00
Uninvested Funds	1,449.00		
State Highway Commission	1,000.00		
Total	\$ 21,626.50		

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	MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION	
	FRANK L. HEWLETT, Term expires March 31, 1943	
	BATTERY PARK COMMITTEE	MAJOR TRAVIS
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	PHILIP D. LAIRD	
	ISABELL BOOTH	

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Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
George T. Toblin	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
Jacob H. Speicher	Elected June 24, 1933
Chandler H. Gebhart	Elected Feb. 23, 1935
Donald C. Banks	Elected Feb. 4, 1939
Samuel B. McKnitt	Elected Sept. 30, 1939

Audited and found correct April 18, 1940

SAMUEL B. MCKNITT
JACOB H. SPEICHER
Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

On motion the sum of \$1800 was transferred from general fund to Battery Park fund to take care of payment of principal (\$1500.00) and interest (\$300.00) which will fall due on July 1st next.

Messrs. Speiser and Mr. Kunt were appointed as a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and to report to the Board.

Mr. Booker reported that Mrs. Lawrence had given up the occupancy of the room on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall and the keys were placed in the tin box in the safe.

A letter was received from Mr. John B. Cooper asking permission to make a survey of the insurances held by the Trustees on their various properties with a view of saving somewhat on the premiums but without any commitment or liability on the part of the Trustees.

Mr. Mr. Gray reported several requests from tenants for repairs and improvements and some being reported by the Acting Committee, that Committee was requested to consolidate all requests in one memorandum for future consideration by the Board.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the request of John Biggs in connection with the erection of additional air plane hangars on the Strocker Farm reported that they had met Mr. Biggs and he was anxious to know the views of the Board. Attention was drawn to the danger of mechanical lines in connection with the erection of the buildings and also that since the air planes were to be used by student pilots there would be additional danger of damage to the buildings from that source. On motion the Committee was continued for further investigation with power to give permission for the erection of the hangars provided that the Trustees are entirely indemnified against any possible loss either by reason of mechanical lines or by reason of possible damage to the buildings from air planes.

Mr. Isabel J. Booth was re-elected a member of the Park Committee for the term of three years expiring on the first Tuesday in March 1943. Mr. Donald C. Banks was re-elected a member of said Committee as representing the Trustees of New Castle Common and Mr. Major H. Travis as representing City Council both of said terms expiring on the first Tuesday in March 1941.

Mr. Frank L. Hewlett was re-elected as a member of the Light and Water Commission of the City of New Castle for the term of three years.

A communication having been received from the Battery Park Committee similar to letters sent to citizens in general throughout the town in which contributions were requested for the improvement of the Battery the sum of \$50.00 was authorized to be donated to the Committee.

The Board then went into election of officers with the following result.

President - Francis de V. Janvier

Secretary - Richard S. Rodney

Treasurer - Patrick Mr. Gray - This election being for two years

Acting Committee - Messrs. Shaw, Tobin and Biggs

Committee on Public Buildings - " Booker, Banks & Gilbert

Janitor - James L. Bacon

The President, Secretary & Treasurer were authorized, as a Committee, to invest the sum of \$2449 now on hand as an uninvested fund.

The Secretary was authorized to write to Frank L. Almyer, a member of the Board, expressive of the wishes of the Board for his speedy recovery.

Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

April 2, 1940

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Jarvis, Gelbart, W. Kunt, Banks, Sprecher, Mr. Gray, Tobin, Biggs, Shaw & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Bal in General fund after March payments	4173.53
Apr 1/40 Christiana Seawater Co	70.00

Survey Check

The Treasurer also reported that he had received from August Seroney a check payable April 15th 1940 for \$1189.50

Investment

It was reported that the uninvested funds had been invested in thirty five shares of Equitable Trust Co stock at \$22⁰⁰ per share making 2160 + carry 289⁰⁰ uninvested.

Trust Co

The following bills were ordered paid

Joseph Thomas	6.30	
F. E. Shandau	7.50	13.80

The Acting Committee reported a number of requests made by the various tenants. The Committee was authorized to have the small requests granted and on the larger items to receive some estimate of the costs.

The Committee in connection with the creation of bays on the Stockton Farm for housing airplanes made a tentative report but had no definite information. The matter was referred back to the Committee with the request that it obtain further information including the amount of income that the tenants expected to receive from the rent of the bays.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

May 7, 1940

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gelbart, Hurlbut, Banks, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Sprecher, Booker & Rodney (9) In the absence of the President, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Shaw was made President pro tempore.

The Treasurer made the following report

March 1940 20 Cash balance	5353.68	
April 1940 New Christiana Seawater Co	70.00	
Giuseppe Alcevari	21.00	5444.68
April payments		13.80
		5430.88
		30
Equitable Trust Co dividend		5460.88

The following bills were ordered paid

Star Wall Paper Co 8.56 + 95	= 9.50	
Joseph Thomas	9.90	
J. T. & S. Elason Mar 24 - Apr 30	38.88	= 63.40
Water Rent	45.85	
New Castle County Gazette (10 months)	5.50	
New Castle Insurance Agency	16.25	
P. Lee Gray Insurance	27.16	177.56

The Treasurer also reported and presented the printed annual statement.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of \$1500 be withdrawn from the General fund and deposited in the Battery Park Fund to take of the payment of principal which will fall due in July. This was in view of the Resolution passed March 5, 1940 (Page 425) which provided that \$1500 should be so transferred. By a misunderstanding only 300⁰⁰ had been transferred in accordance with the former resolution so that the sum of \$1500 is now ordered to be transferred.

On motion it was resolved that the Trustees are opposed to the erection of a replica of the old whipping post and pillory on the Green.

On motion the usual sum of \$20⁰⁰ was directed to William Penn School as prizes as has been done heretofore.

Mr. Biggs and Mr. Mr. Gray presented to the Board both letters and the results of personal interviews with the agents of Richard S. Saltzer a real estate man of 15th & Locust Sts in Philadelphia. He was interested for a client in the property at or near the N. E. corner of the intersection of the Christiana Road (U.S. Route 40) and the du Pont Highway (U.S. Route #13). After considerable discussion the Secretary was authorized to write to Mr. Saltzer that the corner itself was under lease to Mr & Mrs Horace Mackay until July 1, 1941 and the rest of the farm leased to August Seroney until March 1, 1941 and to inform Mr. Saltzer that the Trustees considered it advisable and he (Mr. Saltzer) if interested in the corner should first approach Mr. Mackay for if he was not disposed to make any arrangement in the matter then the Trustees could take no action.

The Committee appointed to see Mr. Biggs with regard to the erection of the bays presented a letter from Mr. E. C. Wear the contractor and builder to the effect that he, Mr. Wear, would be responsible for all materials & would save the Trustees from all responsibility.

The Board received a communication from Mr. John J. B. Cropper who made a survey of all the insurances now in force on the various buildings. It appears that the Board has now some 27 policies covering, against fire, the various properties; that several policies cover the same properties and that there do not always agree as to the construction of the buildings nor as to the agreed value and that there differences bring about different rates; that some of the policies (viz the vintage policies) contain a provision that in case of loss there will be paid only 75% of the agreed valuation and that all policies are now written on an annual basis. The report showed the present annual premium as \$479.73 (the printed report showed fire insurance for 1939 as \$496.80).

It was suggested that all insurances be placed in the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company or Insurance Company of North America and to be written on a five year basis beginning in January 1941 or some other time to be fixed. That the first premium would be \$1233 and that after that year the annual premium would be \$394⁰⁰ or an annual saving of 102.80 over the amount expended as shown by the printed report. It was contemplated that there would be issued but 5 policies one expiring each year and that each policy would cover all the properties and each be for its proportionate part of the coverage.

It was suggested that two policies covering due May 19, 1940 and one due May 22, 1940 be cancelled and written so as to come into the general scheme to be operative in January but some Trustees not being present and it being desired to give them an opportunity of expressing their views the matter was postponed until the June meeting and the three policies expiring in May were ordered continued as at present.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 4, 1940

Trustees met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gilbert, Hewitt, Banks, Mr. Gray, Tobie, Biggs, Shaw, Spieker, Boardman & Roddy. (11)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bank balance June 1, 1940	4503.42	
Recd Atlantic Refining Co	180.00	
Royal Insurance Co	110.10	
Widener Trust Co (dividend)	100.00	390.10
		4443.52

The following bills were ordered paid

Royal Insurance Co (Marine Liability Bond)	15.00
Esquire Standard	47.78
E. C. Wear	126.89
	189.67

and it was reported that another Bill of E. C. Wear will be due of \$110.10 being the amount covered from Royal Insurance Co for wind damage.

The quarterly statement of Light & Water Board was received & filed.

On motion it was resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized to install a pump at Centre Hill Farm at or near the bid of 70.00.

On motion the Acting Committee was authorized to have a new metal roof (preferably channel iron not the ordinary galvanized iron) roof installed at Penn Farm granary at not exceeding 444.60. This bid also includes new siding on the ends of the building.

The Committee was also given discretion to have certain repairs made to the roof of the granary at the Bayard farm.

The matter of changing the method of insurance was brought up for discussion but owing to the lateness of the hour the matter was continued until Thursday June 20 to which time the meeting adjourned.

Richard S. Roddy, Secretary

June 20, 1940

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening. Present Messrs Biggs, Banks, Mr. Gray, Roddy, Spieker & Mr. Kull (6)

In the absence of President James Mr. Biggs was elected President Pro Tempore.

On motion it was resolved that the insurance on the various farm buildings be taken out on a five year basis on blanket policies with Mr. Patrick W. Gray and Mr. John J. Cropper, Jr.

The action of the Treasurer in changing the Company which is Surety on the bond as Treasurer from Maryland Casualty Company to Royal Indemnity Company was approved.

Mr. Shaw reported that Mr. Haggren desired the roof of his granary to be repaired for storage of wheat.

The Board resolved to adjourn until Tuesday in September (Sept 10)

Richard S. Roddy
Secretary

September 10, 1940

Trustees met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gilbert, Hewitt, Mr. Kull, Banks, Spieker, Tobie, Biggs & Roddy (7)

Mr. Shaw was made President Pro Tempore

Mr. Mr. Gray (though absent) sent the following report

Balance after June payments	3877.64
Received from John A. Pearce Rent	75.00
U.S. Government "	20.00
Christians Savings Co (dividend)	70.00
James Inc Co (Retire premium)	4.73
Equitable Trust Co (dividend)	22.50
James Inc Co (Retire premium)	58.53
Unionville Court, Inds "	15.62
Robt. T. Holcomb Rent	18.00
Tasler Clark "	280.00
Atlantic Refining Co "	180.00
Widener Trust Co "	100.00
W. Grant Abbott	180.00
Eliza W. Clark	361.50
John Higgins	229.50
Sophia Higgins	450.00
Edward & Haggrenson	469.50
	2534.88
	6412.52

The following bills were presented and ordered paid.

J. T. & E. E. Sherson July bill	37.24	
Aug "	42.32	79.56
Mrs John F. Z. Clayton line		11.20
Joseph F. Grant		14.24
New Port Fence Co		111.51
County taxes		393.39
Pennsylvania Ins Co (under new form)		132.66
Royal Insurance Co "		132.12
J. E. Sheridan new pump at house at Penn 125		
repair " barn "	51.75	176.75
E. C. Wear work at Penn Farm	444.60	
" " Bayard farm	126	570.60
Wind Insurance	309.00	1931.03

Mr. J. E. Sheridan was present at the meeting & some discussion was had as to the expense of the well work at Penn Farm. The Acting Committee reported that Mr. Wear had put on a new roof on one side of granary at the Bayard farm & this was represented by the bill for 126.00.

The death of Mr. James, President of the Board which occurred on August 22, 1940 having been reported the President Pro Tempore appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions. Committee Shaw, Banks & Spieker

Mr. Banks reported that Miss Henry B. Thompson of Weymouth was much interested in Battery Park and the completion of the planting and landscaping with walks etc. Mrs. Thompson suggested the planting to be in some way, be a memorial to Mr. & Mrs. Janvier. On motion it was resolved that this Board is intensely interested in the development of the Park but that it had appointed a Park Committee having the Park in charge and it was felt that all suggestions as to the Park should be made to the Committee and it does make any representations to the Board. The Secretary was reported to communicate with Miss Thompson.

Mr. Shaw presented some correspondence with the State Board of Health as to the waste water from Taster Charles house crossing the road and consequent complaint of persons on that side of the Road.

Mr. H. H. Kitt presented the question of drainage of a field on the Penn Farm by reason of the new road to Hares Corner. The Secretary was requested to ask the State Highway Department to have its representative meet with the Acting Committee and surmount both locations looking toward the elimination of both Combinations.

The meeting then adjourned

Richard Parkey
Secretary

Oct 1, 1940

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Hewlett, Shaw, Spencer, Mr. Banks, Gehlert, & Bookar. Mr. Hewlett was made President Pro Tempore in the absence of the Secretary Mr. Spencer was elected Secretary Pro Tem.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. Gray, being absent there was no Treasurer report.

Mr. Shaw for the Acting Committee reported that he had taken up with the State Highway Department the matter of water backing up in the field on the Penn farm due to a fill for the widening of the highway to Hares Corner and they promised to look into and correct the matter.

The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions on the death of Mr. Janvier, late President of this Board, presented Resolutions which were ordered spread upon the minutes and a copy mailed to the family of the deceased. These minutes follow the notes of this meeting.

As the next monthly meeting falls upon Thursday November 5th the day of the General Election it was determined to adjourn to Wednesday November 6th.

(Signed) J. H. Spencer Secretary Pro Tempore

Resolution re
Mr. Janvier

With profound sorrow, the Trustees of New Castle Common record the death of one of its most earnest and zealous members, Francis deH. Janvier, which occurred on August 22nd, 1940.

Mr. Janvier was elected a Trustee on April 15, 1903 to succeed Hiram H. Borie. On October 1st, 1918 he was elected President to succeed James M. Wise, and was reelected each year or for twenty-two consecutive years. During all these years he has been consistently punctual and regular in his attendance.

In New Castle which he so loved and served, the New Castle Common as well as other city institutions claimed his interest and support. He was ever ready and willing to freely give of his time and talent; his wealth of experience and maturity of judgment operated always to the benefit of the trust placed in him.

His absolute honesty and integrity was honored and admired by all who had the pleasure to be associated with him, and the recollection thereof will always remain with us.

His passing away is not only a distinct loss to the Common but to New Castle of which he was so much a part.

To the members of his family we offer this expression of our deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Jacob H. Speicher
Edward J. Jones
Jas. J. Shaw
Committee.

