

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Dec. 3, 1912  
Members present: Edward Meeks Mayor presiding,  
Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn Joubert and Wood.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

The following ordinance was presented:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST: That the ordinance relative to the shooting of fire-crackers within the town limits be suspended as follows: from 6 P.M. Dec. 24, 1912 to 6 A.M. Dec. 26, 1912, and from 6 P.M. Dec. 31, 1912 to 6 A.M. Jan. 2, 1913.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Joubert and Wood.

On motion the Mayor referred the matter of purchasing a table and chairs for the Council to the Finance Committee with power to act.

On motion the subscription list to employ a detective in the Brown-Stephenson case was ordered canceled.

The Council allowed the following accounts:

To A.W.Smith	Hauling	\$1.00	
J.L.Spencer	"	11.00	
Beard Bros	"	3.50	
J.L.Spencer	"	9.00	
"	"	20.00	
A.W.Smith	"	2.25	
J.W.Beard	"	13.00	
"	Lumber	4.06	
Caddwell Sites Co.	Dog tags	1.55	
Brown-Morrison Co.	Assessment blanks	5.50	
Willie Rose	Work on Sidewalks	2.75	
Hugh Higginbotham	"	2.75	
Amherst Progress	Publishing statement	3.00	
Thompson & Adams	Concrete side-walks	301.60	Vou# 180-1-2-3
John Beard	Police	2.00	
C.W.Campbell	"	10.00	
J.W.Higginbotham	"	6.50	
C.N.Saunders	"	2.00	
J.K.Thompson	"	2.00	
<i>Willie Rose</i>	<i>work on st</i>	<i>438</i>	
<i>Carlson</i>	<i>hauling</i>	<i>16.50</i>	
	<i>Section</i>	<i>7690</i>	

On motion Council adjourned.

*Edward Meeks*, Mayor.

*W.A. Keed* Clerk.

At a called meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Jan. 28, 1913 Members present, Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger and Kearfott.

On motion the Council authorized the Finance Committee to confer with the Committee from the Board of Trade and build stalls, wherever they thought it advisable not exceeding \$100.00. Said stalls to be erected for the benefit of the public.

The Street Committee was authorized to have the drain at the



junction of the Lynchburg and Pedlar Mills roads fixed as they thought it advisable.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W.D. Reed* Clerk. *Edward Meeks* Mayor

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Feby 4, 1913 members present: Edw Meeks Mayor presiding,

Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Joubert, Kearfott and Wood.

Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

Mr. Cox reported as follows for the committee to obtain a lot to build stalls on for the use of the farmers; that the Amherst Supply Co. would allow the Town to build stalls on their lot as per copy of their minutes: <sup>Feb 4-1913</sup> At a meeting of the stockholders of the Amherst Supply Co. the city was granted permission to erect a shed for the use of farmers horses on their lot between the Oil house and the lot belonging to the Daughters of the Confederacy, it being understood that the city is to remove them same upon a reasonable notice at any time that the said Amherst Supply Co. may need the same.

On motion the Finance Committee was authorized expend \$75.00 more if necessary, in building stalls *in addition to 100 \$ here to vote appropriate*

<sup>13</sup> ~~X~~ BE IT ORDAINED: That the ordinance imposing penalty for using chains on automobiles be amended as follows: But provided, however, automobiles may use chaines on the macadam street of said Town when said streets of said town are either muddy or slick from water or ice)

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Joubert, Kearfott and Wood.

Be IT ORDAINED: That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the miscellaneous fund for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a new High School Building in the Town of Amherst, said building not to cost less than \$10,000.00. Said amount be paid to the Court House District School Board as soon as work on building is begun, and it is the sense of this Council that the sum \$150.00 should be appropriated annually for eight years payable on the 1st day of July, to be applied to the indebtedness of said board for erecting said High School Building. //

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Joubert, Kearfott and Wood.

The following accounts were allowed:

To Amherst Progress	Publishing Statement	\$2.50
" "	Printing 500 warrants	1.75
D.L. Cunningham	Lumber	3.60



To Lenny Douglas	Hauling	\$1.50
Si McDaniel	work on streets	.30
Winfree Strother	FurCo. table & chairs	\$36.00

-On motion Council adjourned.

*W.P. Reed*  
-----Clerk.

*Edward Meeks*,-----Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Mar. 4, 1913. Members present: Edw Meeks Mayor presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn and Wood.

Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The council allowed the following accounts:

To Thos Whitehead	Legal services	\$2.50
Gregory & Robinson	Repairing pump	12.00
"	Building stalls	45.00
J.W.Spencer	Hauling	1.50
Jim Warrick	Work on Sidewalk	25
Ainslie-Martin	Roofing for stalls	57.00
H.C.Watts	Lumber "	86.08
F.N.Hicks	Oil	1.75
Si McDaniel	Work on sidewalk	75

On motion adjourned.