October 1, 1940;

November 6, 1940

Trustees met this evening at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gabbart, Hewlett, Mr. Knitt, Banks, Mr. Gray, Biggs, Booker & Rodney (9)

Mr Shaw was elected as President Pro Tempore

The treasurer reported as follows
Bal after September

The following Bills was ordered paid

Water Rent	65.06	
John Van Veen (land farm)	20.40	
" " Carter Hall	27.15	112.61

The foregoing bills were ordered paid and the Treasurer was instructed to collect from the Atlantic Refining Company the excess water rental charged against their property in accordance with their written agreement and to notify the tenants that in the future the Trustees would pay the excess or normal bill but would expect the tenants to pay the excess.

Harry Buckingham
Old School House
on School House Lane

Mr W. H. Gray reported a conversation with Mr Harry Buckingham relative to his leasing and repairing the old brick school house on School House Lane for a house the repairs & improvements to be made by Mr Buckingham. Mr W. H. Gray was requested to obtain from Mr Buckingham a written memorandum of the repairs he would expect to make and the amount of money he would expect to lay out & the terms of the agreement he would expect.

Appropriation
for Garden Club

It was reported by the Aracantha Garden Club that 334 trees had been planted by the direction of the Trustees and that these trees should be trimmed. The cost of this trimming was stated to be \$23.05 & it was deemed to replace a few trees that had died. Mr W. H. Gray was appointed to replace a few trees that had died. Mr W. H. Gray the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to the Garden Club to cover the cost of trimming the trees and replacements.

Election for
successor to
Mr Jaurin

Mr W. H. Gray reported a conversation with Mr Harry Buckingham relative to his leasing and repairing the old brick school house on School House Lane for a house the repairs & improvements to be made by Mr Buckingham. Mr W. H. Gray was requested to obtain from Mr Buckingham a written memorandum of the repairs he would expect to make and the amount of money he would expect to lay out & the terms of the agreement he would expect.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

November 3, 1940

Trustees met this evening at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gabbart, Hewlett, Mr. Knitt, Banks, Speicher, Mr. Gray, Booker & Rodney (9)
Mr Shaw was elected President Pro Tempore.

The Committee appointed to hold an election on Saturday Nov 30, 1940 for the election of a successor to Francis de X. Jaurin reported that such election had been had at which 556 votes were polled as follows

Richard W. Appleby received 447 votes
Arthur A. Miller received 109 votes

Richard W. Appleby appeared at the meeting, was duly qualified by taking the oath of office and took his seat as a member.

The Treasurer reported balance after November payments of \$4280.06

Received from Miss Bean	4.00	
Mr Bailey	32.00	
Atlantic Refining Co	150.00	216.00
		4496.06

On election the following bills were paid

Election Committee expenses	9.00	
William Deakins	3.25	
1/2 Cent of Election lefts at Model Farm	53.74	65.99

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer from the general fund to the Battery Park fund the sum of \$277.50 being the semi annual interest on the indebtedness due to H. Fletcher Brown and due on Jan 1, 1941 and to pay said interest when it falls due.

Considerable discussion was had concerning the method of holding elections. At the last election Mr Appleby had been announced as a candidate and no other person was announced until the evening before the election. It was thought that the best interests of the citizens required that due and proper notice be had of those persons who were candidates and to be voted for and an Ordinance was duly adopted (unanimously) as appears on the following page.

Richard S. Rodney Secretary

ORDINANCE OF TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON

ELECTIONS

WHEREAS the efficient conduct of elections for Trustees of New Castle Common can best be had by the use of uniform ballots at such elections and the interests of the citizens and voters best subserved by a timely knowledge of candidates to be voted for at such elections:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of New Castle Common (more than nine trustees being present and more than seven assenting thereto), as follows:

Sec. 1. That at all future elections for Trustees of New Castle Common uniform ballots shall be used.

Sec. 2. Any person intending to become a candidate as Trustee of New Castle Common at any election held pursuant to the Charter of the said Board shall, at least ten days before said election, file with the Secretary of said Trustees (or in case of his absence with the President of the Board) a written notice of his intention to become a candidate, and paying the fee herein provided for.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the said Trustees of New Castle Common (or in his absence, of the President of the said Board) to prepare and have printed a sufficient number of ballots to be used at each election, mentioned as aforesaid, using only the names of candidates who have complied with the provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance. The said ballots shall be of uniform size, color and material, and the candidates thereon shall be arranged alphabetically. Two hundred and fifty ballots for each name appearing on the ballot as a candidate shall be delivered on the morning of the day set for the election to the Inspector or Judge holding the election, and as many to any candidate as he shall have previously requested, charging such candidate the actual cost of printing such ballots, and the candidates shall be entitled to receive their ballots at least three days before election day.

Sec. 4. A voter shall designate the candidate for whom he wishes to vote by leaving such name unmarked on the ballot and shall designate those for whom he does not wish to vote by drawing a line through their name or names with pencil, ink or crayon. Inspectors or Judges of elections shall not canvass or count any ballots that are cast for any person not on the official ballot herein provided for.

Sec. 5. When filing their names, as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance, candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Trustees of New Castle Common the sum of \$2.00, which shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the said Board for the partial defraying of the expenses of printing.

Adopted December 3, 1940.

Jan 7, 1941

The trustees met this evening at E. P. W. Prout Messrs Shaw, Mr. S. Gray, Gelbart, Mr. Knitt, Tobin, Hewlett, Appleby, Sprecher, Booker & Rowley (10)

Mr Shaw was made President pro tempore

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance on hand after December payments	4152.49
Received from Christiana Securities Co	70.00
Wilmington Lawn Club	100.00
	170.00
	4322.49

The following general bills were ordered paid

J + S E Election	12.00	
" "	2.90	
" "	9.70	13.80

John Van Veen Chumey at Centre Hall	138.40
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John T. Sloops	.75	152.95
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Final bills putting into effect the consolidated fire insurance matters of the Trustees was presented. One bill from Houghton, Weymouth & Berkeley was as follows

1 yr from 1/10/41	Pennsylvania Fire Ins Co Policy No 162775 for 5622.50	37.34
2 yrs " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 162774 " 7472.50	86.86
3 " " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 162773 " 7472.50	124.08
4 " " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 162772 " 7472.50	161.30
5 " " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 162771 " 7472.50	198.52
		608.10

Policy 162525 dated July 10/40 Cancelled as of 1/10/41 Return Premium	70.05
	538.05

1 yr from 1/10/41	Increasing Pennsylvania Fire Ins Co Policy # 162775 by 1850.00	7.87
	as of May 19, 1941	545.92

One additional bill for the other half of the insurance from Royal Insurance Co was

1 yr from 1/10/41	Royal Fire Insurance Co Policy No 747715 for 5622.50	37.34
2 yrs " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 747716 " 7472.50	86.86
3 yrs " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 747717 " 7472.50	124.08
4 yrs " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 747718 " 7472.50	161.30
5 yrs " 1/10/41	" " " " " " " " 747719 " 7472.50	198.52
		608.10

Policy No 747680 dated July 10/40 Cancelled as of 1/10/41 Return Premium	70.05
	538.05

1 yr from 1/10/41	Increasing Royal Policy # 747715 by 1850.00 as of May 19/41	7.87
		545.92

The two bills each for 545.92 & aggregating 1091.84 were ordered paid and after May 19, 1941 the insurances on the property of the Trustees will be covered by six policies in each company as shown on following page

Increase	1 yr from 1/10/41	Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Co	162775	5622.50	
	1 .. " 5/10/41	"	162775	1850.00	from May 19/41
Increase	1 .. " 1/10/41	Royal Insurance Co	747715	5622.50	
	1 .. " 1/10/41	"	699914	1850.00	from May 19/41
	2 .. " 1/10/41	Pennsylvania	162774	7472.50	
	2 .. " 1/10/41	Royal	747716	7472.50	
	3 .. " 1/10/41	Pennsylvania	162773	7472.50	
	3 .. " 1/10/41	Royal	747717	7472.50	
	4 .. " 1/10/41	Pennsylvania	162772	7472.50	
	4 .. " 1/10/41	Royal	747718	7472.50	
	5 .. " 1/10/41	Pennsylvania	162771	7472.50	
	5 .. " 1/10/41	Royal	747719	7472.50	

On Jan 10, 1942 there will expire one policy in each company for 7472.50 and there will be renewed for a five year term costing \$198.52 each or 3.97.04. This will then be continued annually.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Feb 4, 1941

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gebhart, W. Kuntt, Banks, Spieker, W. Groy, Appley, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal after January meeting		3099.40	
Received from Christiana Securities Co	70. ⁰⁰		
" " John A. Reese	25. ⁰⁰		
" " Adelaide Bean	4. ⁰⁰		
" " Equitable Trust Co	22. ⁵⁰	171.50	3265.90

School house Mr Shaw reported a conversation with Saroney as to the use of the old brick school building on School House Lane. While no official action was taken it seemed to be the feeling of the members that Saroney could use the building and drive a nail if he desired but that the Trustees at this time felt they could not expend money on the property with no return of rental. The Trustees individually indicated they might advance some money to make some repairs but would expect such sums to be returned in a reasonable time.

Investment Attention was drawn to the fact that \$289 remained uninvested in the investment account. On motion the Treasurer was instructed to buy from Paul J. Newland, due five additional shares of Equitable Trust Co. paying stock @ 7 1/2 (making \$357.⁵⁰) and to transfer from the General fund to the investment fund the sum of \$68.⁵⁰ which with the \$289.00 uninvested would meet such purchase.

The following bills were approved

E. C. Wiser work at Tackler Clarks (Clayton June)	100. ⁵⁵
Haderer also (from additional list of Trustees)	1.40
	101.95

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

March 4, 1941

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shaw, Gebhart, Hurdlett, Banks, Spieker, W. Groy, Tobin, Appley, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance after last meeting	2836.82
Receipts since last meeting	
Interest on bond investments	589.50
Voluntary Gen Club	100.00
Atlantic Refining Co	180.00
Edward S. Blaggenisen	469.50
Tackler T. Clark	280.50
Biggs Brothers	808.50
Horace Shadyne	300.00
W. Grant Abbott	100.00
Transferred from investment account	289.00
	5951.82

Mr Shaw reported a conversation with August Saroney to the effect that Saroney would repair the old brick school house on school house lane if the Trustees would advance the cost of the materials and would agree to repay this advancement to the Trustees at the rate of at least \$5.⁰⁰ per month until the advancements are paid. The Board approved this arrangement and are paying at this meeting the bill of J. T. & S. E. Elson, due for the sum of \$150.27 on account of such repairs.

Mr Shaw reported that Biggs Brothers requested the trustees to pay one half of the cost of lime purchased last year. The Board refused to do so.

The Treasurer reported that he had purchased the additional five shares of Equitable Trust Co stock as directed at the last meeting.

The following bills were ordered paid & allowed expenses allowed

J. T. & S. E. Elson	156.48
New Castle Trust Co	4.44
Travers E. Shandau	8.00
Treasurers Exp fees	100.00
Secretary's Exp fees	50.00
Acting Committee's Expenses	50.00
Trustees of Market Square Rent	50.00
Care of Town Clerk	50.00
Janitor	25.00
	493.92

Mr James J. W. Davitt was re-elected a member of the Park Committee for the term of three years expiring on the first Tuesday in March 1944. Mr Donald C. Banks was re-elected a member of said Committee as representing the Trustees of New Castle Common and Mayor N. Travers as representing City Council both of said last two elections expiring on the first Tuesday in March 1942.

The Board then went into the election of officers with the following result:

The Acting Committee was authorized to have a line fence erected between the Penn Farm & the Wooded Farm

The Treasurer was instructed to write to Grant Abbott that the Trustees expect a substantial payment on account of rent in the near future

The Committee appointed in connection with the taking of the Bayard Farm and a portion of Centre Hall for purposes of the suggested Act first reported that they had had meetings with the representatives of the City Court and had discussed some figures but they were, as yet, in a tentative form and there was nothing definite to report.

The Committee also reported that it had requested a legal opinion from Robert H. Richards, Esq. but it had not yet been received

The Secretary was authorized to obtain a certified copy of the recent Act of Assembly authorizing a bond issue of the City of New Castle for the purpose of repaying the loan obtained for the purchase of the Battery property

Richard S. Rodney

June 3, 1941

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs. Shaw, Gehlert, Speaker, Hewlett, Mr. Gray, Tobin, Biggs, Applby, Banks & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Bal. after payment of May bills	6309.20	
Wilmington Trust Company	100.00	
Atlantic Refining Co	150.00	
John A. Reese	12.50	
County Treasurer for land to be acquired for New Port (10%)	8000.00	14601.70

The following bills were ordered paid

J. T. & L. E. Elison	50.34	
J. Elison Bill for John Bygones fund	5.00	
Star Wall Paper Co.	25.00	
New Castle County Gazette (Statement)	9.00	
Certified Copy of Act of Assembly	2.10	
C. L. Blackburn	25.00	
Mrs. John F. Z. Clayton line	6.27	122.71

It was reported to the Board that a written contract had been entered into between the City Court & the Trustees whereby the City Court was to acquire by condemnation all the land of the Trustees on the west side of the Highway between the New Port road on the North and Churchmans Road on the South. This includes a several lot of about 18 acres at the corner of the highway and New Port Road (part of Centre Hall farm) and also a farm (Bayard farm) bounded on North by School House Lane, by Churchmans Road on South, on Highway on East and land of John T. Hopkins on West containing about 15 1/2 acres. The agreed price is \$8000.00 and \$8000.00 was paid on account.

It was agreed that the property be taken by condemnation & that the amount of \$8000 be paid regardless of the award of the Commission

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

June 19, 1941

A Special meeting of the Trustees was held this evening. Present Messrs. Shaw, Hewlett, Mr. Cull, Banks, Speaker, Mr. Gray, Gehlert, Tobin, Booker & Rodney (10)

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the Board of Education of New Castle Special School District. This letter detailed terms set out the over crowded conditions in William Penn School and the necessity of enlargement. The letter stated that the last Legislature provided 90000.00 for additions to the school provided the District would raise 55000.00 and that a referendum would be held in the District. The letter inquired as to whether the Board could give financial assistance in the matter. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the School Board and state that in view of the present indebtedness existing against the Board amounting to upwards of 18500.00 the Board was not at this time able to render substantial assistance.

A letter was received from the Park Committee asking the continued interest of the Board in Battery Park and such donation as the Board felt able to make. An motion the sum of \$100 was appropriated to the Committee.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid

New Port Fishing Company ferry at Wooded Farm	219.45
Mrs. Sophie Higgins 1/2 bill of New Port for electric work	19 238.45

The meeting was called to consider the legal opinion rendered by Robert H. Richards Esq. This opinion was requested specifically as to four points as follows:

- As to whether or not the Trustees have power of sale of the trust property
- As to the meaning of the words "good real estate security" in Section 2 of the Act of 1885 concerning investments in case of the sale of trust property
- As to whether the proceeds of condemnation proceedings were required to be invested in "good real estate security" as required by the Act of 1885 in case of voluntary sale or whether such proceeds of condemnation proceedings could be invested in ordinary trust investments provided by the laws of the State of Delaware
- In what manner the restrictive words "good real estate security" in the Act of 1885 should be changed so as to affect investments of voluntary sales in the future.

The opinion was an elaborate 83-page opinion & answered each question

The Board then considered the question of the appointment of a financial agent which should hold all the principal securities of the Board and collect & remit to the Treasurer the income therefrom: that would advise the Trustees as to investments and make periodical review of investments with suggestions as to any changes deemed advisable.

An motion it was resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Shaw, Mr. Gray & Rodney be authorized to employ Equitable Trust Company of Wilmington to act in this capacity, it being understood that the compensation of the Trustee would be 5% on income. Mr. Rodney was excused from voting on this motion.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

STATEMENT

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1940

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RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bank Balance March 1, 1939 \$ 5,458.07	Paid on Battery Park \$ 3,000.00
Wm. G. Abbott 542.10	Interest on Battery Fund 1,000.00
Biggs Brothers 808.50	Investment Fund 50.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins, Oglethorpe 459.00	Contribution for Imp. on B. P. 300.00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark 723.00	Deposited for Battery Fund 441.50
August Leroney (on Hand) 1,189.50	County Taxes 496.50
Tasker T. Clark 561.00	Fire Insurance 370.06
Edward Megginson 939.00	Wind Insurance—5 yrs 9.00
Mrs. Sophia Higgins 450.00	Election Committee 128.85
Air Service Inc. 247.50	Board of Water & Light 9.00
Horace Deakayne 300.00	Printing 4.40
Wilmington Gun Club 400.00	New Castle Trust Box Rent 50.00
Atlantic Refining Co. 720.00	Araphasa Garden Club 20.00
John Reese 21.00	Contribution, Wm. Penn School 339.00
Giuseppe Maccari 18.00	Fire Company 2.90
Reba T. Holcomb 20.00	Coal and Repairs, Meeting Room 100.00
U. S. Air Service 867.50	Scraping Battery Park 2.25
Interest from Investments 104.00	Recording Deed .50
Daisy B. H. Bally 1,000.00	Wm. B. Bridgewater
State Highway Comm. 25.00	
Heisler & Co. 25.00	
Ellen Lawrence	
Total \$ 14,951.17	Total \$ 6,623.79
	Repairs and Improvements at—
	Jefferson Farm \$ 328.33
	Stockton Farm 614.41
	Oglethorpe Farm 27.40
	Center Hall 763.82
	Penn Farm 303.06
	Bayard Farm 42.10
	Clayton Farm 148.59
	Model Farm 278.67
	Town Hall 51.32
	Treasurer Expenses \$ 100.00
	Secretary Expenses 50.00
	Acting Committee 50.00
	Court House Committee 50.00
	Care of Town Clock 50.00
	Janitor Salary 50.00
	Total \$ 2,623.70
	Balance cash in Bank \$ 350.00
	Total \$ 5,353.68
	Total \$ 14,951.17
	DUE FROM TENANTS
	Wm. G. Abbott \$ 1,000.00
	John A. Reese 75.00
	Giuseppe Maccari 21.00
	Reba T. Holcomb 18.00
	U. S. Air Service 20.00
	RENT IN ADVANCE
	Daisy B. H. Bally \$ 8.00

BATTERY PARK FUND	
App. by N. C. Common Option (1938) \$ 2,000.00	Del. N. J. Ferry Co. \$ 2,000.00
Fletcher Brown 20,000.00	Del. N. J. Ferry Co. 22,901.95
N. C. Common 3,000.00	Paid Receiver of Taxes 76.00
N. C. Common 300.00	Fletcher Brown (Interest) 300.00
N. C. Common 65.45	Balance cash in Bank 387.50
Received from Receiver of Taxes 300.00	
N. C. Common	
Total \$ 25,665.45	Total \$ 25,665.45

INVESTMENT FUND	
5, Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2 % Bonds \$ 4,912.50	Uninvested Fund \$ 1,449.00
2, Penna. R. R. Co. 3 1/2 % Bonds 2,020.00	State Highway Comm. 1,000.00
5, City of New Castle 5 % Bonds 5,125.00	
2, Town of Laurel 5 1/2 % Bonds 2,000.00	
40, Christiana Securities Corp. 5,120.00	
Uninvested Funds 1,449.00	
State Highway Commission 1,000.00	
Total \$ 21,626.50	30 Shares Equitable Trust 2,160.00
	Balance Uninvested 289.00

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD		
FRANCIS deH. Janvier, Pres.	PATRICK McGRORY, Treas.	RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.
JAMES G. SHAW	JAMES E. BIGGS	GEORGE T. TOBIN
DR. LEWIS BOOKER	COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING	CHANDLER H. GEBHART
	DONALD C. BANKS	
	MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION	
	FRANK L. HEWLETT, Term expires March 31, 1943	
BATTERY PARK COMMITTEE		
DONALD C. BANKS	ISABELL BOOTH	MAJOR TRAVIS
PHILIP D. LAIRD		JAMES McDEVITT

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES		
Jefferson 1	W. Grant Abbott 90 1-2	\$543.00
Stockton 2	John & Alex Biggs 134 3-4	808.50
Oglethorpe 3	Sophia Higgins 76 1-2	459.00
Center Hall 5	Ellz. W. Clark 120 1-2	723.00
Penn & Union 6	August Leroney 198 1-4	1,189.50
Part of Union 6	Horace Deakayne	300.00
Bayard 9	Edw. S. Megginson 156 1-2	939.00
Clayton 10	Tasker T. Clark 93 1-2	561.00
Model 11	Sophia Higgins 109 1-2	450.00
Part of 6	Air Service, Inc. 33	247.50
Part of 6	Reba T. Holcomb 3	18.00
Part of 3	Atlantic Refining Co. 3 1-2	720.00
Part of 2	Giuseppe Maccari 7	42.00
Part of 2	Wilm. Gun Club 36	400.00
Part of 6	U. S. Airway Service	20.00
City Hall Store	John A. Reese	96.00
New Castle Antique Shop		96.00
Total		\$7,666.50

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON	
Patrick McGrory	Elected Dec. 31, 1892
Francis deH. Janvier	Elected April 15, 1903
James G. Shaw	Elected Sept. 26, 1903
James E. Biggs	Elected Jan. 26, 1907
Richard S. Rodney	Elected Sept. 27, 1913
George T. Hewlett	Elected July 26, 1919
Dr. Lewis Booker	Elected Sept. 29, 1923
George T. Tobin	Elected May 1, 1926
Mark J. Clymer	Elected Jan. 26, 1929
Jacob H. Speicher	Elected June 24, 1933
Chandler H. Gebhart	Elected Feb. 23, 1935
Donald C. Banks	Elected Feb. 4, 1939
Samuel B. McKnitt	Elected Sept. 30, 1939

Audited and found correct April 18, 1940
SAMUEL B. MCKNITT,
JACOB H. SPEICHER,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK McGRORY,
Treasurer

of the **Receipts and Expenditures** of the **Trustees of New Castle Common** FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1941

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	
Bank Balance Mar. 1, 1940 \$ 5,353.68	Battery Park \$ 1,500.00	
Wm. G. Abbott 280.00	Interest on Battery Park 277.50	
Biggs Brothers 808.50	Fire Ins. 5 yr. New Form 1,400.03	
Mrs. Sophia Higgins (Model) 450.00	County Tax 393.39	
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark 723.00	5 yr. W. Storm Policy 309.14	
August Leroney 561.00	Paul Nolan 5 shares Eq. Trust 357.50	
Tasker T. Clark 939.00	Board of Water & Light 119.91	
Edward Megginson 459.00	Wm. Penn School 20.00	
John Higgins (Oglethorpe) 247.50	Bond for Treasure 15.00	
Horace Deakayne 300.00	Araphasa Garden Club 50.00	
Wilmington Gun Club 400.00	Picture Frame 1.40	
Atlantic Refining Co. 720.00	John T. Stoops .75	
John Reese 225.00	New Castle County Gazette 5.50	
Giuseppe Maccari 42.00	Wm. Deakayne Coal 3.25	
Reba T. Holcomb 36.00	Election Committee 9.00	
U. S. Air Service 20.00	Box Rent New Castle Trust 4.44	
Interest from Investments 965.00		
Daisy B. H. Bally 58.00	Total \$ 4,466.81	
Heisler & Co. 25.00		
Elizabeth R. Beans 20.00	Repairs and Improvements at—	
Returned Premium Fire Ins. 154.98	Jefferson \$131.37	
Received from R. Inc. W. Storm 110.10	Stockton 195.25	
From the un-invested Fund 289.00	Oglethorpe 7.84	
Total \$13,184.76	Center Hall 266.15	
	Penn 903.51	
	Bayard 154.77	
	Clayton 154.53	
	Model 108.83	
	Total \$ 1,922.25	
	Treasure Expenses \$100.00	
	Secretary 50.00	
	Acting Committee 50.00	
	Court House 50.00	
	Care of Town Clock 50.00	
	Janitor Salary 50.00	
	Total \$ 350.00	
	Balance cash in Bank 6,445.70	
	Total \$13,184.76	
	BATTERY PARK FUND	
	Bank Balance \$87.50	
	INVESTMENTS MATURITY	
	5 Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2 % Bond Due Jan. 16, 1961 \$ 4,912.50	
	2 Penna. R. R. Co. 3 1/2 % Bond Due April 1, 1970 2,020.00	
	10 City of New Castle 5 % Bond Due May 1, 1944 5,125.00	
	2 Town of Laurel 5 1/2 % Bond Due April 1, 1950 2,000.00	
	40 Christiana Securities Corp. 5,120.00	
	35 Shares Equitable Trust Co. 2,517.50	
	Total \$ 21,695.00	
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Part of 2	Wilm. Gun Club 36	400.00
Part of 6	U. S. Airway Service	20.00
City Hall Store	John A. Reese	96.00
New Castle Antique Shop		96.00
Total		\$7,739.50
	Audited and found correct April 28, 1941	
	SAMUEL B. MCKNITT, JACOB H. SPEICHER, Auditing Committee	
		PATRICK McGRORY, Treasurer

Sept 2, 1941

Board met at 8 P. M. Present Messrs Shinn, Booker, Banks, Spaulding, W. G. Gray, Tobin, Gabbard, Appleby & Rodary (9)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Agency Contract with Equitable

It was reported that since the last meeting an Agency Contract had been entered into between the Trustees and Equitable Trust Company and that all the securities heretofore held by the Board, viz.

- 5000 Gov Bonds of Canada 3 1/4% bonds
- 2000 Pennsylvania R.R.
- 5000 City of New Castle
- 2000 Town of Fairview
- 40 shares preferred stock Christiana Securities Co
- 35 " Equitable Trust Company

had been turned over to Equitable Trust Company to hold as fiscal agent. The written agreement was submitted and filed with the records of the Board.

It was also reported that the \$8000.00 deposit made on account of the purchase price of Bayard Farm and 16 A of Centre Hall Farm for the Air Port had also been turned over to Equitable Trust Co and with the approval of a Committee of the Board invested in U.S. Defense Savings Bonds Series G 2 1/2 53. This action was approved.

Final settlement with Surveyor for condemnation for Air Port

It was also reported that the Commission on the above condemnation fixed a value of \$5000.00 on the tract & that a check had been received from the City Court for 72514.50 as follows

Bal of condemnation price	\$5000.00	
Paid due from Wiggins on 4/15/41	469.50	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	45.00	72514.50

The Committee had taken the 72000.00 and delivered to the fiscal agent and deposited the \$72514.50 in general account of the Board.

The Treasurer made the following report

Received on account of Air Port condemnation	8000.00
July	
John A. Reese	12.50
Christiana Securities Co	70.00
Hassler & Co	25.00
U.S. Air Service	20.00
Aug	
John A. Reese	12.50
Surveyor's bal on Air Port condemnation	72000.00
Edward S. Wiggins on 4/15/41 (Ad by Surveyor)	469.50
Elyza W. Clark " " " " " " " " " " " "	45.00
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" " " " " " " " " " " "	400.00
W. G. Abbott	180.00
Atlantic Refining Co	280.50
Tarker Clark	

and that the following amounts had been paid since the

last meeting of the Board viz

Equitable Trust Co for investment	8000.00
Robert V. Richards of firm as title	250.00
C. C. Wear	686.41
J. T. & L. E. Shasen Inc	102.05
Equitable Trust Co for investment	72000.00
William Foster	6.62
New Port Fencing Co	95.89
H. Fletcher Brown on 1/2 principal due July 1/41	1500.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	277.75

The acting committee submitted only one bill of J. T. & L. E. Shasen for 2.60

The President reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Harry B. Thompson of Greenville in which she advocates the expenditure of a portion of the proceeds received for the condemnation of the Bayard Farm for the purpose of completing the planting at the Battery. Mrs. Wiggins Mr. Shinn was requested to point out that the Trustees considered the amount received as a capital account which should be invested and only the income used.

The Equitable Trust Company, fiscal agent, submitted its recommendations as to the investment of the remaining 72000 in its hands. It recommended

1. The investment of 42000 in U.S. Defense Savings Bonds Series G 2 1/2 53 making all together a block of 50000.00 in this security the maximum allowed.
2. The investment of the remaining 30000 as follows by an optional recommendation:
 - Either (A) 10000.00 in U.S. Treasury 2s 5 1/2 48 @ about 103.14
 - 10000.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "
 - 10000.00 " " " " " " " " " " " "
 - Bal in New York Bank stock such as Bankers Trust or Chase National
 - OR (B) 15000 in U.S. Treasury 2s 5 1/2 48
 - 15000 in U.S. Treasury 3 1/2 45 due 1945

Some suggestion was made at the meeting that possibly we should not invest in the U.S. Treasury 3 1/2's but should make our investment (A) either 20000 U.S. Treasury 2s + 10000 in New York Bank stock or 15000 in each security. The Secretary was requested to have a conference with the Equitable Company and with its approval, to authorize either of the above investments.