*W.P. Reed*  
-----Clerk.

*Edward Meeks*,-----Mayor.

At a Specially Called Meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst March 13, 1913. Members present W.E.Meeks Mayor, presiding Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Kearfott and Wood.

Whereas a general complaint was made to the Mayor of said Town that the Sergeant thereof, J.W.Higginbotham, was guilty of misconduct in office, to-wit: drinking and considerably under the influence of intoxicants on Sunday, March 9th 1913, which thereby incapacitated him and resulted in a neglect of duty: and,

Whereas the said meeting of the Council was called for the sole and only purpose of investigating said complaint, after a reasonable notice to said Ser geant and an appportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense:

Now, therefore, the said Council, after having heard the testimony of witnesses pro and con in the presence of said accused Sergeant and also heard the statement of said Sergeant, J.W.Higginbotham it doth by unanimous vote order that the said Sergeant, J.W.Higginbotham, be suspended until the next regular Council meeting, when the said Council will futher ~~in~~nsider whether to reinstate said J.W. Higginbotham or dischagre him for all time, for his misconduct in office: to-wit: drinking and being generally under the influence of



78 intoxicants on Sunday March 9th 1913, and neglectful and incapacitated for the performance of his duties: and the said Council doth further order that the Mayor officially inform said Higginbotham of his suspension as aforesaid and appoint another Sergeant to fill the vacancy created by such suspension temporarily during said suspension period.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W.P. Reed*  
-----Clerk.

*Edward Meeks* ---Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held April 1st 1913, members present: *R.M. Cox Chairman* ~~Edw. Meeks Mayor~~, presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Kearfott and Wood.

Minutes of the preceding meetings read and approved.

On motion the Attorney was authorized to draw up an ordinance for the people to vote on the advisability of a bond issue for the purpose of lighting and water for the town.

On motion Mr. Higginbotham was re-instated as sergeant for his unexpired term.

The following account was allowed.

To. R.M. Cox, freight bill \$1.51

On motion Council adjourned.

*W.P. Reed*  
-----Clerk.

*R.M. Cox Chairman*  
-----Mayor.

At a call meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Apr. 8th 1913, members present, Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn and Joubert.

X The following ordinance was presented: "BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST; That beginning with the first day of July 1913, the Town will maintain its own streets.

RESOLVED: That this ordinance be certified to the Board of Supervisors and to the Commissioner of Revenue that no district road tax may be levied within the corporate limits of the Town of Amherst for the year 1913 as provided by Section 944 A/ of the Code of Virginia as amended by Act of Assembly in force June 26, 1908, and found in Pollards Supplement 1908, page 101.

Which was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn and Joubert. (5) Noes NONE.

On motion Council adjourned.

*Edward Meeks* ---Mayor.

*W.P. Reed*  
-----Clerk.



At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held May 5, 1913.  
Members present, W.E.Meeks Mayor presiding:

Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Dearborn, Joubert and Wood.

Minutes of the preceeding meetings read and approved.

The Street Committee was authorized to get oil to experiment concerning oiling the streets of the Town.

The Mayor appointed the following a committ~~ee~~ on water: R.M.Cox, Joubert and G.W.Dearborn, and the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated to investigate same.

The following ordinances were presented: ~~BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST~~ That at it shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle or other vehicle or instrument upon the side-walks of said town. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less <sup>than 5<sup>00</sup></sup> nor more than twenty dollars.)

2. That it shall be unlawful for for any person to ride or drive a bicycle, motor-cycle or automobile within the limits of said town without a head light after 30 minutes after sun-down and 30 minutes before <sup>rise</sup> sun-down. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more that twenty dollars.)

3. (a) No person, firm or corporation shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Amherst manufacture or sell any spiritus or malt liquor or ardent spirits, or any intoxicating liquors or mixture thereof.

(b) No person, in said town shall act as agent for the collection or transmission of orders for the sale of such intoxicating liquors or ardent spirits.

(c) No person, shall, in said town, engage in the business of bringing into said town intoxicating liquors on orders previously secured by them, nor distribute or deliver same in said town.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the foregoing ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 and in the descretion of the Mayor imprisoned not exceeding 60 days in the county jail.

All places where intoxicant liquors are brought for distribution are hereby declared a public nuisance and the keeper of said place, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$50.00 and in the discretion of the Mayor imprisoned in jail, though the same shall not exceed 60 days.)

Which was adopted ~~by the following vote~~ unanimously.