The acting committee reported that it had not yet received the money owed by Government loan on his wheat but had not yet been paid. The acting committee was authorized to find out about the wheat and either obtain the payment of the rent or have a chattel mortgage obtained upon his property but to take action to secure the rent. The acting committee was also directed to investigate the rumors that Serouy was buying and selling straw and to definitely determine whether or not he is going to move from the farm.

The Treasurer presented a letter from Neil + Neal a firm of lawyers in Washington attorneys for Giuseppe Macerani enclosing a letter from Macerani. In this letter Macerani proposed to make an exchange of lands with the Trustees by which the Trustees would deed to Macerani 7 1/2 acres along the New Port Road which Macerani rents from the Trustees and which comprehends the entire road front of his farm. In return for this Macerani suggests that he should deed to the Trustees some 21 acres of land

at the back part of his farm and adjoining other land of the Trustees. In the letter it was suggested "this offer of exchange is made with the clear specific understanding that for simple title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances can and will be conveyed by all the parties hereto". In view of the question as to whether the Trustees can make a deed conveying a fee simple title the matter was left with the Secretary to enquire if Keil & Keil would be satisfied with the title of the Trustees even if the Trustees desired to make the transfer. As to this matter no formal vote was taken but the general opinion was that the transfer should not be made.

In the absence of Mr. Biggs a member of the Acting Committee Mr. Shaw was requested to act with the remaining members of the Acting Committee.

Richard S. Rodney
Secretary

Sept 15, 1941

Board met in Special session. Present Messrs Shaw, Hewlett, Mr. Keil, Spicher, Mr. Gray, Banks, Gibbart, Biggs & Rodney (9)

The Treasurer reports Bal after Sept meeting	3498.53
Recd from John A. Reese	12.50
.. .. Sophia Higgins	450.00
	3961.03

Walcarris offer: The Secretary reported he had written Keil & Keil Esqrs. attorneys for Walcarris asking if they would be content to take the title by deed from the Trustees without any court proceeding. His letter did not indicate that the Trustees would be willing to make the transfer but merely that they would not consider the transfer until it was indicated that the deed of the Trustees, if made, would be accepted without litigation.

Hel Pt E right of way through Penn Farm for power line: The meeting was called to consider an application from the attorney for the Hel Pt E right of way through Penn Farm for its power line along the back & front lanes of the Penn Farm from School House Lane to Hares Corner Road. It was stated that the U.S Army authorities had required the power line from the State Highway and it was proposed to bring them down the School House Lane to the back lane of the Penn Farm and thence through that farm, facing the house on the west side of the dwelling and thence down the front lane to the old Revolution Temples or Hares Corner Road & thence to Hares Corner. It was stated that the compensation could be paid but that a nine foot band surface road estimated to cost 2750.00 would be laid from the School House Lane to Hares Corner Road a distance of about 1710 feet.

The meeting the proper officers were authorized to grant the right of way with the provision for the band surface road or if the officers thought it better to grant the right of way in consideration of the sum of at least 2750.00 and the Trustees to build such a roadway as it saw fit. It was understood that the Delaware Power & Light Company would make all arrangements with August Seroney the tenant on the farm.

the meeting the following bills were ordered paid

James S. Rosen Jeweler Six months	25.00
Premium on Treasurers Bond	15.00
	40.00

place at
ing Park

It ~~has been~~ ^{was} reported that the Park Committee in its grading at the Battery had uncovered a large number of stone sleepers formerly used by the old New Castle & Fredericktown Railroad Company and that the Committee desired to use them in the erection of an out door fire place for the use of persons ~~from the~~ ^{having} fire-places at the Park. The plans for the fire place involved an outlay of \$25.00. The motion it was resolved that \$25.00 be donated to the Committee for this purpose.

suggested
not Hotel
Highway

A letter was received from John F. Carnick making application for a tract of land of about 12 acres on the Highway near Hares Corner for the purpose of erecting a Tourist Hotel. The name of the prospective applicant was not disclosed nor ^{were} plans of buildings to be erected furnished to the Trustees. It was suggested that a 10 or 20 year lease was desired & request made that the Trustees indicate the rent desired. Mr. Carnick stated that he would expect a minimum of 3% of first year rental & 3% for each succeeding year all to be paid from the first year rent, no sufficient information being in the possession of the Board on which it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to obtain this information from Mr. Carnick and report to a future meeting of the Board. The President appointed to the Committee Messrs Gibbart, Spacher and Banks.

Richard S. Rodney

Oct 7, 1941

Board met at 8 P.M. Present Messrs Shaw, Hewlett, Mr. Keil, Clyman, Banks, Spacher, Mr. Gray, Appleby, Gibbart & Rodney (10)

The Treasurer reported as follows

Balance after September payments	3582.54
Received Sophia Higgins 1 year rent	450.00
John Higgins 6 months rent	229.50
August Seroney 1 year rent	1189.50
August Seroney 6 months interest	35.65
John A. Reese Barber shop	12.50
Equitable Trust Co Income from investments	311.15
Bal on hand	5810.87

The following bills were ordered paid

Joseph F. Grant	3.75
Light & Water Board water rent	54.09
Joseph T. Hardy	27.11

The bill for water rent included 14.09 excess water rent and the Treasurer was instructed to collect these excess charges from Mrs Higgins for the Wooded Farm, John Higgins for Aghatherpe and Atlantic Refining Co respectively.

The Acting Committee was authorized to erect a bar yard fence at the Jefferson Farm and to draw the attention of Mr Abbott to his rent in arrears. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to interview Mr Carnick and the party desiring to rent a portion of the lands of the Trustees reported that they had had a meeting; that they had commenced an investigation of the applicants financial rating and that until this report was received they advised that no further consideration be given to the matter.

It was suggested that the time might come when it would be desired to develop some land along the road fronts of the various farms.

And that it would be advisable for all leases to contain the provision that certain portions of the farms adjoining the roads could be withdrawn from the terms of the lease upon fair and equitable terms between the Trustees and the tenants. It was further considered that this change in the leases could not be made except that a prior notice to quit had been served and a new lease containing the provisions entered into. On motion it was resolved that the Trustees be authorized to serve notices to quit upon the various tenants on the farms. It was understood that the Secretary was to write to the various tenants before the notice to quit was served informing them of the purpose of the notice to quit so that the tenants would not be disturbed by receiving the notice and think that the Trustees necessarily desired the removal of such tenants.

The Secretary drew attention to the fact that he had not found the lease with Air Service due since 1938 and was of the impression that no lease existed since that time. It had formerly been a five year lease. Correspondence with Air Service Inc disclosed that they had no lease but could be found. On motion it was resolved that a lease similar to the former one should be executed for the period from the present until March 1, 1943. The time the other lease would have expired had it been renewed.

A letter was received from Mayor Charles E. Klingmeyer drawing attention to an article in the Castle County Gazette a newspaper published in New Castle. This article drew attention to the fact that a house on S W side of Delaware Street was one of our oldest houses and one in which William Penn had spent his first night in America. The paper advocated that the Trustees should purchase the property and restore it and thus preserve the historical association. On motion a committee consisting of Messrs Banks, Speicher & Gebhart was appointed to consider the matter and report to a future meeting.

The Secretary presented the form of an agreement or indenture whereby the Trustees would give to the Delaware Power & Light Company a perpetual easement to erect and maintain certain poles across the Penn farm as outlined at the meeting of September 15. The Secretary reported that in lieu of the Levy Court building a hard surface road through the farm, as indicated, that the Levy Court would pay to the Trustees the approximate cost of the road, viz \$3000.00, and that the Trustees should put in such road as it should desire. The officers were authorized to sign this agreement with Delaware Power & Light Company.

The Secretary presented his resignation as such Secretary and Mr. Ronald C. Banks was elected as Secretary.

Ronald C. Banks
Secretary.

November 4, 1941.

BOARD MET AT 8:00 P.M., PRESENT: MESSRS. SHAW, HEWLETT, MR. KNITT, MR. GEORGE, TOSIN, GEBHART, SPEICHER, RODNEY, BOOKE AND BANKS. (10)

THE TREASURER REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:-

BALANCE AFTER OCTOBER PAYMENTS	\$ 5309.39
RECEIVED FROM MRS. DAISY BAILEY	56.00
RECEIVED FROM MISS ADELADE BEAD	36.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 5401.39

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ORDERED PAID:-

J. T. E. ELIASON LOG.	\$ 6.10
E. C. WEEB (WORK ON CLAYTON FARM)	133.00
E. C. WEEB (WORK ON JEFFERSON FARM)	176.89
TOTAL	\$ 315.99

THE ACTING COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT MRS. ELIZABETH CLARK, TENANT ON THE CENTER HALL FARM, HAD COMPLAINED OF A SHORTAGE AND LOW PRESSURE IN THE WATER SUPPLY ON THEIR FARM. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER STATED THAT THE WATER COMPANY HAD SUGGESTED AN INSTALLATION OF A BOOSTER PUMP, THE COST OF SAME TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$70.00. THE ACTING COMMITTEE WAS INSTRUCTED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER FURTHER AND FIND THE COST OF OPERATION OF THIS TYPE OF PUMP AND TO COME TO A DEFINITE CONCLUSION AS TO WHETHER THE TRUSTEES OR THE TENANT WOULD PAY FOR THE OPERATION.

A STATEMENT SHOWING THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PARK COMMITTEE WAS RECEIVED FROM MRS. ISABEL J. BOOTH, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. THE STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH A LETTER WAS READ AND ON MOTION THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF SAME TO MRS. BOOTH.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM MRS. ISABEL J. BOOTH, CHAIRMAN OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF NEW CASTLE ASKING FOR A DONATION. ON MOTION AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50.00 TO THE FUND WAS AUTHORIZED.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM HAUGHTON, WEYMOUTH AND BISHOP, WITH WHOM WE HAVE FIRE INSURANCE, RELATIVE TO INCREASE OF INSURANCE ON ALL PROPERTIES. RATHER THAN TO TAKE A RISK ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE POLICIES ON THE BAYARD FARM. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, THE MATTER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE ACTING COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITH A GENERAL PROPOSITION IN MIND, THAT THE BOARD WAS IN FAVOR OF THIS INSURANCE BEING SPREAD OVER THE OTHER PROPERTIES OF THE COMMON.

THE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF MESSRS. GEBHART, SPEICHER AND BANKS, THAT WAS APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH MR. JOHN F. CARRICK, A LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENT, RELATIVE TO A MR. VIGIL COURTNEY, OF PHILADELPHIA, WHO WAS INTERESTED IN LEASING A PORTION OF GROUND ON THE PENN FARM AT HARK'S CORNER, MADE A REPORT AS FOLLOWS: THAT THE COMMITTEE MET WITH MR. CARRICK AND MR. COURTNEY AND THAT MR. COURTNEY HAD MADE PROPOSITIONS ABOUT RENTING THE PARCEL OF LAND AND HAD ALSO GIVEN SOME CREDIT REFERENCES. THE COMMITTEE SECURED A CREDIT REPORT ON MR. COURTNEY AND UPON PRESENTING THE SAME TO

The Trustees, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee composed of Messrs. Banks, Gebhart and Speiker, that was appointed to check into the possibilities of the restoration of the Penn. House on Delaware Street in New Castle, reported as follows: That the committee had met with Mr. Laussat K. Rogers, a local architect, interested in the restoration of this building, and had gone over the structure generally, arriving at no definite conclusion. Letters of endorsement of the Trustees interest in the project were received from the Delaware Society for the preservation of Antiquities and the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society. An estimate addressed to Mr. Rogers from Bruce H. Gordon, a local contractor, gave a cost of repairing and remodeling the structure at approximately \$6800.00. The committee stated that they could recommend only one thing and that was the possibility of removing all the structure except the original portion being what is thought as having been the Penn. House. The idea being in mind that this portion might be restored and become the headquarters of the Trustees and also an entrance to the Park. On motion the matter was left in the hands of the committee for further investigation.

An application for the rental of the Penn Farm was received from Edward S. McGinnison, present tenant on what was known as the Bayard Farm, the property recently acquired from the Common by the County for a portion of the County Airport. The application stated that he, Edward S. McGinnison, would only be interested in leasing the farm under the following conditions: That the Trustees would moderate the house by at least installing hot and cold running water and a bathroom with toilet. On motion the matter was turned over to the acting committee, who were instructed to notify Mr. McGinnison that upon the expiration of August Lebovey's tenancy, the present tenant, that the Trustees would appropriate the sum of \$4000.00 to complete this moderation, provided however that the necessary materials required would be available.

The Treasurer reported a notice to quit had been served on August Lebovey, present tenant on the Penn Farm and on motion the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening November 12th at 8:00 P.M. to further consider renting of the Penn Farm.

Donald C. Paulson

Secretary.

November 12th, 1941.

Board met in Special Session at 8:00 P.M., present Messrs. Shaw, McQuitt, Speiker, Rodney, McGeary, Tobin, Gebhart, Banks. (8)

The Acting Committee presented their findings on the inquiry they had made relative to the proposed increase in all insurance on the Common's property, referred to in the minutes of November 4th, 1941. After considerable discussion it was decided to request Mr. J.J.B. Cooper, of Houghton, Weymouth and Bishop, with whom we have insurance, to attend our next regular meeting and to further explain the proposition.

The Acting Committee reported that they had received one bid on the plumbing work required to install hot and cold running water and a bath with toilet on the Penn Farm. The bid, from Joseph Hardy, a local plumbing contractor, was for the sum of \$550.00. The committee further stated that the house was badly in need of interior painting and papering. The matter of renting this farm was brought up during this discussion and on motion it was voted to lease the Penn Farm to Edward S. McGinnison, present tenant on what was known as the Bayard Farm, on a yearly basis beginning March 1st, 1942. The Treasurer was instructed to include in the lease, an addenda to all property leases, that the Board adopted at this meeting, a copy of the same as appears on these minutes. The Acting Committee was instructed to procure additional bids on the plumbing work and to award the contract to the bidder that in their judgement would give the most satisfactory job.

The matter of the revision of the provisions in our lease to the tenants of the several farms, was discussed and an addenda to the present lease was presented by Richard S. Rodney. On motion the new provisions were adopted and the Treasurer was authorized to have these addenda properly signed and affixed to each present lease and to all further leases executed. The new provision is as follows:-

"IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS LEASE, OR ANY EXTENSION THEREOF, THAT THE LESSOR MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE TERMS OF THE LEASE SUCH PORTION AS MAY BE DESIRABLE OF THE ROAD FRONT OF SAID FARM TO A DEPTH OF TWO HUNDRED FEET BACK FROM ANY SUCH ROAD.

IN CASE ANY SUCH LAND SHALL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TERMS OF THE LEASE THE LESSOR SHALL CREDIT TO THE LESSEE A CREDIT ON ACCOUNT OF THE RENT TO BE PAID, WHICH CREDIT SHALL CONSIST OF THE VALUE OF ANY CROPS WHICH MAY BE IN THE LAND SO WITHDRAWN, TOGETHER WITH A CASH CREDIT OF THREE TIMES THE ANNUAL RENTAL THEREOF TO BE PAID BY THE LESSEE. FOR SUCH PORTION WITHDRAWN FROM THE LEASE, SUCH CREDIT TO BE ASSESSED UPON AN ACREAGE BASIS. IN CASE THE

VALUE OF THE CROPS SHALL NOT BE AGREED UPON, SUCH VALUE SHALL BE ARRIVED AT BY THREE DISINTERESTED PERSONS, ONE TO BE NAMED BY THE LESSOR, ONE BY THE LESSEE, AND THESE TWO SHALL SELECT THE THIRD."

THE ACTING COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD CHECKED INTO THE MATTER OF A REPORT OF WATER SHORTAGE AND LOW PRESSURE IN THE LINES RUNNING INTO THE FARMS ALONG THE BASIN ROAD AND HAD FOUND SUCH A CONDITION TO EXIST. THEY FURTHER STATED THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH JOSEPH HARDY, A LOCAL PLUMBING CONTRACTOR, REGARDING THIS MATTER, WAS MADE AND THAT HARDY HAD SUGGESTED THAT A TRENCH BE DUG ALONG ONE OF THE LINES AND THE PIPE BE BROKEN ALLOWING ROOM FOR A PRESSURE PUMP TO BE CONSTRUCTED UP, WITH A THOUGHT IN MIND THAT THE LINE MAY BE CLOGGED UP. THE SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED AND THE COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED THAT IF THIS ATTEMPT TO CLEAN THE LINES WAS UNSUCCESSFUL INsofar AS THE WATER PRESSURE WAS CONCERNED, THEN THE ACTING COMMITTEE WAS INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THE SUPT. OF THE BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION TO ATTEND OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AND GIVE THE REASONS WHY THE PRESSURE IS LOW.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE EQUITABLE TRUST CO., OUR INVESTMENT AGENTS, RELATIVE TO THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE AN UNINVESTED PRINCIPAL CASH BALANCE OF \$5,085.33 IN OUR ACCOUNT, AS A RESULT OF THE REDEMPTION OF \$5,000 CITY OF NEW CASTLE, 5³/₄ AT 100, LESS POSTAGE, THE COMMUNICATION FURTHER STATED THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THIS MONEY BE HELD UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1ST 1942, FOR INVESTMENT IN SERIES G. DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS. ON MOTION THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY AND TO INFORM THEM THAT THE BOARD HAD ACCEPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION.

A CHECK OF THE LEVY COURT OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000. PAYABLE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMMON WAS RECEIVED. THIS SUM WAS IN PAYMENT FOR A RIGHT OF WAY FOR POWER LINES TO BE RUN THROUGH THE POON FARM BY THE DELAWARE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY. ON MOTION THE TREASURER WAS AUTHORIZED TO TURN THIS AMOUNT OVER TO THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY TO BE HELD FOR INVESTMENT IN SERIES G. DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS, AFTER JANUARY 1ST, 1942

Donald C. Sturden
SECRETARY

December, Two, 1941

BOARD MET AT 8:00 P.M., PRESENT, MESSRS SHAW, HEWLETT, BOOKE, LODGEY, MR. KURTZ, MR. GEORGE, TOLIN, GEBHART, APPLISBY, SPEICHER, BARKS, (11). MR. J. J. B. COOPER OF THE FIRM OF HAUGHTON, WEYMOUTH & BISHOP, WITH WHOM WE HAVE INSURANCE, WAS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING AND EXPLAINED THE NEW PROPOSED INCREASE INSURANCE SETUP. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, ON MOTION IT WAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE SCHEDULE "B", A COPY OF THE SAME AS APPEARS IN THESE MINUTES.

SCHEDULE "B"

ITEM	VALUE	AMT. OF INSUR.	RATE	PREMIUM
1. Jefferson Farm				
A. Dwelling	\$4,800.	\$3,960.	.41	\$16.24
B. Barn	5,400.	4,680.	.81	37.90
C. Granary and Cribs	3,000.	2,520.	.74	18.64
D. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
2. Stockton Farm				
A. Dwelling	4,800.	3,600.	.41	14.76
B. Barn	9,000.	7,200.	.81	58.32
C. Granary	1,800.	1,440.	.81	11.66
D. Corn Cribs	600.	360.	.81	2.92
E. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
3. Oglethorpe Farm				
A. Dwelling	4,200.	3,000.	.41	12.30
B. Barn and Shed	6,000.	4,800.	.81	38.88
C. Granary and Corn Cribs	1,320.	960.	.81	7.78
D. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
4. Centre Hall Farm				
A. Dwelling	5,400.	4,200.	.37	15.54
B. Barn and Machine Shed	3,600.	3,090.	.81	25.03
C. Granary	1,440.	1,080.	.74	7.99
D. Poultry House & Garage	210.	150.	.81	1.21
E. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
5. Penn Farm				
A. Dwelling	3,600.	3,000.	.44	13.20
B. Barn and Cowshed	7,200.	6,000.	.81	48.60
C. Granary & Wagon House	1,800.	1,440.	.81	11.65
D. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
6. Clayton Farm				
A. Dwelling	3,600.	3,000.	.48	14.40
B. Barn	6,000.	5,040.	.81	40.82
C. Granary & Wagon Sheds	1,320.	960.	.81	7.78
D. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
7. Basin House				
A. Dwelling	1,440.	1,200.	.43	5.16
8. Model Farm				
A. Dwelling	3,600.	3,000.	.37	11.10
B. Barn	3,000.	2,400.	.81	19.44
C. Wagon House	420.	300.	.81	2.43
D. Milk House	300.	200.	.74	1.48
9. Town Hall				
A. Building	4,500.	5,600.	.62	22.32
	6,000.	5,375.		
	89,850.	72,180.		474.95

Average Annual Rate .6580

377.96

(OVER.)

MR. SUDLER BENTON, Supt. OF THE BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT COMMISSION, WAS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. HE MADE A REPORT ON THE SHORTAGE OF WATER THAT EXISTS ON OUR PROPERTIES ALONG THE BASIN ROAD. HE STATED THAT ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO THE WATER PRESSURE WAS INCREASED TO REGULAR CITY PRESSURE ALL ALONG THIS MAIN LINE RUNNING TO THE BASIN. DUE TO THE USE OF CHEMICALS FOR THE PURIFICATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY IT WAS FOUND NECESSARY TO CUT THE CITY PRESSURE OFF THIS LINE TO THE BASIN ON THE CITY SIDE OF THE MODEL FARM. THE CHEMICAL, IT IS STATED, FORMED A CORROSION IN THE PIPES AND IS THEREFORE DETRIMENTAL TO THE MAIN LINE RUNNING TO THE BASIN. NO DEFINITE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN REGARDS TO THIS SITUATION AT THIS POINT OF THE MEETING.

THE TREASURER MADE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

BALANCE AFTER NOVEMBER BILLS	\$ 4837.65
RECEIVED FROM ROYAL INS. CO.	3.95
RECEIVED FROM ATLANTIC REF. CO.	180.00
RECEIVED FROM SOPHIA HIGGINS	19.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 5035.40

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE ORDERED PAID:

J. M. SUDGERS (WORK ON CLAYTON FARM)	9.49
WOS GRANT (" " ")	23.42
M. VICTOR (" " STOCKTON)	27.00
TOTAL	59.99

THE ACTING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A BID FROM ANDREW MITCHELL & SON FOR THE SUM OF \$900.00 FOR THE LABOR AND MATERIAL FOR THE REPAIRING AND REBUILDING OF THE LAKE THROUGH THE PENN FARM. NO ACTION ON THE MATTER WAS TAKEN.

THE ACTING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A BID FROM THE HOME IMPROVEMENT COMPANY OF WILMINGTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00, FOR THE LABOR AND MATERIAL REQUIRED IN THE COVERING OF THE FARM HOUSE AT THE CLAYTON FARM WITH ASBESTOS SHINGLE SIDING. THE COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORIZED TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL BIDS AND TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE BIDDER WHO IN THEIR JUDGEMENT WOULD GIVE THE MOST SATISFACTORY JOB.

THE ACTING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED BIDS ON THE PLUMBING WORK NECESSARY TO INSTALL HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER AND A BATH WITH TOILET ON THE PENN FARM. FOLLOWING ARE THE BIDS:

J. RALPH DULING \$583.00

F. E. SHERIDAN \$485.00

JOSEPH HARDY \$475.00

ON MOTION THE ACTING COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORIZED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO JOSEPH HARDY.

THE ACTING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A BID OF \$180.00 FOR THE LABOR AND MATERIAL REQUIRED TO RUN THE WATER SUPPLY FROM THE BASIN TO THE HOUSE ON THE STOCKTON FARM. THE MATTER WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CHECKING INTO THE CONDITION THAT EXISTS RELATIVE TO THE ELEVATION OF THE HOUSE

IN RESPECT TO THE ELEVATION OF THE BASIN.

THE ACTING COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A BID FROM JOSEPH HARDY, A LOCAL PLUMBER, IN THE SUM OF \$125.00 FOR THE LABOR AND MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BOOSTER PUMP ON THE WATER LINE FEEDING INTO THE CENTER HALL FARM. THE MATTER WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF CONNECTING THE PUMP INTO THE WELL.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY, OUR INVESTMENT AGENTS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF \$3000.00 FROM THE TREASURER, THIS BEING THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE LEVY COURT FOR THE POWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH THE PENN FARM. ON MOTION THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THE EQUITABLE TRUST CO., ACTING AS OUR AGENTS, TO PURCHASE (30) THIRTY SHARES OF WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY STOCK AT THE PRESENT MARKET PRICE.

JUDGE RODNEY SPEAKING WITH REGARDS TO MR. MCGROBY, THE PRESENT TREASURER OF THE BOARD, EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO HAVE SOME OF THE BURDEN OF THE OFFICE OF TREASURER LIFTED FROM MR. MCGROBY AND PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED:-

RESOLVED:

That until otherwise ordered there be elected an additional officer of The Trustees of New Castle Common, to be called Assistant Treasurer. Such Treasurer shall, after his first election, be elected at the same time and in the same manner and for the same term as the Treasurer. The duties of the Assistant Treasurer shall be to keep the books and accounts of the corporation, and to perform such other duties as have been and are to be performed also by the Treasurer.

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. All moneys belonging to the Trustees shall, unless otherwise ordered, be deposited to the credit of "The Trustees of New Castle Common" in the New Castle Trust Company, a banking corporation of the State of Delaware, hereby designated as a depository. All checks drawn on said funds shall be signed by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, and shall be countersigned by one other of the officers hereinabove mentioned.

The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall give bond with corporate surety in a sum not less than Three thousand dollars, the cost of which bond shall be paid by the Trustees.

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On Motion, JACOB H. SPEICHER WAS ELECTED AS ASSISTANT
TREASURER.

A FLOREAL REMEMBRANCE WAS ORDERED SENT TO JAMES E.
BIGGS, A MEMBER OF THE COMMON, WHO DIED DECEMBER 1ST.

On Motion THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO PURCHASE
A NEW MIDDLE BOOK.

Donald C. Paulson
SECRETARY

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May 13, 1941

Trustees of the New Castle Common
New Castle, Delaware

Honorable Richard S. Rodney, Secretary

Dear Judge Rodney:

Your letter of April 14 submits four questions for
an opinion, as follows:

(1) Whether the Trustees of the New Castle Common,
a Delaware corporation, have the power and the right to sell, in
whole or in part, the real estate held by them and known as the New
Castle Common.

(2) What is the meaning of the phrase "good real
estate security."

(3) Whether, if the land known as the New Castle
Common or part thereof should be taken by condemnation, the damages
awarded to the Trustees of the New Castle Common for the taking of
said land can be invested in the class of securities prescribed by
the statutes of the State of Delaware as permissible securities for
the investment of trust funds or whether the same must be invested
in "good real estate security."

(4) If the Trustees of the New Castle Common have
the power and right to convert by sale the real estate held by them
into personalty, how, if at all, can the provisions of Section 2 of
the Act of April 15, 1885, (Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, page 848), for
the investment of the proceeds of any such sale be changed, modified
or amended so as to give more latitude for investment.

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In 1701 William Penn, in his lifetime, took the first recorded official step I have knowledge of to initiate and, in 1764, his successors and heirs, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, primarily completed a gift, in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of New Castle, of 1068 acres of land to be used as a Common and since and now known as the New Castle Common.

The initiation of this gift was by the signing and issuing by William Penn, assuming to act as Proprietary and Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties annexed, of a warrant of survey for a Common for the use of the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle. A return of this survey was made in 1704 by George Dakeyne, Surveyor. Both the warrant and survey are recorded in the Recorder's Office at New Castle. By this warrant and the return the 1068 acres of land described in the return were set aside by William Penn as a Common for the inhabitants of New Castle. Whether William Penn had proprietary rights with respect to the three lower counties or was merely the owner of the title to the land under his deed from the Duke of York, would seem to be immaterial. Certainly in the latter capacity he would have a right to set aside the land in question as a Common for the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle.

The gift was not primarily completed, however, until October 31, 1764, when by a document that was a combination of a charter of incorporation and a deed or grant of land, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, claiming to be true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief

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of the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware, and Province of Pennsylvania, (Pamphlet pg. 5), and also being the heirs as I understand it of William Penn, granted the land in question to certain individuals named therein as Trustees of the New Castle Common, and at the same time and with the same instrument created the said Trustees a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Trustees of New Castle Common" and gave them certain of the usual powers of a corporation sufficient to enable them to hold the lands and administer their use in trust as a Common.

A Common is defined by Bouvier to be -

"An incorporeal hereditament which consists in a profit which one man has in connection with one or more others in the land of another."