Two petitions relative to a new depot and a new post office building directed to Mr. G.V.Peyton and Hon. H.D.Flood M.C. were read



to the Council and the following committee was appointed to present same: The Mayor, Dearborn, Joubert and Hanger.

On motion council adjourned.

*Edw Meeks* ----- Mayor.

*W.P. Reed*

-----Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held June 3, 1913  
Members present: Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding,  
Baldock, Bowman, Cox and Dearborn.

Upon consideration the Council repealed the ordinance relative to the Council taking over the District Road tax from the County.

The Light Committee was instructed to communicate with Sweet Briar to see what kind of proposition they would make the Town in furnishing light for same.

On motion Council adjourned.

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*Edward Meeks* ----- Mayor.

*W.P. Reed*

-----Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held June 20/1913  
Members present: Edw Meeks Mayor presiding,  
Baldock, Cox, Dearborn, Joubert and Wood.

At a called meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst pursuant to written notice, to-wit:

You are hereby summoned to appear at a called meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst, Friday June 20, 1913 at 8 P.M. Said meeting is called for the purpose of considering the matter of water and lights for said Town.

W.P. Reed, Clerk.

By order of the Mayor.

Members present: Edw Meeks Mayor presiding,  
*Reapart*  
Baldock, Cox, Dearborn, Joubert and Wood.

On motion the Mayor was instructed to get information relative to having a map of the town made.

The Street Committee was authorized to have the streets cleaned.

The following ordinance was presented, ~~BE IT ORDAINED BY THE~~  
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST THAT: Whereas it is the purpose of the Town of Amherst in the State of Virginia to borrow money and issue bonds contemplated by provision of Clause "B", Section, One Hundred and Twenty Seven (127) of the Constitution of Virginia and in conformity with an act of the General Assembly in force June 14<sup>th</sup> 1912, for the purpose of constructing, purchasing, acquiring and otherwise controlling works, plants, cisterns for the purpose of furnishing water and lights to the said Town and to the inhabitants thereof to the amount of \$10000.00.



Therefore be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Amherst that the Town of Amherst should issue bonds in the sum of \$10,000.00 to run twenty years, bearing interest at the rate of 5% <sup>(payable annually)</sup> for the purpose of purchasing, building and constructing a water supply and should buy, build and construct all necessary machinery and supplies to establish a plant for the purpose of lighting the streets and residences of the Town of Amherst,

Be it further ordained by the Council of the Town of Amherst that a copy of this ordinance be certified to the Hon. B.T. Gordon, Judge of the Circuit Court of Amherst <sup>term time or</sup> in vacation with the request that the said Judge shall by an order entered in vacation <sup>term time or</sup> direct the proper election officers of the Town of Amherst to take such steps and prepare such means as may be necessary to submit to the qualified voters of the Town of Amherst for their determination the question whether such bonds shall be issued or not.

Which ordinance was approved by the Mayor and adopted by the following recorded vote.

Kearfott

Ayes. Baldock, Cox, Dearborn, Joubert and Wood. (6)

Noes: NONE.

On motion Council adjourned.

*Edward Meeks* --- Mayor.

*W. E. Meeks* Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held July 25 - 1913

Members present, W.E.Meeks Mayor presiding: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Joubert, and Kearfott.

Minutes of the preceding meetings read and approved.

The Mayor appointed the same standing committees for the year 1913-1914.

The Finance Committee made the following report: We recommend that the following budget of appropriation be made:

Streets	\$500.00
Lights & Water	25.00
Salaries	225.00
Printing	25.00
Sanitation	25.00
Miscellaneous	700.00
	1500.00

On motion the budget as recommended was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Joubert and Kearfott.

The following ordinance was presented: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL

OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST: That the ordinance approved July 19, 1910



entitled " An Ordinance to impose taxes an Real Estate and Personal Property and Licenses", be and the same is hereby continued in forse for the year ending June 30, 1914.

Which ordinance was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Joubert and Kearfott.

On motion Mr. J.W. Higginbotham was elected Sergeant.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W. P. Deed* ----- Clerk.  
*Edward Meeks* ----- Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held August 16, 1913. Members present, W.E.Meeks Mayor presiding, Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger and Kearfott.

The following resolution was unanimous adopted: Be it resolved, that the present encumbent sergeant be requested to resign from his present office and the Council adjourn to meet Tuesday night August 19, 1913 to elect his successor. The Mayor was appointed a committee to get a man in his place.

On motion Council adjourned to meet Tuesday night.

*W. P. Deed* ----- Clerk.  
*Edward Meeks* ----- Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Sept. 2/13. W.E.Meeks Mayor, presiding: Baldock Bowman, Joubert and Kearfott. On motion Mr. W.F.Gregory was elected Sergeant at \$30.00 per month. The Mayor was authorized to write to the Engineer of the State Board of Health and see if he could get him to come here to look over the water proposition.