It is to be noted that by the instrument last mentioned the grantors granted the land in question in trust "for the use of the present inhabitants and those who shall hereafter become and be inhabitants of the said Town of New Castle, dwelling within the bounds and limits thereof, as a Common, forever, and to no other use, intent or purpose." Not only is the use of the land granted limited to its use as a Common for the benefit of the inhabitants of New Castle, but the grant itself is not in fee simple. The land is to be held by the grantees, so incorporated, -

"of us, our heirs and successors, proprietaries * * *, as of our Manor of Rockland, in free and common socage by fealty only, in lieu of all other services. Yielding and paying therefor, yearly and every year, unto us, our heirs and successors, at the town of New Castle, aforesaid, the rent of one ear of Indian corn, if demanded." (Pamphlet pg. 7)

Not only is the grant to the Trustees, as a corporation,

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one that is less than a fee but the grant, to the extent to which it is made, is made upon certain express conditions subsequent. These conditions are that neither the Trustees, nor their successors, should thereafter sell any of the land or part thereof or dispose of the same for other use than that of a Common for the inhabitants of New Castle, and if the Trustees, or their successors, should so sell any of the land or so dispose of the same, or if the Trustees should be dissolved or their charter forfeited, then and in either event, it is expressly provided that the grant shall cease and terminate and become void and the premises granted shall revert and return to the grantors, their heirs and assigns, forever, as of their former estate. (Pamphlet pg. 8).

These are clearly conditions subsequent expressly stated in the grant and, upon condition broken, the property granted reverts to the grantors or their heirs forever. It is clear from this that there are some rights in the property retained by the grantors to themselves and their heirs and some control over the property, to wit, the right of reversion and the continuing control which results from the continuous subjecting of the property to the conditions which, if broken, would result in the return of the title to the grantors or their heirs.

While the donor of a trust cannot, after the execution of the deed of trust, by his own act change the terms and provisions for the administration of the trust or the beneficiaries thereof, nevertheless when he has by the deed of trust retained some interest in the trust property or some control over it, such as the right to revoke the trust, he can thereafter, by his own act, release any such

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right or interest in or control over the trust fund. It is my opinion that upon the PRIMARY completion of this gift the grantors in the instrument dated October 31, 1764, retained in themselves some power over the trust real estate and some interest therein. It is also clear that by this instrument the Trustees are expressly denied the power to convey the real estate or any part thereof. In other words the corporation created by the instrument dated October 31, 1764, is denied the corporate power to convey the real estate that by the same instrument is granted in trust. (Pamphlet pg. 8). The corporation (Trustees) are also, as a restriction on the administration of the trust, denied the right to sell but this is connected with and a necessary part of the conditions subsequent. Whether the grantors in the last named instrument had the sovereign or quasi-sovereign powers of proprietaries with respect to the three lower counties or whether they were merely the owners of the title to the real estate acquired by deed from the Duke of York, may be a question. If they had no such powers, their right to create a corporation in their capacity as proprietaries of the three lower counties may be questioned. We will assume that they had the right to create the corporation as proprietaries of Pennsylvania. We do not deem the question as to their power to create the corporation to be important, however, because, as will be seen hereafter, the General Assembly of Delaware in 1792 recognized the existence of the corporation created by the last named grant and apparently recognized its validity. (Pamphlet pg. 15). Consequently the present Trustees of the Common, a corporation created by Act of the General Assembly of Delaware in 1792, cannot now

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question the validity of the pre-existing corporation, nor can the General Assembly of Delaware, nor can anybody else so question it.

The Trustees of the Common, the corporation created by the Penns, continued to hold the land as a Common and to manage it as such until 1792.

On the 7th of July, 1791, John Penn, of Stoke Pogis, and John Penn, of the County of Middlesex, as late Proprietaries and, I assume, as the heirs or successors of Thomas and Richard Penn, for the recited purpose of giving to the Trustees of the New Castle Common an ~~un-~~ restricted (Pamphlet pg. 11) fee simple title to the land in question, finally completed the gift of the land in trust by executing a deed in fee simple for said land to three named individuals, Isaac Grantham, Robert Clay and William Lees, in trust to convey the same to the present or future Trustees of said land or to such future Trustees as might be appointed by an act of incorporation, when the same is passed, to be enacted by the General Assembly of the Delaware State, the said land to be granted to such then existing Trustees or new Trustees as so incorporated in trust for the use and behoof of the inhabitants of New Castle forever, to be appropriated in such manner as a majority of the Trustees in their wisdom may direct; provided that nothing contained in said deed to the said Grantham, Clay and Lees or nothing to be contained in the deed to be made by them to the Trustees of the Common when so incorporated by the Delaware Legislature should vest in the Trustees of the Common any power or authority to sell the land or any part thereof.

It is to be noted and is of the highest importance and sig-

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nificance that this deed grants to the grantees the fee simple title to the property in trust to convey the same in fee simple to the new corporation to be created by the Delaware Legislature and to be held in trust by such new corporation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle and to be applied or "appropriated" for their benefit in such manner as the Trustees may determine. By this deed the grantors, having the power so to do, wiped out the conditions subsequent and other restrictions contained in the grant of October 31, 1764, and released all vestige of control over the trust property and all remaining vestige of interest therein and it is particularly to be noted that the Trustees of the Common are not denied the right to sell the real estate conveyed or to be conveyed to them in fee simple and it is not provided that the deed to be executed by Grantham, Clay and Lees to the Trustees to be incorporated by the Delaware Legislature shall deny such Trustees the right to sell the real estate. All that is stated is that nothing contained either in the deed to Grantham, Clay and Lees or in the deed to be executed by them to the Trustees of the Common shall vest in the Trustees of the Common any power or authority to sell the real estate.

On January 25, 1792, the Delaware Legislature passed an act entitled, "An Act to Enlarge the Corporate Powers of the Trustees of the New Castle Common."

This Act creates a corporation and creates the Trustees of the New Castle Common, as existing at the time of the passage of

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the Act, and those who may thereafter become Trustees, a body politic and corporate by the name of "Trustees of the New Castle Common." This act in several places clearly recognizes the existence of the former corporation and recognizes its validity. It recreates it, however, gives it somewhat broader powers and inserts the word "the" in the corporate name. The land which the corporation holds in trust is no longer required to be held as a Common, but is to be administered by the corporation for the benefit of the inhabitants of New Castle by leasing.

It is to be noted that in the last part of the second enacting clause of this statute the corporation is expressly denied the corporate power to sell the land or any part thereof. It is also to be noted that this act was passed before Messrs. Grantham, Clay and Lees had conveyed to the new corporation the title to the property. The denial of the right to sell is in my opinion a denial of corporate power and not a regulatory provision for the administration of the real estate constituting the trust fund intended thereafter to be held in trust and expected thereafter to be conveyed to such corporation. It is also to be noted that this provision in the charter is a provision inserted therein not by the donor of the trust property but wholly and entirely by the Legislature of Delaware, which was merely creating a corporate instrumentality to administer a trust previously created and thereafter expected to be enlarged.

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Subsequently, on July 30, 1792, the said Grantham, Clay and Lees, as Trustees, under the deed above mentioned of July 7, 1791, granted the land in question in fee simple to the surviving Trustees of the Common in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of New Castle, to be held by them upon the trusts and for the uses and purposes set forth in the above mentioned deed to the said Grantham, Clay and Lees and also in the Act of the General Assembly last referred to, but relieved of the restrictions and conditions subsequent in the original deed of grant dated October 31, 1764, and, so far as a sale of the land that is granted is concerned, it is merely recited that the deed to them and the subsequent deed they are authorized to make to the new corporation provides that nothing contained therein "shall vest the Trustees of the said Common with any power or authority to sell the same (the land) or any part thereof." It is to be noted that this is not a denial of the right of the Trustees of the Common ever to sell the land. It is merely a statement that nothing contained in the document shall vest in the Trustees any power or authority to sell the land. In view of this language the Trustees of the Common, the Delaware corporation, took the fee simple title to a trust fund consisting wholly of real estate without any provision in the trust deed authorizing them to sell it. The corporation was in the same position as any other trustee of a charitable trust to whom real estate has been granted in fee simple as the trust res without any express authority to sell the real estate and with the administrative

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instruction to the effect that it shall be leased and the income applied to the beneficiaries of the trust in perpetuity.

It is pointed out, therefore, that the corporation created by the Delaware Legislature is denied the corporate power to sell the real estate that it is expected to hold in trust. The pre-existing corporation was likewise denied such corporate power. (Pamphlet PG. 8) This is a mere denial of corporate power and can be corrected at any time by amendment of the corporate charter. It is an entirely different thing from a denial of a right to sell imposed as an administrative limitation by the donor of a trust with respect to the real estate, or other property constituting the trust and conveyed or transferred in trust by such donor.

The corporate power of the corporation created by the Delaware Legislature to lease the land in question was limited to leases for thirty years. Subsequently the Delaware Legislature amended the charter of the corporation by giving it the power to execute leases for a longer period than thirty years. Thereafter, in 1885, the Delaware Legislature by an act amending the charter of the Trustees of New Castle Common, by Section 1 of the Act, gave the corporation power to sell the land in whole or in part in fee simple and also gave the corporation the authority to make such sales; and, by Section 2 of the Act, provided that the money received from such sales should be invested in "good real estate security", to be held upon the same uses and trusts as the real estate prior to its

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sale and the income from such investments to be applied in the same manner as the income from the real estate, for the benefit of the inhabitants of New Castle.

It is my opinion that the Legislature in enacting Section 1 of the statute last mentioned acted in two capacities, (1) as the sovereign power of the State entitled to create corporations or amend their charters or give them additional powers, and (2) as parens patriae having the power to convert real estate held in trust into personal property under such circumstances as that it appears to the Legislature that such conversion is in the interest of the objects and purposes of the trust. Acting in the former capacity, the Legislature gave the corporation the power to sell the real estate, which the corporation did not theretofore have, and acting in the second capacity the Legislature authorized the corporation as Trustee to make such sales; and also acting in its capacity as parens patriae the Legislature, in enacting Section 2 of the Act, prescribed the kind of investments in which the proceeds of the sales of the real estate should be invested.

The Penns, by their gift in trust of the real estate referred to, finally completed by the grants made by the deed of July 7, 1791, to Grantham, Clay and Lees, and the deed from such grantees to the Trustees of the New Castle Common, Delaware corporation, created a public charitable trust. It has been so decided by the Supreme Court

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of this State in the case of New Castle Common v. Maggison, 1 Boyce 361.

The following has been stated to be the law of this State by the Supreme Court in the case of Delaware Land & Development Co. v. First & Central Church, 16 Del. Ch. 410 (428), (decided in 1929) -

"In the absence of a power of sale in the instrument creating a charitable trust, the property conveyed for such purposes, theoretically at least, is practically inalienable; it usually being of the very essence of a charity that it shall endure forever. Self v. Krebs, 239 Pa. 423, 86 A. 872; Bridgport Public Library v. Burroughs Home, 85 Conn. 309, 82 A. 582; Drury v. Natick, 10 Allen (Mass.) 169; Lackland v. Walker, 151 Mo. 210, 52 S.W. 414; Gray on Perpetuities, § 5, 90; 11 C.J. 354.

While the facts should always be carefully scrutinized, a court of equity may, however, order the conversion of such property if it appears that such a conversion is essential to properly carry out the purposes of the trust. Stanley v. Colt, 5 Wall. 119, 18 L. Ed. 502; Atty. Gen. v. South Sea Co., 4 Beav. 453; Weeks v. Hobson, 150 Mass. 377, 23 N.E. 215, 6 L.R.A. 147; Holts, etc., Asylum v. Lefebre, 69 N.H. 238, 45 A. 1087; Trustees for Baptist Church v. Laird, 10 Del. Ch. 118, 85 A. 1082; 11 C. J. 354.

The legislature, also, has the same right, though as in a conversion by a court of equity, the fund must, ordinarily, at least, be used to carry out the purposes of the original trust. Norris v. Clymer, 2 Pa. 277; In re Van Horne, 18 R.I. 389, 28 A. 341; Grayford v. Nien, 220 Mass. 61, 107 N.E. 382; Sohler v. Trinity Church, 109 Mass. 1; Stanley v. Colt, 5 Wall. 119, 18 L. Ed. 502; 10 Amer. Dig. (Cent.), pp. 1325, 1326. See, also, Roe v. Doe ex dem. Town of Seaford, 2 Boyce, 348, 80 A. 250. (See Thorn v. Fleming, 1 Houst. 480).

The authority of both the court of equity and the legislature is based on its rights as *parens patriae* in one case originally exercised by the English Court of

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Chancery by delegation from the King and in the other as succeeding to the original sovereign rights of the King. Doughten v. Vandever, 5 Del. Ch. 51."

FIRST, the first question is whether the Trustees of the New Castle Common, a Delaware corporation, have the power and the right to sell, in whole or in part, the real estate held by them and known as the New Castle Common.

The Act of the General Assembly of April 15, 1885, (Pamphlet pg. 26), clearly gives the corporation both the power and the right to sell the Common land or any part thereof. The question therefore is whether this Act of the General Assembly is a valid and constitutional enactment. The case of Thorn v. Fleming, 1 Houst. 580, is undoubtedly responsible for this question.

In the case of Thorn v. Fleming the old Court of Errors & Appeals of Delaware, in a *per curiam* opinion, decided, with respect to the historic Potter trust, that an Act of the General Assembly previously passed authorizing a sale of the real estate which, as in the case of the New Castle Common, alone constituted the trust fund, was invalid and void for the reason that the will of Mr. Potter, the donor of the trust, expressly provided that the real estate should be held in perpetuity and rented out and that the income derived from rents should be applied for the benefit of the poor people of Kent County. The testator's will originally devising the land in trust gave the Trustees authority to sell and reinvest the proceeds. Later by a

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codicil the testator revoked the portion of the will giving the Trustees authority to sell and directed that they should hold the land in perpetuity as a trust fund to rent and collect the income and pay it over for the benefit of the poor of Kent County.

In Thorn v. Fleming, the Court states that inasmuch as the Court of Errors & Appeals had previously decided (2 Del. Chancery 421) that the devise of the land in trust "to be rented and not sold, or in perpetuity for the purposes of the charity mentioned" was a valid devise, it was not in the power of the Legislature to authorize and direct the sale and conversion of the land into personalty. The PER QUIAM opinion does not state the reasons which impelled the court to the conclusion reached. It is to be presumed that the court was of the opinion that the statute was unconstitutional on the ground that it impaired the obligation of a contract; in other words that, inasmuch as the testator had the power to devise his real estate in perpetuity as a charitable trust, the Legislature had no power to repeal or modify this devise or to divest the title and estate given by it.

The Court of Errors & Appeals evidently viewed the will of Mr. Potter as expressly prohibiting a sale of the property or as expressly denying the Trustees the right to sell the property, such denial being a regulatory limitation of the trust. Trustees of Baptist Church v. Laird, 10 Del. Ch. 118 (1913).

Whatever may have been the reasoning of the Court of Errors & Appeals in the case of Thorn v. Fleming, the case stands alone in the United States.

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It is doubtful whether the Supreme Court of this State, if the same question were again submitted to it, would follow the rule that appears to be laid down in Thorn v. Fleming. Personally I believe that the rule would not be followed. The correct rule is stated in the language hereinabove quoted from the opinion of the Supreme Court of this State in the case of Delaware Land & Development Co. v. First & Central Church, supra.

A note in Gray on the Rule against Perpetuities (3 Ed.), page 472, seems to intimate that that author may have thought the Court of Errors & Appeals of Delaware, in the case of Thorn v. Fleming, merely intended to hold that an Act of the Legislature cannot destroy a charitable gift. If this was the idea it must have been on the theory that the perpetual character of the charitable trust inhered in the land itself. It is hard for me to believe that such could have been the idea of the court. The characteristic of perpetuity inheres in the charitable nature of the trust and not in the sort of property that originally constitutes the trust ~~and~~.

Very little has been said by the Delaware courts about Thorn v. Fleming since that decision was handed down. The opinion of the Honorable Nathaniel B. Smithers found printed in 8 Del. Ch. page 554, written at the request of Chancellor Saulsbury with respect to certain questions that had arisen concerning the Potter trust, indicates to my mind that Mr. Smithers questioned the correctness of

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the opinion of the Court of Errors & Appeals in Tharp v. Fleming.

In the case of Trustees of Baptist Church v. Laird, 10 Del. Ch. 118, the Chancellor, dealing with a charitable trust in which real estate had been conveyed in trust, with "no express or implied restriction against the sale and conveyance of the land" in the instrument by which the trust was created, distinguished the case from the case of Tharp v. Fleming on the ground that there was no prohibition of sale in the instrument creating the trust and no express or implied condition subsequent that would terminate the trust in case of sale. In this case the land which had been conveyed in trust was being sold and the trust fund converted into personalty. The Chancellor said, -

"The case of Tharp v. Fleming, 1 Houst. 580, arising under the Potter will, is not an authority against the conversion, because in that case a conversion was expressly prohibited by the will creating the trust."

In the case of Delaware Land & Development Co. v. First & Central Church, supra, the Supreme Court of this State were considering a trust of real estate with respect to which they found that there was no condition subsequent in the deed that originally granted the real estate in trust, nor does it appear that there was any express prohibition or denial of right to the trustee to sell the land. The opinion of the court makes no reference to Tharp v. Fleming except on page 428 of the report, where it merely says "(See Tharp v. Fleming, 1 Houst. 480)" without any comment on the case. This is in a paragraph

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in the opinion which states the general rule that the Legislature, as *parens patriae*, has the right to authorize the conversion of real estate held by a public charitable trust into personalty to be used to carry out the purposes of the original trust. It would seem to me from the opinion of the Supreme Court of this State that that court would not follow Tharp v. Fleming if the same question were again submitted to it. No pains was taken by the Supreme Court in Delaware Land & Development Co. v. First & Central Church to distinguish Tharp v. Fleming or to discuss it.

Wherever the case of Tharp v. Fleming is referred to in the Delaware reports, which is only in one or two other cases, nothing is said about it that throws any light upon its meaning or the attitude of the court with respect to it.

In Lockland v. Walker, 52 S.W. 414 (426), the Supreme Court in Missouri, in 1899, has this to say, -

"And with the exception of a single per curiam deliverance, and that in a state which accords no particular favor to charitable trusts (Tharp v. Fleming (1858), 1 Houst. 580, 592), the American courts, and particularly those which recognize the doctrine of an enlarged jurisdiction in respect of such trusts, have been most emphatic in their recognition of the power in question."

Referring to the power of a court of equity to authorize real estate held by a charitable trust to be sold altho' the instrument creating the trust and transferring the real estate held in trust prohibits its sale, such power to be exercised only where the court finds it is

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in the interest of and promotes the purposes of the trust to authorize such sale.

The leading case in this country sustaining the proposition that, where real estate is devised or conveyed in trust for the purposes of a public charitable trust and the devise or conveyance prohibits its sale, a court of equity exercising its supervisory power as parens patriae, or a State legislature exercising the same power, has the right and the power to authorize the conversion of the real estate held in trust into personalty to be invested and applied upon the same trusts for which the real estate was held, is the case of Stanley v. Colt, 5 Wall. 119, decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in 1866. This case has been followed in many cases in the Federal and State courts.

I am of the opinion that the case of Thorp v. Fleming does not govern the question now being discussed. The case must be distinguished on the ground that when the New Castle Common trust was finally completed there were no conditions subsequent affecting the gift of the real estate in trust and the donors had not expressly denied the Trustees (incorporated) the right to convert the real estate into personalty. All that was said by the donors was that the final grant completing the trust was not to be construed as giving the Trustees the power or right to so convert. The Delaware Legislature in creating the corporation which was to be the vehicle for the administration of the trust denied the corporation the corporate power

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to convey the real estate and assumed to deny the Trustees (incorporated) the right or authority to convert. What the Legislature did in creating the corporation is an entirely different thing from what was done by the donors of the trust property. They not having expressly denied the Trustees the right to convert, it seems clear to me that Thorp v. Fleming can have no application and is clearly distinguishable.

As stated above, the Delaware Legislature, exercising its power to create corporations, undoubtedly had the right to amend the charter of the Trustees of the Common by giving that corporation the power to sell land and, exercising its function as parens patriae, had the right to give the Trustees the right and authority to convert the real estate into personalty provided the personalty was to be held in trust for the same purposes as the real estate. By the Act in question the Delaware Legislature granted the corporate power to the corporation to sell the real estate and authorized them to convert it into personalty by Section 1 of the Act, and by Section 2 of the Act required that the proceeds be reinvested and held for the same purposes that were originally prescribed by the creators of the trust.

The Act was undoubtedly intended to be an amendment of the corporate charter of the Trustees of the New Castle Common. It was passed by the vote required by the then existing constitution for the creation of corporations or the amendment of their charters.

It is my opinion therefore that the first question must be answered in the affirmative and that the Trustees of the New Castle Common have the power and the right to sell the real estate in whole

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or in part, provided the proceeds of the sale are invested and used as prescribed by Section 2 of the Act last referred to and the income devoted to the same purposes as those finally provided for by the donors of the trust.

SECOND, the second question is what is the meaning of the phrase "good real estate security" as used in the said Act of the Delaware Legislature of April 15, 1885.

The general term usually used at the present time to describe investments of trust funds is the word "securities." It is to be noted that in the Act referred to the word used is "security." While the word "security" is but the singular of the word "securities", I am convinced that in determining the meaning of the phrase "good real estate security" it is not permissible to consider merely the numerous cases in which the word "securities" has been judicially defined.

The word "security" is a word of broader connotation than the word "securities." The primary meaning of "security" as given by Bouvier is, "that which renders a matter sure"; or as otherwise defined is something which makes the enjoyment or enforcement of a right more secure or certain; that which secures or makes safe; In Re New York Title & Mortgage Co., 269 N.Y.S. 771 (785). The word "security" as used in the phrase "a security" also has the meaning of the singular

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of the word "securities" and is defined to be an evidence of debt or of property, as a bond, stock certificate or other instrument, etc., Grady v. State, 143 N.E. 126. The word "securities" is generally defined as referring to written assurances for the return or repayment of money or evidences of indebtedness, Jaffe v. Goldner, 251 Ill. App. 188; or the word in its broadest sense has been held to embrace bonds, certificates of stock and other evidences of debt or of property, Thayer v. Nathan, 44 S. W. 906 (909); City Bank Farmers Trust Co. v. Lewis, 189 Atl. 178. I think it is pretty safe to say that the word "securities" does not include land. Pratt v. Morrell, 57 Atl. 450 (453).

It is my opinion that the phrase "good real estate security" as used in the Act in question means either real estate itself or first mortgages on real estate. Of course the meaning of language is always affected by surrounding circumstances; hence the varieties of meanings given to words or phrases in reported cases. It is evident that the good security which the statute requires is security that is based on real estate. This may be either real estate itself or it may be first mortgages on real estate. Inasmuch as the original trust fund of the completed trust was nothing but real estate, when authority is given to convert by sale the trust fund, or part thereof, into personal property and to reinvest that personal property (the proceeds of the sales) in "good rea"

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estate security", there is no reason to suppose that the Legislature intended to exclude real estate itself from the meaning of the phrase "good real estate security", if the commonly accepted meaning of the phrase would include real estate itself, as I think such meaning does. It is likewise clear that first mortgages on real estate were intended to be included within the meaning of the phrase; but, in view of all the circumstances including the time when the act was passed, I do not think the phrase can be given a more extensive meaning and cannot be held to include first mortgage bonds issued by a corporation and secured by deed of trust.

In the case of In re Mendell's Will, 159 N.W. 806 (9), the pertinent language of the will was, -

"I direct my Executors and Trustees to convert as early as practicable all my property and estate into first class interest bearing real estate mortgage securities and keep the same so invested."

The court said that the testator meant more than that the "securities" should be good and of real estate character, in the broad sense of the term. "He meant to confine the investments to the narrow class characterized by sole ownership of the entire mortgage indebtedness, so the securities might be enforced by the Trustees, if necessary, without regard to any other party interest therein. 'First class' was not thought by the creator would permit his estate to be complicated with rights of any number of persons who might be interested, as creditors, in the mortgaged property. He intended to require mortgages,

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running to the Trustees, or held by them for the sole benefit of the trust fund. Evidently, in his judgment, a mere participating certificate, entitling the Trustees, as such, to share with many persons in a mortgage indebtedness, or a bond entitling them to share with a large number of bondholders, located in many places throughout the country, and, perhaps, in foreign countries, with many possible efficient difficulties to contend with, in case of necessity to enforce the security, would not answer the call for first class mortgage securities to be the repository of the trust fund."

Other cases cited in reference works were, when examined, found not to be helpful.

It is my opinion that the phrase "good real estate security" should be construed to mean either real estate itself or first mortgages on real estate in which the trustees have the sole interest.

THIRD, the third question is whether, if the land known as the New Castle Common or part thereof should be taken by condemnation, the damages awarded to the Trustees of the Common for the taking of the land must be invested in "good real estate security" as required by Section 2 of the Act of April 15, 1885, in case of a sale of real estate constituting the Common land.

It has been said that the condemnation of land for public use is a "compulsory purchase" or a "compulsory sale", dependent upon whether the transaction is viewed from the position of the taker of

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of the land or that of the owner of the land.

In the case of In re Barrs Water Co., 20 Atl. 109 (110), 9 L.R.A. 195 (197), it is stated that the phrase "compulsory purchase" has been used to characterize the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

In 20 Cal. 515, it is stated that the exercise of the right of eminent domain is in the nature of a "compulsory sale" of the owner's interest in the property sought to be appropriated. Quite a number of cases are cited to this text.

In the case of Atlanta etc. R.R. Co. v. Southern R.R. Co., 131 Fed. 657 (certiorari denied 95 U.S. 634), it is stated that "a proceeding to condemn is, in substance, a proceeding to compel a sale by the owner to the petitioner."

If consideration should be given to the above mentioned authorities and similar cases, alone, it would probably be necessary to conclude that condemnation is in effect a sale and that therefore the reinvestment of the proceeds must be as required by Section 2 of the above mentioned Act of April 15, 1885.

However I do not reach this conclusion. I am very clear that the Legislature of Delaware when the act last mentioned was passed did not have in its mind a condemnation of the property concerning which it was legislating. The primary purposes of this Act were (1) to give the Trustees of the Common, a Delaware corporation, cor-

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porate power, which it did not theretofore have, to sell the real estate which it owned (in fact it had no power to sell any real estate); (2) to authorize the Trustees of the Common, Delaware corporation, qua trustees, to convert the real estate, in whole or in part, into personalty, an authority that the Trustees qua trustees did not theretofore have; and (3) to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sales and to prescribe the kind of investments in which such proceeds might be invested. Undoubtedly these things and nothing else were all that the Legislature had in mind and the sole purposes it sought to accomplish. It was providing for voluntary acts by the Trustees, a Delaware corporation, and providing for the consequences of such acts.

My view is based on the construction of the language of the statute. Section 1 of the statute contemplates no sales except sales which are the voluntary act of the Trustees of the Common and which are to be consummated by the execution and delivery by the Trustees of deeds to the purchaser. Section 2 of the Act relates only to sales such as are provided for by Section 1 of the Act. The language of the Section begins, "Upon sale of the said premises, in whole or in part, as aforesaid, the purchase money arising therefrom shall be invested, etc."

It is clear to me that the legislative intent contemplated nothing more than voluntary sales by the Trustees of the Common and the investment of the proceeds of such voluntary sales. To say now

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that the statute covers the investment of proceeds of condemnation of the land would be to include something within the legislative intent which, in my mind, was not in the legislative intent when the act was passed and for the inclusion of which therein there is no justification. Certainly this would seem to be true when there is another Delaware statute, 4401 of the Code of 1935, Section 35 of Chapter 117, as amended, which prescribes the manner in which the proceeds of a condemnation of the land must be invested, if such proceeds are not included within the purview of the Act of April 15, 1885. The Code provides that trustees may invest the trust funds

(A) in accordance with the provisions pertaining to investments contained in the instruments under which they are acting, or (B) in the absence of any such provisions, then in certain specified classes of securities. This statute means that if there is an express direction in the instrument creating the trust for the investment of funds, that direction must be followed; otherwise the Code must be followed. The statute of April 15, 1885, does not expressly provide for the investment of the proceeds of condemnation of the land and consequently the Code provisions must be followed. There is no justification to stretch the legislative intent of the Act of April 15, 1885, to include the proceeds of condemnation when by doing so we cut down the application of the Code provisions. While statutes are to be liberally construed, such liberal construction is for the

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purpose of effectuating the legislative intent. They are not to be liberally construed for the purpose of bringing something within the legislative intent that was not there when the statute was passed. Especially is this true when there is another statute which, without such construction, covers the situation.

If there were no Code provisions for the investment of trust funds and the Trustees of the Common should apply to the Chancellor for instructions as to how to invest money received from the condemnation of their land, the Chancellor might be inclined to say that, while a condemnation is not a voluntary sale, nevertheless by analogy to the statutory provision for the investment of proceeds of sales as contained in the Act of April 15, 1885, he would follow the rule there laid down for sales and direct the investment as therein provided. By reason of the fact that the Code provisions for the investment of trust funds do exist, there is no necessity for reasoning from analogy nor indeed is there any opportunity to do so. On the other hand, if the money received from condemnation is not expressly within the language of the Act of April 15, 1885, the Chancellor would have no choice in the matter nor any right to reason from analogy. The Code provisions operate automatically and they prescribe the rules for investment.