On motion the Council adjourned.

*W. P. Deed* ----- Clerk.  
*Edward Meeks* ----- Mayor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of A,herst held Oct. 7/13. Members present: Edw. Meeks, Mayor presiding: Bowman, Cox, Joubert and Kearfott.

The following ordinance was present:

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Amherst that it shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale in said Town any cider except cider as defined and permitted by sec. 14 of the act of the general assembly known as the Byrd Law or to sell or offer for sale any mixtures, preparations or liquids to be drunk as a beverage which contains alcohol in excess of one percentum by vol. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$50.00 and imprisoned in jail the discretion of the Mayor in the county jail not exceeding six months. Be it further ordained by the Council of the Town of Amherst that it shall be unlawful for any person to sell within the said Town any pure apple cider which contains more than six percentum alcohol, but this ordinance shall not apply to cider made by the person growing or buying the fruit from which the cider is made. Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 and in the discretion of the Mayor be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months. This ordinance shall be enforced from its passage.

Which was unanimously adopted.

On motion an appropriation of \$20.00 was made for the Fair Assn. upon the condition that they fix the road and move back the fences as they should be. Said work to be under the supervision of the Street Committee.

On motion Council adjourned.



At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Dec. 19, 1913  
Members present: Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Kearfott and Wood.

X On motion the ordinance relative to the shooting of fire-crackers  
within the Town limits was suspended as follows, to-wit: from 7 P.M.  
Dec. 24, 1913 to 6 A.M. Dec. 26th and from 7 P.M. Dec. 31st 1913 to  
6 A.M. Jan. 2nd 1914.

On motion the following committee was appointed to wait on MR. Seay  
and Mr. Dearborn relative to having a phone put in the depot for the con-  
venience of the people of the Town. Bowman, Joubert and Wood.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W. Seay*

*Edward Meeks*

Mayor.

Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held Jan. 9th 1914.

Members present, Edward Meeks Mayor presiding,  
Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott and Wood.

On motion the account of Dr. Mosby G. Perrow of \$5.00 was allowed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the Council of the  
Town of Amherst that all the rights and privileges now exercised and con-  
trolled by the present telephone line operated by Mr. R.T. Seay, without  
a franchise, shall terminate and extinguish with its license on June 30th  
1914.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be served on  
Mr. Seay within 30 days.

Whereas, Mr. R.T. Seay is now operating a Telephone System in Town of  
Amherst without any franchise from said Town,

Therefore, be it ~~ordained~~ resolved by the Council of the Town of Amherst that  
no telephone system will be allowed to be operated in said Town without  
first obtaining from said town after June 30, 1914.

Resolve further that the ordinance Committee be instructed to prepare  
a proper franchise ordinance and that same shall be presented to this Coun-  
cil at the next meeting to be acted upon according to law.

The following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Amherst, that Dr. R. Kearfott  
be allowed as damages for the taking by said Town of sufficient land for  
the erection and construction of a side walk from the corner of R.M. Cox's  
property on Main Street of said Town to the double wire gate beyond said  
Kearfott's yard running in the direction from said Cox's property toward

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that of Dr. R.B.Ware, equal to the one fourth( or assessment) of the erection and construction of said sidewalk continuously prolonged from said double wire gate to the street or road extending from the said Main Street or Macadam Turnpike, towards O.V.Hanger's.

The Street Committee was authorized to build the said sidewalk.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W. H. Kees*

*Edward Meeks*

-----Mayor.

-----Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst Mar. 3, 1914.

Members present Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding:

Baldock, Bowman, Cox, Joubert, Kearfott and Ward.

The matter of allowing the Baptist Church to extend its fence on a line continuously with the line of the fence of Mr. E.M.Beard was presented and after discussion the Council adjourned to meet at the Baptist Church, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

At the adjourned meeting of the Council from Tuesday Mar. 3, 1914 held Mar. 4, 1914 at the Baptist Church it was decided to allow the Baptist Church to extend its fence on a line as mentioned above upon the condition that they make a good road and sidewalk in place of the one taken in by the act of moving their fence.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W. H. Kees*

*Edward Meeks*

-----Mayor.

-----Clerk.

At a meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst held April 4/ 1914. Members present, Edw. Meeks Mayor presiding,

Bowmwn, Cox, Hanger, Kearfott and Wood.

On motion the Council supplemented \$25.00 to the damages allowed

W.K.Smiley by County for road leading to J.R. and J.V.Ware's.

The account of E.L.Chappelle of \$8.90 for making registration books was allowed.

On motion Council adjourned.

*W. H. Kees*

*Edward Meeks*

-----Mayor.

-----Clerk.