I am therefore of the opinion that the proceeds of condemnation of the lands of the Trustees of the Common should be invested

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in accordance with the provisions of 4401 (B) of the Code of 1935, as amended, and I have no doubt with respect to the correctness of this view.

If there were any doubt upon this point, I am of the opinion that the Trustees of the Common could have the doubt settled by an application to the Chancellor, exercising his supervisory power over trusts, for instructions as to the manner in which it is their duty to invest the proceeds of any money received from condemnation of their real estate.

In considering the Act of April 15, 1885 (Vol. 17, pg. 848, Del. Laws), it is clear to me that in authorizing the sale (not granting corporate power) and in providing for the investment of the proceeds, the Legislature was acting as *parens patriae*. The power and jurisdiction of the Chancellor, as *parens patriae*, is coordinate with that of the Legislature. The Chancellor can exercise this power whenever a proper application is made invoking that jurisdiction and his action must be based upon the facts and circumstances existing at the time and the determination of the question as to what is for the best interest of the trust and most in furtherance of the purposes thereof. If at some time the Legislature, not enacting general law but acting as *parens patriae* with respect to a particular trust, specified certain investments of the funds of the trust; undoubtedly the Chancellor, acting as *parens patriae*, at some later date, can by reason of changed conditions and then existing facts and circum-

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stances authorize the investment of the trust funds in other kinds of securities in addition to those prescribed by the Legislature. Indeed Section 35 of Chapter 117 of the Code of 1935 (4410 of said Code), which prescribes classes of investments for trust funds generally, preserves to the Chancellor, exercising his supervisory jurisdiction over trusts, his general power to authorize the investment of trust funds in such manner as he sees fit, by paragraph (14) of subdivision (B) of Section 35, which paragraph, after the preceding paragraphs have specified particular kinds of investments, authorizes trustees to invest in "such stocks, bonds and securities as may be approved by the court having jurisdiction", which court is the Court of Chancery.

FOURTH, the last question is, if the Trustees of the New Castle Common have the power and right to convert by sale the real estate held by them into personalty, how, if at all, can the provisions of Section 2 of the Act of April 15, 1885, (Vol. 17, Laws of Delaware, page 848), for the investment of the proceeds of any such sale be changed, modified or amended so as to give more latitude for investment.

As stated above, it is my opinion that the Act of April 15, 1885 (Vol. 17, pg. 848, Del. Laws), does three things, viz., (1) it gives to the corporation power to sell its real estate; (2) expressing the will of the Legislature acting as *parens patriae*, it authorizes

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the corporation administering the charitable trust to convert the real estate constituting the trust fund into personalty; and (3) exercising the will of the Legislature acting in the same capacity, it prescribes investments for the proceeds of such sales.

Although, generally speaking, one might say that what the Act of April 15, 1885, does while expressing the will of the Legislature acting as parens patriae, is not an amendment of a corporate charter but merely gives a direction to a corporation administering a charitable trust, just as a Chancellor might do by decree; nevertheless all of the three things effectuated by the Act are effectuated in a single act passed by the vote required for an amendment of a corporate charter, and I think it cannot be denied that all of the things provided for in said Act are now included in and parts of the corporate charter of the Trustees of the New Castle Common.

At the time of the last mentioned Act, the Legislature had the power to create corporations by special act and to amend the charters of corporations previously created.

At the present time, however, the Legislature does not have, except to a very limited extent, the power to create or amend the charters of corporations by special act. It is provided by the Constitution now in force, Article IX, Sec. 1, that -

"No corporation shall hereafter be created, amended, renewed or revived by special act, but only by or under general law, nor shall any existing corporate charter be amended, renewed or revived by special act, but only by or

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under general law; but the foregoing provisions shall not apply to municipal corporations, banks or corporations for charitable, penal, reformatory, or educational purposes, sustained in whole or in part by the State."

It is clear from the foregoing constitutional provision that the field of legislative power to create corporations by special act, or to amend their charters by special act, is limited to "municipal corporations, banks or corporations for charitable, penal, reformatory, or educational purposes, sustained in whole or in part by the State." The Trustees of the New Castle Common is a corporation for a charitable purpose but it is not "sustained in whole or in part by the State." Consequently the amendment of its charter is no longer within the field of legislative power. It is therefore clear that the Legislature cannot, by special act or otherwise, strike out from Section 2 of the Act of April 15, 1885, the words "good real estate security", or change them, or substitute other words for them, or otherwise change the language of said Act.

It does not follow from the foregoing, however, that the Legislature does not now have the power to broaden the field for the investment of the proceeds of real estate sold by the Trustees of the New Castle Common under the power and authority granted by the said Act of April 15, 1885. While the Legislature no longer has the power to change or amend the charter of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, it nevertheless has all the power it ever had to act in its capacity of parens patriae with respect to the administration of the trust that is now being administered by the Trustees of the New

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Castle Common, as a corporate trustee. Acting in this capacity, the Legislature does no more than express the legislative will, acting as parens patriae, and the act of the Legislature expressive of such will is substantially the same as a decree of the Chancellor acting as parens patriae in the exercise of his supervisory jurisdiction over trusts. The Legislature, acting as parens patriae, cannot strike out from the charter of the corporation the words "good real estate security" now contained therein, nor change those words, because to do so would be to amend the charter, but the Legislature, acting as parens patriae, can authorize the corporate trustee to invest the proceeds of the sale of real estate not only in "good real estate security", which they now have the authority to invest in, but also in other classes of securities that would be specifically or generally prescribed by the Act of the Legislature.

Consequently it is my opinion that the field for the investment of the proceeds of the sale of real estate by the Trustees of the New Castle Common can be validly extended and broadened by an Act of the Legislature of Delaware, passed by mere majority vote, acting in its capacity as parens patriae, prescribing other classes of investments for the proceeds of such sales in addition to the class of investments already prescribed by Section 2 of the Act of April 15, 1885. Such an Act should recite the special reasons and changed conditions why such field of investment should be broadened and why to do so would be in furtherance of the purposes of the trust confided to

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and administered by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, as a corporate trustee.

While the Chancellor, acting as parens patriae, would, in my opinion, also have the power to make a decree, for good cause shown, directing the investment of the proceeds of the sale of real estate in other classes of securities in addition to those prescribed by the Act of April 15, 1885, it is quite probable that the Chancellor would not, and possibly may not have the power to, make a decree that would be general in its nature and that would apply to the investment of anything else than the proceeds of a specific sale which had been made and with respect to the investment of the proceeds of which the jurisdiction and assistance of the Chancellor is invoked. In other words, courts act in specific cases and do not by decrees or orders make general rules. For this reason, it is my opinion that the Trustees of the New Castle Common, if they should desire to have the field of investment of the proceeds of sales of real estate broadened, should seek relief from the Legislature and not from the Court of Chancery.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. H. RICHARDS

NOTE - The word "pamphlet" used in the foregoing opinion refers to the pamphlet printed and published by the Trustees of the New Castle Common called "Title Papers of the New Castle Common, etc."

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	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939			
John W. Rodney	6	9	12	10	3																													
W. J. Ferris	9	10	9	13	12	12	14	8	1																									
Ed. Challenger	10	10	11	12	11	7	4																											
Jas. B. Towner	7	2	6	5	4	2																												
Pat. W. & E. King	11	11	11	13	13	14	9	12	10	10	10	10	11	12	12	13	12	14	11	11	11	12	12	15	12	10	15	11						
R. R. Thomson	10	6	4	9	8	9	5	7	3																									
Jas. W. Wise	5	7	9	10	8	7	7	6	6																									
Jas. W. Hance	9	10	12	13	11	12	11	6	6																									
F. C. H. Janice	8	12	13	12	12	12	8	7	9	11	11	16	10	12	11	13	10	12	11	11	11	12	11	9	11	9	13	10						
W. G. Shaw	11	11	13	11	12	11	14	7	11	5	11	9	13	9	9	11	8	12	7	6	3	6	9	10	9	8	12	5						
J. E. Biggs	8	9	12	10	7	11	11	6	10	8	12	11	15	11	11	10	11	9	11	11	11	12	12	13	11	9	10	9						
S. S. Reemer	4	7	10	8	7	10	9	4	10	7	3	2	3	0	1	4	7	3	4	3	4	1	2	2										
Jos. Taylor	12	10	12	11	12	11	11	8	9	9	9	9	14	6																				
Richard S. Rodney					2	11	12	8	11	9	10	10	13	8	9	10	11	9	14	11	9	10	11	11	13	11	10	16						
Jas. B. Towner Jr.					1	12	8	6	5	10	7	14	10	5																				
Jos. Challenger							3	10	4	6	6	12	9	10	11	8	5	7	6	8	2													
Jas. B. Souaster										8	12	11	15	1																				
Jos. Z. Clayton										1	7	11	5	6	11	10	9	11	7	9	5	5	3		10	5	6	9						
Jas. O. Hance										6	9	13	7	6	7	5																		
Geo. T. Hewlett										3	7	16	10	10	11	12	10	13	11	8	10	10	12		8	3	2	12						
Jos. T. Thomson																																		
Dr. Lewis Booker																																		
Wm. McGowan																																		
Dr. Julius Hoch																																		
Geo. T. Tobin																																		
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Wm. Z. Court																																		
Wm. J. Speiser																																		
Wm. H. Gilbert																																		
Harold C. Banks																																		
Samuel B. Knitt																																		

of the
Receipts and Expenditures
of the
Trustees of New Castle Common
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1941

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Bank Balance Mar. 1, 1940	Battery Park
Wm. G. Abbott	Interest on Battery Park
Biggs Brothers	Fire Ins. 5 yr. New Form
Mrs. Sophia Higgins (Model)	County Tax
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clark	5 yr. W. Storm Policy
August Leroney	Paul Nolan 5 shares Eq. Trust
Tasker T. Clark	Board of Water & Light
Edward Megginson	Wm. Penn School
John Higgins (Oglethorpe)	Bond for Treasure
Air Service, Inc.	Araphasa Garden Club
Horace Deakne	Picture Frame
Wilmington Gun Club	John T. Stoops
Atlantic Refining Co.	New Castle County Gazette
John Reese	Wm. Deakne Coal
Giuseppe Maccarri	Election Committee
Reba T. Holcomb	Box Rent New Castle Trust
U. S. Air Service	
Interest from Investments	
Daisy B. H. Bally	
Helsier & Co.	
Elizabeth R. Beans	
Returned Premium Fire Ins.	
Received from R. Inc. W. Storm	
From the un-invested Fund	
Total	Total
\$13,184.76	\$4,466.81
	Repairs and Improvements at—
	Jefferson
	Stockton
	Oglethorpe
	Center Hall
	Penn
	Bayard
	Clayton
	Model
	Total
	\$1,922.25
	Treasure Expenses
	Secretary
	Acting Committee
	Court House
	Care of Town Clock
	Janitor Salary
	Total
	\$350.00
	Balance cash in Bank
	6,445.70
	Total
	\$13,184.76

BATTERY PARK FUND

Bank Balance \$87.50

INVESTMENTS MATURITY

5 Gov. Dom. Canada 3 1/2% Bond Due Jan. 16, 1961 \$4,912.50

2 Penna. R. R. Co. 3 1/2% Bond Due April 1, 1970 2,020.00

10 City of New Castle 5% Bond Due May 1, 1944 5,125.00

2 Town of Laurel 5% Bond Due April 1, 1950 2,000.00

40 Christiana Securities Corp. 5,120.00

35 Shares Equitable Trust Co. 2,517.50

Total \$21,695.00

JAMES G. SHAW, Pres. **OFFICERS OF THE BOARD** **RICHARD S. RODNEY, Sec.**

JAMES E. BIGGS **ACTING COMMITTEE** **GEORGE T. TOBIN**

DR. LEWIS BOOKER **CHANDLER H. GEBHART** **RICHARD M. APPLEBY**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDING

DONALD C. BANKS **DONALD C. BANKS**

MEMBER BOARD WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

FRANK L. HEWLETT, Term expires March 31, 1943

DONALD C. BANKS **BATTERY PARK COMMITTEE** **MAJOR TRAVERS**

PHILIP D. LAIRD **ISABELL BOOTH** **JAMES McDEVITT**

FARMS BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES

Jefferson 1 W. Grant Abbott 80 1-2 \$543.00

Stockton 2 John & Alex Biggs 134 3-4 808.50

Oglethorpe 3 Sophia Higgins 76 1-2 459.00

Center Hall 5 Eliz. W. Clark 120 1-2 723.00

Penn & Union 6 August Leroney 198 1-4 1,189.50

Part of Union 6 Horace Deakne 300.00

Bayard 9 Edw. S. Megginson 156 1-2 939.00

Clayton 10 Tasker T. Clark 82 1-2 561.00

Model 11 Sophia Higgins 109 1-2 450.00

Part of 6 Air Service, Inc. 33 247.50

Part of 3 Reba T. Holcomb 3 18.00

Part of 2 Atlantic Refining Co. 3 1-2 720.00

Part of 2 Giuseppe Maccarri 7 42.00

Part of 2 Wilm. Gun Club 36 400.00

Part of 6 U. S. Airway Service 20.00

City Hall Store John A. Reese 150.00

New Castle Antique Shop 96.00

Helsier & Co. 25.00

Elizabeth R. Beans 48.00

Total \$7,739.50

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW CASTLE COMMON

Patrick McGrory Elected Dec. 31, 1892

James G. Shaw Elected Sept. 26, 1903

James E. Biggs Elected Jan. 26, 1907

Richard S. Rodney Elected Sept. 27, 1913

George T. Tobin Elected July 26, 1919

Dr. Lewis Booker Elected Sept. 29, 1923

George T. Tobin Elected May 1, 1926

Mark J. Clymer Elected Jan. 26, 1933

Jacob H. Speicher Elected June 24, 1933

Chandler H. Gebhart Elected Feb. 23, 1935

Donald C. Banks Elected Feb. 4, 1939

Samuel B. McKnitt Elected Sept. 30, 1939

Richard M. Appleby Elected Nov. 30, 1940

Audited and found correct April 28, 1941

SAMUEL B. MCKNITT,
JACOB H. SPEICHER,
Auditing Committee

PATRICK MCGRORY,
Treasurer